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REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONCILIATION COMMISSION  
FOR PALESTINE

Note by the Secretary-General

The twenty-sixth report of the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine, covering the period from 1 October 1967 to 29 September 1972, the text of which is attached to the present note, was transmitted by the Chairman of the Commission for communication to the States Members of the United Nations in accordance with paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 512 (VI), dated 26 January 1952, and paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 2792 A (XXVI), dated 6 December 1971.

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1. In paragraph 4 of resolution 2792 A (XXVI) of 6 December 1971, the General Assembly noted with regret that the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine had been unable to find a means of achieving progress in the implementation of paragraph 11 of Assembly resolution 194 (III), and requested the Commission to exert continued efforts towards the implementation thereof and to report thereon to the Assembly as appropriate, but not later than 1 October 1972. The present report is submitted pursuant to that request.

2. In its twenty-fourth<sup>1/</sup> and twenty-fifth<sup>2/</sup> reports, covering the periods from 24 December 1965 to 30 September 1966 and from 1 October 1966 to 30 September 1967, the Commission responded to earlier requests by the General Assembly in its resolutions 2052 (XX) and 2154 (XXI) in connexion with the implementation of paragraph 11 of resolution 194 (III). In those reports the Commission noted that examination of various ways in which it might be possible to intensify its efforts with any prospect of advancing matters towards the implementation of paragraph 11 of resolution 194 (III) had compelled the conclusion that all the ways envisaged presupposed substantial changes in the situation. Far from there having been any evidence of such changes, the events which had occurred in 1967 had further complicated an already very complex problem.

3. Although various developments have taken place since the submission of the Commission's last report, the situation described in that report remains essentially unchanged as regards the circumstances governing the possibilities open to the Commission. The Commission, while regretting that it has not been in a position to carry forward its work, nevertheless remains determined to resume its endeavours as soon as this is possible. It wishes to note that its ability to do so will depend not only on an amelioration of the situation but also on the willingness of the parties to co-operate with it.

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<sup>1/</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-first Session, Annexes, agenda item 32, document A/6451.

<sup>2/</sup> Ibid., Twenty-second Session, Annexes, agenda item 34, document A/6846.