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IN THE NEAR EAST

Offers by Member States of grants and scholarships for  
higher education, including vocational training, for  
Palestine refugees

Report of the Secretary-General

1. The present report is submitted to the General Assembly in pursuance of its resolution 40/165 D of 16 December 1985.
2. The report includes the substance of responses from Member States and specialized agencies to the appeal contained in the above-mentioned resolution, together with reference to further action taken by Member States and specialized agencies in response to the appeal contained in the General Assembly resolution 32/90 F of 13 December 1977, 33/112 C of 18 December 1978, 34/52 C of 23 November 1979, 35/13 B of 3 November 1980, 36/146 H of 16 December 1981, 37/20 D of 16 December 1982, 38/83 D of 15 December 1983 and 39/99 D of 14 December 1984. By these resolutions the Assembly appealed to all States, specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations to make special allocations for scholarships and grants to Palestine refugees, and invited the relevant United Nations agencies to continue, within their respective spheres of competence, to expand assistance for higher education to Palestine refugee students. The Assembly requested the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) to act as recipient and trustee for such special allocations and scholarships and to award them to qualified refugee candidates.
3. The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany offered these fellowships to Palestine refugee graduates of UNRWA vocational training centres in 1986, and all

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~~three were~~ accepted. In the period from 1981 to 1985, a total of 21 **fellowships** were awarded to Palestine refugee graduates from Jordan, the **West Bank and the Gaza Strip**.

4. In 1986, the Government of Japan offered 15 training **scholarships** to **UNRWA's** vocational training instructors. **As** at 29 August 1986, eight candidates had been **proposed** for the **scholarships** which are tenable in Japan and are under the guidance of the Japan International Co-operation **Agency**. In 1985, five **similar** scholarships were provided for training in Japan, **which took place** in the latter half of the year. In addition, in **1986** the Government of Japan has proposed sending up to three **specialists** to the Wadi Seer Training Centre in Jordan to give on-the-job training to **UNRWA instructors** in auto-mechanics and diesel engine **courses**.

5. The World Intellectual **Property** Organization (**WIPO**) followed up **its** awards of 12 fellowships in **the** period from 1980 to 1985 with a further offer of fellowships for 1986.

6. The Universal Postal **Union (UPU)** granted two **scholarships** to **Palestinian students** for four-year **terms** commencing in 1979, under which they received long-term training at the Arab Higher Postal Institute in Damascus. In 1986, UPU announced **its decision** to resume **assistance** by granting **scholarships** for further training in the **postal field** to two **Palestinian** students. The first scholarship **will** be applied to the **study cycle** from October 1986 to September 1990.

7. The International **Labour Organisation (ILO)** has earmarked an additional sum for the purpose of financing, during the biennium 1986-1987, **projects of technical assistance** for the populations of the occupied territories **as** had been done during **previous** bienniums. In this **context**, a training programme entitled "Management of training institutions" **was** implemented in 1985 at the **ILO's** International Centre for advanced technical and vocational training in Turin. **Nine specialists** in vocational training from occupied Arab territories took part in the **ten-weeks' training course**. **The ILO has** indicated that **scholarships** for training in hygiene and safety will be granted in 1986. The **ILO has**, within the framework of its collaboration in the implementation of the UNDP programme of **assistance to the Palestinian** people, put at the disposal of UNDP an expert in vocational training for women, within a project aimed at promoting vocational training **possibilities through women's institutions** and **Palestinian** community development centres.

8. The United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), **as** part of **its** long-standing agreement with **UNRWA**, granted 3 **fellowships** in 1981, 9 in 1982, 9 in 1983, 9 in 1984 and 11 in 1985 to **Palestine** refugee education staff of **UNRWA** for special **courses** of training in **overseas countries**. Candidates for such fellowships in 1986 **have been** proposed to UNESCO and it **is** expected that the **fellowships** will be awarded later in the year.

9. The Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO) **is** the executing agency of a project the objective of which **is** to **assist** **Palestinian crop and livestock farmers/producers** in the **localities** of **Gilline** and **Ramadan** in the Syrian Arab **Republic** to improve their **productivity** and efficiency by **providing** facilities, knowledge, **skills**, material **inputs** and technical **leadership** for **demonstration** and training work,

10. **The** World Health Organization (WHO), through its Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office (EMRO), granted five fellowships to UNRWA Palestine **refugee** medical **staff for special** one-year training **courses** in public health **admini**stration, community health **and** public health nursing. Theee **courses** were held in Lebanon, Egypt and the United Kingdom of **Great** Britain and Northern Ireland. In addition, WHO/EMRO granted 45 fellowships to **Palestine** refugee etaff for two-week training **courses** and workshops covering a variety of public health problems.

11. Fellowship<sup>8</sup> granted by non-governmental organizations to Palestine **refugees**, **as** reported by UNRWA, include two lo-month fellowships **for** study of community **nursing** granted by **the** Austtalian People **for Health, Education and Development**) a **one-year** fellowship for postgraduate study in **water** and **waste** engineering, **granted** by the British **Council**, a **27-month** fellowship in midwifery, granted by Medical Aid **for** Palestinians) and a **one-year** scholarship in public health nursing, **granted** by the **British Save** the Children Fund.