

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION

DRAFT RESOLUTION ON FUTURE GOVERNMENT OF PALESTINE

Proposal Submitted by the Delegation of Syria

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

CONSIDERING:

that the United Kingdom as the mandatory power for Palestine requested the General Assembly to make recommendations under Article 10 as to the future government of Palestine;

AND CONSIDERING

that Palestine is a mandated territory whose independence was provisionally recognized by virtue of paragraph 4 of Article 22 of the Covenant of the League of Nations,

AND CONSIDERING

that the mandatory power has expressed full agreement with the proposal of the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine that the mandate should be terminated and independence should be granted in Palestine

AND CONSIDERING

that the scope of the General Assembly for making recommendations in this respect is limited by Chapter XII of the Charter, particularly Articles 77, 79 and 80,

AND CONSIDERING

that the mandatory has not yet set up in Palestine the necessary organs of self government to enable a Government of Palestine to assume authority and responsibilities as stipulated in the Act of Mandate,

AND CONSIDERING

that in order to establish these governmental organs provision must be made for a short transition period between the termination of the mandate and the transfer of power to the new Government of Palestine,

RECOMMENDS:

that the United Kingdom prepare as soon as possible an agreement under Article 79 of the Charter and submit it for approval to the General Assembly authorizing Great Britain, as administering authority, to complete her

task in Palestine during the transitionary period in accordance with the said agreement, which shall contain the following provisions:

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1. That a Sovereign State for the whole of Palestine be established on a democratic basis,
2. That a Constituent Assembly shall be elected at the earliest possible date, all genuine and law-abiding nationals of Palestine being entitled to vote,
3. This Constituent Assembly shall within a fixed period formulate and enact a Constitution for the State of Palestine which shall be of a democratic character and contain provisions
 - (a) guaranteeing human rights, fundamental freedoms and the equality of all persons before the Law,
 - (b) guaranteeing the legitimate rights and interests of all minorities,
 - (c) safeguarding the Holy Places and guaranteeing freedom of worship and access to the Holy Places to all.
4. That a government shall be formed within a fixed period in accordance with the terms of the Constitution to take over the administration of Palestine from the administering authority.
