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QUESTION OF THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES, INCLUDING PALESTINE

Note verbale dated 20 January 1987 from the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the Centre for Human Rights, transmitting a memorandum dated 14 February 1987 prepared by the Office of the Permanent Observer for the Palestine Liberation Organization to the United Nations Office at Geneva

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Iraq has the honour to transmit herewith a memorandum prepared by the Permanent Observer for the Palestine Liberation Organization to the United Nations Office at Geneva concerning Israeli violations of human rights in the occupied Arab territories in Palestine, requesting that it be regarded as an official document of the forty-third session of the Commission on Human Rights, so that the distinguished Commission can consider these inhuman violations and adopt appropriate resolutions in this respect.

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Annex

MEMORANDUM PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE PERMANENT OBSERVER FOR
THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS
OFFICE AT GENEVA

Within the context of co-operation between our organization and the Commission on Human Rights with a view to facilitating our tasks and achieving the best results from our resolutions, and since we are on the eve of the forty-third session of the Commission on Human Rights, we wish to bring to the attention of yourself and the distinguished Commission the fact that the resolutions adopted by the Commission on Human Rights under item 4 of its agenda in past years have not been heeded by the Israeli occupation authorities. On the contrary, those authorities, which have consistently announced their categoric rejection of the Commission's resolutions concerning their practices affecting human rights in the occupied Arab and Palestinian territories, have pursued their policies in violation of the most fundamental principles of international humanitarian law, the provision of the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and the principles set forth in the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. In 1986, the Israeli occupation authorities intensified those violations in total disregard of the will of the international community as expressed in the resolutions of the Commission on Human Rights and the General Assembly which have repeatedly censured and condemned those violations and called upon the Israeli occupation authorities to refrain therefrom. In this connection, the practices of the Israeli occupation authorities in violation of human rights in the occupied Palestinian territories have reached a level of repugnancy that can be summarized as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Number of cases</u>
Deliberate murder	7
Wounding	128
Administrative detention (bringing the number of persons detained during 1986 and early 1987 to a total of	69 1,091)
Confiscation of land for purposes of Judaization and the establishment of settlements (The total area of land confiscated by the occupation authorities since June 1967 amounts to 2,722,000 dunums in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip)	65
Attacks on Islamic and Christian holy places	6
Restricted residence	47
Demolition of houses (bringing the total to 43 houses)	17
Imposition of curfews	17

<u>Description</u>	<u>Number of cases</u>
Prohibition on travel	17
Expulsion from the homeland	7
Terrorist practices by Jewish settlers in the occupied territories	66
Collective punishments (consisting of raids on places of work, homes and camps; firing on defenceless citizens; closure of commercial establishments; imposition of exorbitant fines on citizens; beatings of students, women and children; raids on gold and jewellery establishments; ripping up identity cards; refusal to provide drinking water for citizens; confiscation and banning of Arabic newspapers; imposition of long prison sentences on citizens; confiscation of company assets; closure of restaurants and coffee houses)	90
Transformation of cultural sites and aspects of the national heritage	9
Zionist practices directed against educational institutions and the education system	72

We will be providing you with a detailed note concerning these violations and request that both these notes be regarded as official documents of the forthcoming forty-third session of the Commission on Human Rights, so that the distinguished Commission can consider these inhuman violations and adopt appropriate resolutions in this respect.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of our highest consideration.

(Signed) Nabil Ramlawi
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the Palestine Liberation Organization to the
United Nations Office in Geneva and other
international organizations in Switzerland