

administration on that territory, constitute a continuing threat to international peace and security;

8. *Strongly deplores* the negative vote by a permanent member of the Security Council which prevented the Council from adopting against Israel, under Chapter VII of the Charter, the "appropriate measures" referred to in resolution 497 (1981) unanimously adopted by the Council;

9. *Further deplores* any political, economic, financial, military and technological support to Israel that encourages Israel to commit acts of aggression and to consolidate and perpetuate its occupation and annexation of occupied Arab territories;

10. *Firmly emphasizes once more* its demand that Israel, the occupying Power, rescind forthwith its illegal decision of 14 December 1981 to impose its laws, jurisdiction and administration on the Syrian Golan Heights, which resulted in the effective annexation of that territory;

11. *Reaffirms once more* the overriding necessity of the total and unconditional withdrawal by Israel from all the Palestinian and other Arab territories occupied since 1967, including Jerusalem, which is an essential prerequisite for the establishment of a comprehensive and just peace in the Middle East;

12. *Determines once more* that Israel's record, policies and actions confirm that it is not a peace-loving Member State, that it has persistently violated the principles contained in the Charter and that it has carried out neither its obligations under the Charter nor its commitment under General Assembly resolution 273 (III) of 11 May 1949;

13. *Calls once more upon* all Member States to apply the following measures:

(a) To refrain from supplying Israel with any weapons and related equipment and to suspend any military assistance that Israel receives from them;

(b) To refrain from acquiring any weapons or military equipment from Israel;

(c) To suspend economic, financial and technological assistance to and co-operation with Israel;

(d) To sever diplomatic, trade and cultural relations with Israel;

14. *Reiterates its call* to all Member States to cease forthwith, individually and collectively, all dealings with Israel in order totally to isolate it in all fields;

15. *Urges* non-member States to act in accordance with the provisions of the present resolution;

16. *Calls upon* the specialized agencies and other international organizations to conform their relations with Israel to the terms of the present resolution;

17. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-first session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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16 December 1985*

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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 36/120 E of 10 December 1981, 37/123 C of 16 December 1982, 38/180 C of 19 December 1983 and 39/146 C of 14 December 1984, in which it determined that all legislative and administrative measures and actions taken by Israel, the occupying Power, which had altered or purported to alter the character and status of the Holy City of Jerusalem, in particular the so-called "Basic Law" on Jerusalem and the proclamation of

Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, were null and void and must be rescinded forthwith,

Recalling Security Council resolution 478 (1980) of 20 August 1980, in which the Council, *inter alia*, decided not to recognize the "Basic Law" and called upon those States that had established diplomatic missions at Jerusalem to withdraw such missions from the Holy City,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General of 22 October 1985,⁸¹

1. *Determines* that Israel's decision to impose its laws, jurisdiction and administration on the Holy City of Jerusalem is illegal and therefore null and void and has no validity whatsoever;

2. *Deplores* the transfer by some States of their diplomatic missions to Jerusalem in violation of Security Council resolution 478 (1980) and their refusal to comply with the provisions of that resolution;

3. *Calls once again upon* those States to abide by the provisions of the relevant United Nations resolutions, in conformity with the Charter of the United Nations;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-first session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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40/237. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Recalling the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recognizing that the Organization is based on the principle of the sovereign equality of all its Members,

Mindful of the vital role of the United Nations in the maintenance of international peace and security and in the promotion of development and international co-operation,

Convinced that the improvement of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations could help it to attain the purposes and implement the principles of the Charter,

Considering the unanimous support for the United Nations, expressed by Heads of State or Government or their special envoys and by the representatives of Member States during the commemoration of the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations,

Noting that all participants stressed the need to promote confidence in the United Nations and enhance the political will of Member States to render more positive support to the Organization,

Reaffirming the necessity of securing, in the employment of the Secretariat staff, the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity, and the importance of recruiting the staff based on the principle of equitable geographical distribution,

Noting with appreciation the efforts of the Secretary-General, as the chief administrative officer of the Organization, to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Secretariat,

Bearing in mind the work of the relevant subsidiary organs of the General Assembly,

Taking fully into account the views expressed during the fortieth session,

1. *Expresses its conviction* that an overall increase in efficiency would further enhance the capacity of the United

Nations to attain the purposes and implement the principles of the Charter of the United Nations;

2. *Decides* to establish a Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts to Review the Efficiency of the Administrative and Financial Functioning of the United Nations with a term of one year, to carry out in full accordance with the principles and provisions of the Charter the following tasks:

(a) To conduct a thorough review of the administrative and financial matters of the United Nations, with a view to identifying measures for further improving the efficiency of its administrative and financial functioning, which would contribute to strengthening its effectiveness in dealing with political, economic and social issues;

(b) To submit to the General Assembly, before the opening of its forty-first session, a report containing the observations and recommendations of the Group;

3. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly, in consultation with the regional groups, to appoint as soon as possible the members of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts with due regard to equitable geographical distribution;

4. *Decides* that the Group will consist of eighteen members, and requests the Secretary-General to convene a meeting of the Group as soon as possible to enable it to elect its officers;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the Group with the necessary staff and services;

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to provide full assistance to the Group, in particular by submitting his views and providing information necessary to conduct the review;

7. *Invites* the relevant subsidiary organs of the General Assembly to submit to the Group, through their chairmen, information and comments on matters pertaining to their work;

8. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-first session an item entitled "Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: report of the Group of High-level

Intergovernmental Experts to Review the Efficiency of the Administrative and Financial Functioning of the United Nations".

121st plenary meeting
18 December 1985

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The President of the General Assembly subsequently informed the Secretary-General¹⁰⁸ that, in accordance with paragraph 3 of the above resolution, he had appointed the following eighteen persons as members of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts:

Mr. Mark ALLEN (*United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*),

Mr. Maurice BERTRAND (*France*),

Mr. Bi Jilong (*China*),

Mr. Lucio GARCÍA DEL SOLAR (*Argentina*),

Mr. Ignac GOLOB (*Yugoslavia*),

Mr. Natarajan KRISHNAN (*India*),

Mr. Kishore MAHBUBANI (*Singapore*),

Mr. Hugo B. MARGAIN (*Mexico*),

Mr. Elleck MASHINGAIDZE (*Zimbabwe*),

Mr. Fakhreddin MOHAMED (*Sudan*),

Mr. Ndam NJOYA (*Cameroon*),

Mr. Vasily Stepanovich SAFRONCHUK (*Union of Soviet Socialist Republics*),

Mr. Shizuo SAITO (*Japan*),

Mr. Edward O. SANU (*Nigeria*),

Mr. David SILVEIRA DA MOTA (*Brazil*),

Mr. José S. SORZANO (*United States of America*),

Mr. Tom VRAALSEN (*Norway*),

Mr. Layachi YAKER (*Algeria*).

¹⁰⁸ A/40/1085 and Corr.1 and Add.1.