



General Assembly

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1315 (XII). Report of the Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 194 (III) of 11 December 1948, 302 (IV) of 8 December 1949, 393 (V) of 2 December 1950, 513 (VI) of 26 January 1952, 614 (VII) of 6 November 1952, 720 (VIII) of 27 November 1953, 818 (IX) of 4 December 1954, 916 (X) of 3 December 1955, 101 (XI) of 28 February 1957 and 1191 (XII) of 12 December 1957,

Noting the annual report of the Director of the United Nations Relief and works agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East^{1/} and in particular the observations relating to the expiration of the Agency's mandate on 30 June 1960, and noting the report of the Advisory Commission of the Agency^{2/}

Noting with regret that repatriation or compensation of the refugees, as provided for in paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution 194 (III), has not been effected, that no substantial progress has not been effected, that no substantial progress has been made in the programme endorsed in paragraph 2 of Assembly resolution 513 (VI) for the reintegration of refugees and that, therefore, the situation of the refugees continues to be a matter of serious concern,

Having reviewed the budget prepared by the Director and having noted the endorsement thereof by the Advisory Commission of the Agency,

Noting with grave concern that contributions to the budget are not yet sufficient and that the financial situation of the Agency remains serious,

Recalling that the Agency is a subsidiary organ of the United Nations,

1. *Draws the attention* of Governments to the precarious financial position of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East and urges them to consider to what extent they can contribute or increase their contributions in order that the Agency may carry out relief and rehabilitation programmes for the welfare of the refugees;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in view of the serious financial position of the Agency, to continue, as a matter of urgent concern, his special efforts to secure the additional financial assistance needed to meet the Agency's budget and to provide adequate working capital;

3. *Directs* the Agency to pursue its programme for refugees bearing in mind the response to paragraphs 1 and 2 above;

4. *Requests* the Director of the Agency, without prejudice to paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution 194 (III), to plan and carry out projects capable of supporting substantial numbers of refugees and, in particular, programmes relating to education and vocational training;

5. *Requests* the host Governments to co-operate fully with the Agency and with its personnel and to extend to the Agency every appropriate assistance in carrying out its functions;

6. *Requests* the Agency to continue its consultations with the United Nations Conciliation commission for Palestine in the best interests of their respective tasks, with particular reference to paragraph 11 of resolution 194 (II);

7. *Expresses* its thanks to Mr. Henry R. Labouisse, director of the Agency, for the devoted attention he has given to the affairs of the Agency and to the welfare of the refugees for the four years of his incumbency, to the staff of the Agency for their continued faithful efforts to carry out its mandate, and to the specialized agencies and the many private organizations for their valuable and continuing work in assisting the refugees;

8. *Requests* the Director of the Agency to continue to submit the reports referred to in paragraph 21 of General Assembly resolution

302 (IV), as modified by paragraph 11 of Assembly resolution 1018 (XI).

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/3931).

2/ Ibid., Thirteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 26, document A/3948.