

rather in the broader context of the whole complex political picture in the Middle East that such a solution must be sought. The current extension of the Agency's mandate in itself cannot contribute to reducing the complexities of the refugee problem, which indeed may be even more frustrating two years hence than they were when the question was reviewed last year. We must, therefore, beware of accepting this extension as having in any sense placed a two or three-year moratorium on constructive consideration of the Palestine problem. Nor may we regard it as having excused any of us - and particularly the governments most directly concerned - from continuing earnestly to seek every opportunity, and to take advantage of every occasion, to improve the political atmosphere in the Middle East.