

### III. CASES RECENTLY CLARIFIED

24. Several positive developments have taken place regarding cases of arrest, detention or abduction of United Nations staff. Five staff members whose detention was reported to the General Assembly at its forty-second session were released during the present reporting period: Mr. Salim Hout, held by militia or unknown elements in Lebanon, was released on 14 August 1987; Mr. Mufid Muhyeddin Sadeq and Mr. Mahmoud Ghanem Assad, detained in Lebanon by Syrian armed forces since 1985 and 1986, respectively, were released on 16 June and 11 April 1988, respectively; Mr. Issa Awawdeh, arrested by Israeli authorities in the occupied Gaza Strip on 25 June 1987, was released on 11 August 1987; another UNRWA staff member, Mr. Majed Mohammad Makmoud Abu Arab, arrested in the occupied West Bank on 31 May 1987, was released on 29 November 1987 (A/C.5/43/18, para. 14).

25. The wife and daughter of a staff member of the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Mr. Eugene Soloviev, who had not been able to leave the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics for eight years (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1988/17, para. 28, and A/C.5/43/27, p. 16), were authorized to leave and joined him at his duty station in Paris on 16 December 1988.

26. Mr. Reverien Ngiwe, a staff member of the World Food Programme (WFP), whose arrest on 18 June 1988 and detention in Rwanda were reported earlier (A/C.5/43/18, annex I, p. 14 and E/CN.4/Sub.2/1988/17, para. 11), was released in August 1988.