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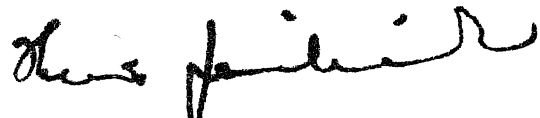
PRISONERS-OF-WAR IN SYRIARequest by Israel Labour Party

At its meeting in London on 9 December, the Bureau heard a report by Michael Harish, International Secretary of the Israeli Labour Party, on the plight of Israeli prisoners-of-war in Syria. Michael Harish emphasised that any solution for the release of Israeli prisoners-of-war in Syria would depend on the Syrian Government's willingness to :

- (i) hand over a list of prisoners-of-war to the Israeli government,
- (ii) allow Red Cross officials to meet the prisoners,
- (iii) exchange wounded prisoners,
- (iv) exchange other prisoners

in accordance with the Geneva Convention.

The Bureau instructed me to request member parties to contact the Syrian and Soviet Embassies in their respective countries as soon as possible on this matter and to inform the Secretariat quickly of the results of their intervention which should be based on humanitarian grounds.



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General Secretary