

DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION SUBMITTED BY THE
REPRESENTATIVE OF COLOMBIA AT THE 254th MEETING
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

HAVING received the First Special Report of the United Nations
Palestine Commission on the Problem of Security in Palestine, and
CONSIDERING,

That the Commission has referred to the Security Council "the
problem of providing that armed assistance which alone will enable the
Commission to discharge its responsibilities on the termination of the
mandate" of the British Government in Palestine;

That "it is the considered view of the Commission that the security
forces of the mandatory power, which at the present time prevent the
situation from deteriorating completely into open warfare on an organized
basis, must be replaced by an adequate non-Palestinian force which will
assist law-abiding elements in both the Arab and Jewish communities,
organized under the general direction of the Commission, in maintaining
order and security in Palestine, thereby enabling the Commission to carry
out the recommendations of the General Assembly;"

That the General Assembly did not provide for the creation of military
forces outside of Palestine for the implementation of its Resolution of
29 November 1947;

That Articles 39 and 41 of the Charter, referred to in recommendations
(b) and (c) of the General Assembly's Resolution of 29 November 1947,
envisage measures to be taken in the case of conflicts of disputes
between States, but do not authorize the Security Council to create special
forces for the purposes indicated by the United Nations Palestine Commission,

THE SECURITY COUNCIL,

1. According to Article 106 of the Charter,

INVITES the parties to the Four-Nation Declaration signed at
Moscow, 30 October 1943, and France, to consult with one another with
a view to such joint action on behalf of this Organization as may be
necessary to prevent or remove any threat to the peace, breach of the
peace, or act of aggression arising from the implementation of the
General Assembly's Resolution of 29 November 1947;

2. Pending the result of such consultations,

RESOLVES to appoint a Committee composed of the representatives
/of two permanent

of two permanent members and three non-permanent members of the Security Council, whose task will be:

(a) To ascertain if it is not possible to bring about an agreement between the Jewish Agency and the Arab Higher Committee which will enable the United Nations Palestine Commission to discharge its functions and responsibilities in due course, without the use of force;

(b) To examine the advisability of requesting the Secretary-General to call an extraordinary session of the General Assembly for the purpose of reconsidering its Resolution of 29 November 1947, as a whole or in part, and discussing such other matters relating thereto as the Committee may find necessary for the pacific settlement of the situation in Palestine.

3. REQUESTS the Government of the United Kingdom to postpone the date fixed for the termination of its mandate until 15 July 1948, and accordingly, its arrangements for the evacuation of its troops from Palestine.
