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Situation of human rights in southern Lebanon

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The Commission on Human Rights,

Gravely concerned at the ongoing practices of the Israeli occupation forces in southern Lebanon, which constitute a violation of the principles of international law pertaining to the protection of human rights, and particularly the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, in addition to their flagrant violation of the relevant provisions of international humanitarian law as set forth in the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War of 12 August 1949 and The Hague Convention IV of 1907,

Deeply regretting Israel's failure to implement Security Council resolutions 425 (1978) of 19 March 1978 and 509 (1982) of 6 June 1982,

Deeply disturbed at Israel's deportation of 415 Palestinians to the occupied territory of southern Lebanon, which constitutes a further violation of Lebanese sovereignty, and at Israel's refusal to implement Security Council resolution 799 (1992) of 18 December 1992 demanding the immediate return home of the Palestinian deportees,

Affirming Israel's full responsibility for the Palestinian deportees,

Reaffirming that the continued occupation and the practices of the Israeli forces constitute violations of the relevant Security Council resolutions, of the will of the international community and of the conventions in force in this regard,

Hoping for a continuation of the peace negotiations with a view to a settlement of the conflict in the Middle East through the achievement of a just, comprehensive and lasting peace in the region, and affirming that Israel's continued violations of human rights are hampering the steps and efforts that are being undertaken to achieve peace in the Middle East,

Gravely concerned at the fact that the International Committee of the Red Cross and other humanitarian organizations are being prevented from fulfilling their humanitarian tasks in the occupied territory of southern Lebanon, and in particular from investigating the reports received concerning ill-treatment of detainees at the Khiyam and Marjayoun detention centres,

Reaffirming its resolution 1992/70 of 4 March 1992, and expressing its deep regret at Israel's failure to implement that resolution,

1. Condemns the ongoing Israeli violations of human rights in southern Lebanon consisting, in particular, in the arbitrary detention of civilians, the demolition of their homes, the confiscation of their property, their expulsion from the occupied territory, the bombardment of civilian villages and areas, and other practices which violate human rights;
2. Demands that Israel put an immediate end to those practices and implement Security Council resolutions 425 (1978) and 509 (1982) calling for Israel's immediate, full and unconditional withdrawal from all Lebanese territory and respect for Lebanon's sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity;
3. Also demands that Israel put an immediate end to the policy of forced deportation and implement Security Council resolution 799 (1992);
4. Further demands that the Government of Israel, as the occupying Power in southern Lebanon, comply with the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, particularly the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War;

5. Demands that the Government of Israel, as the occupying Power in southern Lebanon, facilitate the humanitarian task of the International Committee of the Red Cross and other humanitarian organizations in this region and, in particular, permit those organizations to visit the detention centres at Khiyam and Marjayoun and examine the situation of the persons detained there;
6. Requests the Secretary-General:
 - (a) To inform the Government of Israel of the present resolution and call upon it to provide information concerning the extent of its compliance therewith;
 - (b) To report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session and to the Commission on Human Rights at its fiftieth session on the results of his endeavours in this regard;
7. Decides to continue the consideration of the question at its fiftieth session.

65th meeting
10 March 1993
[Adopted by 50 votes to 1.]