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The Security Council,

<u>Having considered</u> the report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People,

<u>Having heard</u> the representatives of the parties concerned, including the Palestine Liberation Organization,

<u>Convinced</u> that the question of Palestine is the core of the conflict in the Middle East,

<u>Reaffirming</u> the urgent necessity of the establishment of a just and lasting peace through a comprehensive settlement based on full respect for the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations, as well as for its resolutions concerning the problem of the Middle East and the question of Palestine,

Expressing its concern over the continuing deterioration of the situation in the Middle East, and deeply deploring Israel's persistence in its occupation of the Arab territories, including Jerusalem, and its refusal to implement the relevant United Nations resolutions,

<u>Reaffirming</u> the principle of the inadmissibility of acquisition of territories by the threat or use of force,

<u>Reaffirming also</u> its resolutions on the Middle East and the question of Palestine, particularly 237 (1967), 242 (1967), 252 (1968), 338 (1973) and other relevant resolutions,

1. Affirms:

(a) That the Palestinian people should be enabled to exercise its inalienable rights of self-determination, national independence and sovereignty in Palestine, in accordance with the United Nations Charter and relevant resolutions of the Security Council and the General Assembly;

(b) The right of Palestinian refugees wishing to return to their homes and live at peace with their neighbours to do so and the right of those choosing not to return to receive compensation for their property, in accordance with the

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Universal Declaration of Human Rights and General Assembly resolutions, in particular resolution 194 (III) of 11 December 1948

2. <u>Decides</u> that the provisions contained in paragraph 1 should be taken fully into account in all international efforts and conferences organized within the framework of the United Nations for the establishment of a just and lasting peace in the Middle East.