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3226 (XXIX). Effects of atomic radiation

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 913 (X) of 3 December 1955, by which it established the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation, and its subsequent resolutions on the subject, in particular resolution 3154 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973,

Reaffirming the desirability of the Scientific Committee continuing its work,

Concerned about the potentially harmful effects on present and future generations resulting from the levels of radiation to which man is exposed,

Conscious of the continued need for compiling information about atomic radiation and for analysing its effects on man and his environment,

Recalling that, as is recognized in General Assembly resolution 2905 (XXVII) of 17 October 1972, the Scientific Committee can become an element of value in the United Nations Environment Programme,

Bearing in mind that the Scientific Committee noted that radio-active contamination from nuclear explosions needed to be kept under review in the light of both future data and increased knowledge of the mechanisms through which radio-active material spreads in the environment and is distributed in the human body,

Noting the intention of the Scientific Committee to include in its report to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session a review of the genetic and somatic effects of ionizing radiation, environmental radio-activity, occupational exposure and medical irradiation,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the report submitted by the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation;¹

2. *Notes with concern* that there has been further radio-active contamination from nuclear weapon tests since the Scientific Committee submitted its last report;

¹ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Annexes, agenda item 41, document A/9632.

3. *Notes* that the Scientific Committee has established an interim procedure for setting up a group of experts from among its members to carry out the additional responsibilities authorized by the General Assembly in resolution 3154 C (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973;

4. *Commends* the Scientific Committee for the valuable contributions it has made since its inception to wider knowledge and understanding of the levels and effects of atomic radiation;

5. *Requests* the Scientific Committee to continue its work, including its important co-ordination activities, to increase knowledge of the levels and effects of atomic radiation from all sources;

6. *Notes* the intention of the Scientific Committee to hold its twenty-fourth session in September 1975 at United Nations Headquarters;

7. *Notes with appreciation* that the Scientific Committee felt that its work could contribute significantly to the United Nations Environment Programme and that it expressed the hope that active co-operation with the Programme could be firmly established and maintained in the future;

8. *Draws the attention* of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme to the report of the Scientific Committee and to the detailed information that the Committee is seeking in order to continue its assessment of radiation levels;

9. *Expresses its appreciation* for the assistance rendered to the Scientific Committee by the International Atomic Energy Agency, the specialized agencies and the non-governmental organizations concerned;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to provide the Scientific Committee with the assistance necessary for the conduct of its work and the dissemination of its findings to the public.

2280th plenary meeting
12 November 1974

3239 (XXIX). Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2006 (XIX) of 18 February 1965, 2053 A (XX) of 15 December 1965, 2249 (S-V) of 23 May 1967, 2308 (XXII) of 13 December 1967, 2451 (XXIII) of 19 December 1968, 2670 (XXV) of 8 December 1970, 2835 (XXVI) of 17 December 1971, 2965 (XXVII) of 13 December 1972 and 3091 (XXVIII) of 7 December 1973,

Having received and examined the report of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations,²

Conscious that there is a need for agreed guidelines which would govern United Nations peace-keeping operations and strengthen the capability of the United Nations to respond to future peace-keeping needs in an effective and economical manner,

Noting the working document submitted to the Special Committee by its Working Group setting out a number of alternative or complementary draft articles of guidelines for United Nations peace-keeping operations,³

² *Ibid.*, agenda item 39, document A/9827.

³ *Ibid.*, annex, appendix.

Noting also that, although the draft articles are subject to further consideration, their preparation represents progress in the difficult task of achieving agreed guidelines on United Nations peace-keeping operations,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations, in particular paragraph 6 thereof;

2. *Requests* the Special Committee and its Working Group to renew efforts towards the completion of agreed guidelines for carrying out peace-keeping operations in conformity with the Charter of the United Nations for submission to the General Assembly at its thirtieth session;

3. *Requests* the Special Committee to report to the General Assembly at its thirtieth session.

2303rd plenary meeting
29 November 1974

3240 (XXIX). Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories

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The General Assembly,

Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations as well as the principles and provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

Bearing in mind the provisions of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949,⁴ as well as of other relevant conventions and regulations,

Recalling its resolutions on the subject, as well as those adopted by the Security Council, the Commission on Human Rights and other United Nations bodies concerned and by specialized agencies,

Considering that the implementation of the Geneva Convention of 12 August 1949 cannot and should not be left open in a situation involving foreign military occupation and the rights of the civilian population of those territories,

Deploring the continued refusal by Israel to allow the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories access to the occupied territories,

Having considered the report of the Special Committee,⁵

1. *Commends* the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories for its efforts in performing the tasks assigned to it by the General Assembly;

2. *Calls upon* Israel to allow the Special Committee access to the occupied territories;

3. *Expresses the gravest concern* at the continued and persistent disregard by Israel of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949, and other applicable international instruments, in particular the following violations:

⁴ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 75, No. 973, p. 287.
⁵ A/9817.