



Security Council

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Resolution 681 (1990)

*Adopted by the Security Council at its 2970th meeting on
20 December 1990*

The Security Council,

Reaffirming the obligations of Member States under the United Nations Charter,

Reaffirming also the principle of the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by war set forth in Security Council resolution [242 \(1967\)](#),

Having received the report of the Secretary-General submitted in accordance with Security Council [resolution 672 \(1990\)](#) of 12 October 1990 on ways and means for ensuring the safety and protection of the Palestinian civilians under Israeli occupation and in particular taking note of paragraphs 20 to 26 thereof (S/21919),

Taking note of the interest of the Secretary-General to visit and send his envoy to pursue his initiative with the Israeli authorities, as indicated in paragraph 22 of the report of the Secretary-General (S/21919), and of their recent invitation extended to him,

Gravely concerned at the dangerous deterioration of the situation in all the Palestinian territories occupied by Israel since 1967, including Jerusalem, and at the violence and rising tension in Israel,

Taking into consideration the statement by the President of the Security Council on 20 December 1990 concerning the method and approach for a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the Arab-Israeli conflict;

Recalling its resolutions [607 \(1988\)](#), of 5 January 1988, [608 \(1988\)](#), of 14 January 1988, [636 \(1989\)](#) of July 1989 and [641 \(1989\)](#) of 30 August 1989, and alarmed by the decision of the Government of Israel to deport four Palestinians from the occupied territories in contravention of its obligations under the Fourth Geneva Convention, of 1949,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for his report;
2. *Expresses its grave concern* over the rejection by Israel of Security Council resolutions [672 \(1990\)](#) of 12 October 1990 and [673 \(1990\)](#) of 24 October 1990;

3. *Deplores* the decision by the Government of Israel, the occupying Power, to resume deportations of Palestinian civilians in the occupied territories;
4. *Urges* the Government of Israel to accept *de jure* applicability of the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949, to all the territories occupied by Israel since 1967, and to abide scrupulously by the provisions of the said Convention;
5. *Calls upon* the high contracting parties to the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949 to ensure respect by Israel, the occupying Power, for its obligations under the Convention in accordance with article 1 thereof;
6. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the International Committee of the Red Cross, to develop further the idea expressed in his report of convening a meeting of the high contracting parties to the Fourth Geneva Convention and to discuss possible measures that might be taken by them under the Convention and for this purpose to invite these parties to submit their views on how the idea could contribute to the goals of the Convention, as well as on other relevant matters, and to report thereon to the Council;
7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to monitor and observe the situation regarding Palestinian civilians under Israeli occupation, making new efforts in this regard on an urgent basis, and to utilize and designate or draw upon the United Nations and other personnel and resources present there, in the area and elsewhere, needed to accomplish this task and to keep the Security Council regularly informed;
8. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit a first progress report to the Security Council by the first week of March 1991 and every four months thereafter and decides to remain seized of the matter as necessary.

Adopted unanimously.

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