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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HAVING ADOPTED on 29 November 1947 a Resolution (Document A/516) regarding the future government of Palestine and providing a plan of partition with economic union;

HAVING ADOPTED on 14 May 1948 Resolution 186 (S-2) empowering a United Nations Mediator in Palestine to exercise certain functions including the use of his good offices to promote a peaceful adjustment of the future situation of Palestine;

HAVING RECEIVED AND EXAMINED the [Progress Report of the United Nations Mediator in Palestine](#) (Document A/648) submitted by the late Count Folke Bernadotte;

HAVING TAKEN NOTE of the Resolutions of the Security Council concerning the truce in Palestine and of the Resolution of 16 November 1948 concerning the establishment of an armistice by means of negotiations conducted either directly or through the Acting Mediator in Palestine.

1. EXPRESSES its deep appreciation of the progress achieved through the good offices of the late United Nations Mediator in promoting a peaceful adjustment of the future situation of Palestine for which cause he sacrificed his life; and EXTENDS its thanks to the Acting Mediator and his staff for their continued efforts and devotion to duty in Palestine;
2. NOTES with satisfaction Part I of the Progress Report of the United Nations Mediator and ENDORSES the specific conclusions contained in Part I of that Report as a basis for a peaceful settlement of the Palestine question;
3. ESTABLISHES a Conciliation Commission consisting of (three States Members of the United Nations) to carry out the functions assigned to it by this resolution in accordance with the specific conclusions of Part I of the Progress Report of the United Nations Mediator in Palestine and by such instructions as the General Assembly or the Security Council may issue;
4. AUTHORIZES the Conciliation Commission to undertake, upon the request of the Security Council, any of the functions now assigned to the United Nations Mediator in Palestine or to the United Nations Truce Commission by resolutions of the Security Council; upon such request by the Security Council with respect to all the functions of the United Nations Mediator in Palestine under Security Council resolutions, that office shall be terminated;
5. INSTRUCTS the Conciliation Commission in pursuance of paragraph 3 above to appoint a Technical Boundaries Commission to assist the governments and authorities concerned in delimiting the frontiers in Palestine based on the specific conclusions of the United Nations Mediator (Paragraph 4(b) of the Conclusions to Part I of the Mediator's Report), subject to such adjustments as may promote agreement between the governments and authorities concerned without altering the general equilibrium of the Mediator's conclusions, and taking into account the nature of the terrain and the unity of village areas;
6. ENDORSES the recommendation contained in Paragraph 4(c) of the Mediator's conclusions concerning the disposition of the

territory of Palestine not included within the boundaries of the Jewish State or the City of Jerusalem, and INSTRUCTS the Conciliation Commission, in full consultation with the inhabitants of Arab Palestine, to assist the governments of the Arab States concerned to arrange for the disposition of this territory in accordance with the aforesaid recommendation;

7. RESOLVES that the Holy Places, religious buildings and sites in Palestine should be protected and free access to them assured in accordance with existing rights and historical practice; that arrangements to this end should be under effective United Nations supervision; that the United Nations Conciliation Commission in presenting to the Fourth Regular Session of the General Assembly its detailed proposals for a permanent international regime for the territory of Jerusalem should include recommendations concerning the Holy Places in that territory; that with regard to the Holy Places in the rest of Palestine the Commission should consult with the political authorities of the areas concerned with a view to securing appropriate formal guarantees as to the protection of the Holy Places and access to them; and that these undertakings should be presented to the General Assembly for approval;

8. RESOLVES that in view of its association with three world religions, the Jerusalem area, as defined in the General Assembly Resolution of 29 November 1947, should be accorded special and separate treatment from the rest of Palestine and should be placed under effective United Nations control with the maximum feasible local autonomy for the Arab and Jewish communities; and INSTRUCTS the Conciliation Commission (a) to take all feasible steps to facilitate the effective administration of the area, co-ordinating to the fullest extent possible the organs of self-government and administration of the Arab and Jewish communities of the Jerusalem area, (b) to report to the Security Council for appropriate action any attempt to interfere with its functions with respect to Jerusalem, and (c) to present to the Fourth Regular Session of the General Assembly detailed proposals for a permanent international regime for the Jerusalem area. To assist it in carrying out these functions, the Conciliation Commission is authorized to appoint a United Nations Commissioner for Jerusalem who shall be responsible to the Commission;

9. RESOLVES that unimpeded access to Jerusalem by road, rail, or air should be accorded to all inhabitants of Palestine by the governments and authorities concerned and INSTRUCTS the Conciliation Commission to report immediately to the Security Council for appropriate action by that organ any attempt by any party to impair such access;

10. RECOMMENDS to the Security Council that after the frontiers have been established in accordance with this resolution the Security Council consider any attempt to alter these frontiers by force as a threat to the peace, breach of the peace, or act of aggression;

11. ENDORSES the principle stated in Part I, Section V, Paragraph 7 of the Mediator's Report and RESOLVES that the Arab refugees should be permitted to return to their homes at the earliest possible date and that adequate compensation should be paid for the property of those choosing not to return and for property which has been lost as a result of pillage, confiscation or of destruction; and INSTRUCTS the Conciliation Commission to facilitate the repatriation, resettlement, and economic and social rehabilitation of the Arab refugees and the payment of compensation;

12. AUTHORIZES the Conciliation Commission to appoint such subsidiary bodies and to employ such technical experts, acting under its authority, as it may find necessary to the effective discharge of its functions and responsibilities under this resolution;

13. INSTRUCTS the Conciliation Commission to render progress reports periodically to the Secretary-General for transmission to the Security Council and to Members of the United Nations;

14. CALLS UPON all governments and authorities concerned to co-operate with the Conciliation Commission and to take all possible steps to assist in the implementation of this resolution;

15. REQUESTS the Secretary-General to provide the necessary staff and facilities and to make appropriate arrangements to provide the necessary funds required in carrying out the terms of this resolution.
