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COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE  
INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE  
PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 1985

A. Mandate of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable  
Rights of the Palestinian People

1. The Committee's mandate for the year 1985 is contained in General Assembly resolution 39/49 A and B, the relevant parts of which are paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of resolution 39/49 A and paragraph 2 of resolution 39/49 B.
2. In paragraph 3 of resolution 39/49 A, the Committee is requested to keep under review the situation relating to the question of Palestine as well as the implementation of the Programme of Action adopted by the International Conference on the Question of Palestine, and to report and make suggestions thereon to the General Assembly or the Security Council, as appropriate.
3. In paragraph 4 of resolution 39/49 A the Committee is authorized to continue to exert all efforts to promote the implementation of its recommendations, to send delegations or representatives to international conferences where it would consider such representation to be appropriate, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fortieth session and thereafter.
4. In paragraph 5 of resolution 39/49 A the Committee is requested to continue to extend its co-operation to non-governmental organizations in their contribution towards heightening international awareness of the facts relating to the question of Palestine.
5. With regard to paragraph 2 of resolution 39/49 B, the Committee is expected to provide the Division for Palestinian Rights with the necessary guidance in discharging the tasks referred to therein.

B. Action considered by the Committee

6. The Committee decided that during the year 1985 it would maintain its past activities and, in the light of experience gained and decisions taken in 1984, it would increase its contacts and co-operation with Governments and with non-governmental organizations in their intensified efforts towards greater and more positive international awareness of the facts relating to the question of Palestine. In this regard, the Committee decided to consider sending delegations to selected capitals to discuss how best to promote progress on its recommendations for a peaceful solution of the problem.

7. As in the past, the Working Group was re-established to assist in expediting the work of the Committee. Its membership is as follows: Afghanistan, Cuba, the German Democratic Republic, Guinea, Guyana, India, Malta, Pakistan, Senegal, Tunisia, Turkey, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). Meetings of the Working Group would be open to all members and observers of the Committee.

8. In accordance with paragraph 3 of resolution 39/49 A, the Committee will continue to monitor events directly relating to the question of Palestine and to Palestinian rights and, through its Chairman, to convey its considered views on such developments to the General Assembly or the Security Council, as appropriate. The bureau was authorized, as in the past, to take the initiative whenever urgent action was required, and through its Chairman to draw the attention of the Secretary-General and the President of the Assembly or of the Security Council to developments affecting the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people.

9. In response to paragraph 4 of resolution 39/49 A, the Committee decided to request that a letter should be addressed by the Secretary-General, emphasizing the need for positive action with regard to the holding of the proposed International Peace Conference on the Middle East and reiterating the receptiveness of the Committee to participation and suggestions by all Member States in carrying out its work.

10. In accordance with paragraph 2 of resolution 39/49 B, the Committee gave preliminary consideration to:

- (a) The topics on which studies, if any, should be prepared by the Division;
- (b) Details of the seminars to be held in 1985;
- (c) Arrangements for the international non-governmental organizations meeting and symposia;
- (d) Arrangements for the observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People.

### 1. Seminars

11. The Committee has already decided that, in 1985, seminars should be held in Latin America and Asia.
12. The Government of Guyana has kindly agreed to provide the venue for the Latin American seminar and has suggested that the second part of June 1985 would be a convenient period for it, with a preference for the week commencing 17 June 1985.
13. Contacts have not yet been finalized regarding the seminar in Asia.

### 2. Studies

14. The major topics of interest are largely covered in the studies prepared so far. The Committee decided that additional pamphlets should be prepared on:
  - (a) The living conditions of the Palestinian people;
  - (b) United Nations assistance to the Palestinian people;
  - (c) Approaches for peace in Palestine;
  - (d) Condensed paper bringing together conclusions reached by seminars on most important topics.

In addition, selected pamphlets already prepared should be updated. (The list of pamphlets prepared in 1984 is annexed hereto.) Translation of existing studies into more languages may be considered according to demand.

### 3. Non-governmental organization meeting and symposia

15. It has been suggested by the Interim Co-ordinating Committee of NGOs that the International Non-governmental Organization Meeting be held in Geneva in the first week of September 1985. However, since the 4th and 5th of September are holidays in Geneva it was decided that the meeting should be held in the second week of September 1985, to be preceded by a preparatory meeting in March. Early consideration will need to be given to the format for that preparatory meeting.
16. A decision has already been taken that a non-governmental organization symposium should be held in North America in 1985. This could take place at United Nations Headquarters in New York during May 1985.
17. Consideration will need to be given also to the holding of symposia in two of the following regions: Asia, Africa, Latin America and Europe. Details as to the venues and the format for these two symposia will need to be considered in due course. It is important that the venues and the dates of these symposia be established as soon as possible so that the essential information could be disseminated to the relevant non-governmental organizations to enable them to plan their schedules and budgets.

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4. International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

18. The Committee decided that the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People 1985 should be commemorated on Friday, 29 November 1985; that two meetings should be held; and that programmes similar to those organized in the past be repeated in 1985.

19. The Committee also decided to invite the PLO to provide an exhibit to be displayed in United Nations Headquarters during the week of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People.

Annex

1984 PUBLICATIONS

1. Blue books and publications

The origins and evolution of the Palestinian problem, part III, 1978-1983

The Israeli settlements in Gaza and the West Bank (including Jerusalem), part II

2. Monthly bulletins

January/February

March/April

May/June

July/August

September

October

November

December

3. Seminar reports

The Ninth United Nations Seminar on the Question of Palestine (Tunisia) (to be issued shortly)

4. Other publications

Special bulletin on the commemoration of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, 1983

Resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly and the Security Council on the Question of Palestine, 1983

The North American NGO Symposium on the Question of Palestine, New York, June 1984

The International NGO Meeting on the Question of Palestine, Geneva, August 1984 (to be issued shortly)

Compilation of statements made by eminent persons at the International Conference on the Question of Palestine

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