

friends to work together in the common interests of humanity. We think it is right to join with those countries which have appealed to the countries most directly concerned for an even greater degree of co-operation in finding a solution to this problem. Certain speakers have stressed that the only real and just solution to this problem is the repatriation of all the refugees to their homes and have referred to the generous aid they have given in assisting the refugees. Without abandoning any question of principle as to the right of the refugees to repatriation, we think it is nevertheless fair to urge an even greater measure of co-operation from the host countries in carrying through the implementation of such projects as will enable as large a number of refugees as possible to become self-supporting. We must also appeal to Israel to consider this problem with the same truly charitable outlook. To permit the refugee problem to continue as an insoluble problem is to continue a festering sore which may bring great evil in the future. Any generous act which Israel can do towards solution of this problem in whole or in part will be rewarded a hundredfold.

This delegation has been happy to note the good results which have followed from the addition to the Advisory Committee of Egypt, Jordan and Syria. We will be happy to support that part of the joint resolution which authorizes the Advisory Commission to increase its membership by not more than two additional members and we welcome the interest which Lebanon has expressed in being represented upon the Commission.

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**NOTE:** The Ad Hoc Committee of the eighth session of the United Nations General Assembly passed the following resolution dealing with Palestine Refugees. The vote was 46 in favour (including Canada), none against and five abstentions (Soviet bloc countries).

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING its resolutions 194 (III) of 11 December 1948, 302 (IV) of 8 December 1949, 393 (V) of 2 December 1950, 513 (VI) of 26 January 1952 and 614 (VII) of 6 November 1952,

HAVING EXAMINED the report of the Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (A/2470) and the special report of the Director and the Advisory Commission of that Agency (A/2470/Add.1),

NOTING that programme agreements envisaging the commitment of approximately \$120 million have been signed by UNRWA with the governments of several Near Eastern countries, pursuant to the plan endorsed by the General Assembly in resolution 513 (VI), but that expectations as regards the execution of the projects programme have not been realized,

NOTING also that the situation of the refugees continues to be a matter of grave concern,