



## Security Council

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*The Security Council,*

*Taking note* of the report and recommendations of the Security Council Commission established under [resolution 446 \(1979\)](#) to examine the situation relating to settlements in the Arab territories occupied since 1967, including Jerusalem, contained in document [S/13450](#),

*Strongly deploring* the lack of co-operation of Israel with the Commission,

*Considering* that the policy of Israel in establishing settlements in the occupied Arab territories has no legal validity and constitutes a violation of the Fourth Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War of 12 August 1949,

*Deeply concerned* by the practices of the Israeli authorities in implementing that settlements policy in the occupied Arab territories, including Jerusalem, and its consequences for the local Arab and Palestinian population,

*Emphasizing* the need for confronting the issue of the existing settlements and the need to consider measures to safeguard the impartial protection of property seized,

*Bearing in mind* the specific status of Jerusalem, and reconfirming pertinent Security Council resolutions concerning Jerusalem and in particular the need to protect and preserve the unique spiritual and religious dimension of the Holy Places in that city,

*Drawing attention* to the grave consequences which the settlements policy is bound to have on any attempt to reach a peaceful solution in the Middle East,

1. *Commends* the work done by the Commission in preparing the report on the establishment of Israeli settlements in the Arab territories occupied since 1967, including Jerusalem;
2. *Accepts* the recommendations contained in the above-mentioned report of the Commission;
3. *Calls upon* the Government and people of Israel to cease, on an urgent basis, the establishment, construction and planning of settlements in the Arab territories occupied since 1967, including Jerusalem;
4. *Requests* the Commission, in view of the magnitude of the problem of settlements, to keep under close survey the implementation of the present resolution and to report back to the Security Council before 1 November 1979.

*Adopted at the 2159th meeting by 14 votes to none, with 1 abstention (United States of America).*