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#### Report of the Secretary-General

##### *Summary*

The present report is prepared pursuant to the requests of the General Assembly in a number of resolutions, in which it requested regional organizations and the United Nations to increase contact and identify areas of cooperation, and requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Assembly at its fifty-ninth session a report on the implementation of the resolutions. The Assembly, by paragraph 4 (l) of the annex to resolution 58/316 of 1 July 2004, requested the Secretary-General to submit to it a single consolidated report on cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations. Reports which heretofore had been prepared as separate reports have thus been consolidated into one.

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#### Part One

#### Cooperation between the United Nations and regional organizations

##### VII. League of Arab States

45. United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and LAS worked together on a range of development issues. Cooperation among the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and LAS focused on the preparations for the [Arab/International Forum](#) for Rehabilitation and Development in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, to be held in Beirut in September 2004. LAS and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East continued to cooperate on a variety of issues.

##### VIII. Organization of the Islamic Conference

49. Consultations at all levels continue to be held on a regular basis between the United Nations and officials of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) on political, economic, social and humanitarian issues. During the period under review, consultations focused on the situation in the Middle East, Iraq, Afghanistan and the Sudan, as well as on conflict prevention and the fight against terrorism.

50. Representatives of the United Nations attended the tenth session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Putrajaya, Malaysia, in October 2003, and the thirtieth and thirty-first sessions of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers held, respectively, in Tehran in 2003 and in Istanbul in 2004. The OIC ministerial delegation formed to establish contacts with the Quartet<sup>2</sup> and permanent members of the Security Council and other relevant parties, met with the Secretary-General on 2 June 2004.

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<sup>2</sup> United Nations, European Union, Russian Federation and United States of America.

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## Annex

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### Part Two Cooperation between the United Nations and the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization

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#### II. Overview of cooperation between the United Nations and AALCO during the period under review \*

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#### J. Deportation of Palestinians and other Israeli practices, among them the massive immigration and settlement of Jews in all occupied territories in violation of international law, particularly the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949

25. The item “Deportation of Palestinians and other Israeli practices, among them the massive immigration and settlement of Jews in all occupied territories in violation of international law, particularly the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949”, has been on the agenda of AALCO since 1988. The resolutions passed at successive sessions call for the implementation of General Assembly and Security Council resolutions, as well as other agreements signed among various parties to ensure the establishment of just and lasting peace in the Middle East.

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### Part Five Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union

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#### III. Contribution of parliaments to major United Nations events

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##### Commission on Human Rights

14. In 2003 and 2004, IPU presented its work and priorities in the field of human rights and democracy to the Commission on Human Rights during the high-level segment of the sessions. It also submitted to the Commission written contributions to items on the agenda of its fifty-ninth session. These concerned item 8 (Question of the violation of human rights in the occupied Arab territories, including Palestine), item 10 (Economic, social and cultural rights) and item 11 (Civil and political rights).

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#### IV. Peace and security

##### Middle East questions

19. In support of the Quartet’s road map for peace in the Middle East (see [S/2003/529](#), annex), IPU adopted a resolution at its one hundred and ninth Assembly, held at Geneva, on parliamentary support for the implementation of the road map for peace in putting an end to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict and achieving a comprehensive peace process and justice in the Middle East. At the one hundred and tenth Assembly, held at Mexico City, a resolution was adopted on the role of parliaments in stopping acts of violence, and the building of the separation wall, in order to create conditions conducive to peace and a lasting solution to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. In that resolution the Assembly pointed out the need for resumed dialogue and commitment to the peace process, while calling upon both sides to stop all acts of violence, particularly the practice of targeted assassinations and suicide bombings.

20. In an endeavour to lend practical shape to the contents of these and other IPU resolutions on the subject of the Middle East conflict, IPU brought together members of the Israeli Knesset and the Palestinian Legislative Council for a meeting at Geneva in July 2003. The participants decided to set up a working group of parliamentarians from the two bodies to help advance the efforts of the United Nations to instil peace in the region, in keeping with the road map, which IPU has officially endorsed.

21. Represented by members of its Committee on Middle East Questions, IPU participated in two events sponsored by the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, the International Conference of Civil Society in Support of the Palestinian People (New York, September 2003), and the International Meeting on the Impact of the Construction of the Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including in and around East Jerusalem (Geneva, April 2004).

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