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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST

Resumption of ration distribution to Palestine refugees

Report of the Secretary-General

1. The present report is submitted to the General Assembly in pursuance of its resolution 45/73 F of 11 December 1990, in which the Assembly expressed regret that its resolutions 37/120 F, 38/83 F, 39/99 F, 40/165 F, 41/69 F, 42/69 F, 43/57 F and 44/47 F have not been implemented; called once again upon all Governments, as a matter of urgency, to make the most generous efforts possible and to offer the necessary resources to meet the needs of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, particularly in the light of the interruption by the Agency of the general ration distribution to Palestine refugees in all fields, and therefore urged non-contributing Governments to contribute regularly and contributing Governments to consider increasing their regular contributions; requested the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East to resume on a continuing basis the interrupted general ration distribution to Palestine refugees in all fields; and requested the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Commissioner-General, to report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

2. The Agency has continued to provide food assistance to the most needy sector of the refugee population, special hardship cases, who numbered 155,980 persons in December 1990.

3. The Agency is also continuing its emergency distributions of basic commodities, such as flour, rice, sugar, animal protein and skim milk to those in need, including non-registered Palestinians in the occupied territory and

Lebanon. In 1990, 17,600 tons of these commodities were distributed to 676,000 recipients in the Gaza Strip; 15,300 tons to 322,000 in the West Bank; and 6,000 tons to 435,000 recipients in Lebanon.

4. Given the lack of additional resources, it has not been possible for the Commissioner-General to consider resumption of a general distribution of basic food rations to all refugees.
