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Letter dated 6 January 1995 from the Permanent Representative of
Algeria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

In my capacity as Chairman of the Group of Arab States for January 1995, I have the honour to transmit to you the text of resolution 5451 on the settlements in the occupied Palestinian and Arab territories adopted on 5 January 1995 at the end of the special session of the Council of the League of Arab States.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex distributed as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 40 entitled "Question of Palestine", and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ramtane LAMAMRA
Permanent Representative of Algeria
to the United Nations and
Chairman of the Group of Arab States

ANNEX

Resolution

Settlements in the occupied Palestinian and Arab Territories

The Council of the League of Arab States,

Having taken cognizance of the memoranda by the State of Palestine and the Secretariat, as well as of the relevant previous resolutions of the Council of the League and the United Nations resolutions on this subject,

Recalling the constant violations by the State of Israel of the resolutions of international bodies relating to the halting of the settlement process,

1. Condemns the policy of the occupying Israeli authorities, which comprises using protection of the settlers as a pretext for expanding and consolidating the settlements in the occupied Palestinian territories, in particular in the city of Jerusalem, a policy which constitutes a flagrant violation of the resolutions of international bodies and seriously compromises the ongoing peace process;

2. Calls on the Security Council to take as a matter of urgency the necessary measures to compel Israel to implement Security Council resolution 465 (1980), paragraphs 5 and 6 of which read as follows:

"5. Determines that all measures taken by Israel to change the physical character, demographic composition, institutional structure or status of the Palestinian and other Arab territories occupied since 1967, including Jerusalem, or any part thereof have no legal validity and that Israel's policy and practices of settling parts of its population and new immigrants in those territories constitute a flagrant violation of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War and also constitute a serious obstruction to achieving a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the Middle East;

"6. Strongly deplores the continuation and persistence of Israel in pursuing those policies and practices and calls upon the Government and people of Israel to rescind those measures, to dismantle the existing settlements and in particular to cease, on an urgent basis, the establishment, construction and planning of settlements in the Arab territories occupied since 1967, including Jerusalem;"

3. Invites the two States sponsoring the peace process to take all possible action to prevent Israel from continuing the establishment of settlements and induce it to comply with the Security Council resolutions on this question;

4. Urges the United States of America, in particular, to compel Israel to comply with the conditions it subscribed to in order to obtain guarantees of American loans, and in the first place the freezing of the settlement process in all the occupied Palestinian and Arab territories;

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5. Invites member countries to intensify contacts with the international bodies concerned with a view to bringing pressure to bear on Israel to put an end to the establishment of settlements in the occupied Palestinian territories;

6. Pays tribute to the Palestinian people of the occupied Palestinian territories for its heroic resistance to the Israeli policy of settlement, repression and displacement;

7. Reaffirms its resolution 5216 of 12 December 1992 on the situation in Jerusalem;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to continue contacts at various levels with a view to the implementation of the present resolution and to submit a report to a forthcoming session of the Council of the League of Arab States.
