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QUESTION OF PALESTINE

**Letter dated 15 August 1980 from the Chairman of the Committee on  
the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People  
to the Secretary-General**

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has authorized me in my capacity as Chairman of the Committee to draw your attention to the new regulations of the Israeli authorities concerning educational activities of Palestinian institutions for higher learning in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Reports originating in Israel indicate that the Israeli Government has decided to make it impossible to open any Palestinian institution for higher education in the occupied territories without a special permit by the Israeli military authorities.

To obtain this permit, an institution will have to fulfil a number of harsh criteria, established by the Israeli authorities, the sole purpose of which is to control the institutions of higher learning and to silence any expression for the attainment of national aspirations.

Included in the criteria is a regulation which provides that military authorities can turn down requests by these institutions for a permit to continue their educational activities.

Reports originating in Israel indicate that the Government of Israel has authorized the military authorities to strip Arab school curricula of any reference to Palestinian national character and history.

These activities carried out by the Israeli authorities are in contradiction of the basic principles of human rights and international law and are in contempt of the various resolutions adopted by the United Nations.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 24 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

( Signed )      Falilou KANE  
Chairman  
of the Committee on the Exercise  
of the Inalienable Rights of the  
Palestinian People

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