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REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO
INVESTIGATE ISRAELI PRACTICES
AFFECTING THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF
THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND OTHER
ARABS OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

SECURITY COUNCIL
Forty-fifth year

Letter dated 27 April 1990 from the Permanent Representative of
the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement issued on
27 April 1990 at a briefing in the press centre of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of the USSR.

I should be grateful if you would have this text distributed as an official
document of the forty-fifth session of the General Assembly, under items 23 and 77
of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) A. BELONOGOV

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ANNEX

According to information **being** received, on 26 April - on the occasion of the observance of the **end** of the Muslim fast - units of the Israeli Army **stormed** the Jabalia Palestine refugee camp in the occupied **Gaza** Strip. The operation, commanded by the Chief of the **Israeli** General Staff, D. **Shomron**, employed tanks and **military** helicopters. Israeli soldiers broke into homes and mosques and **carried out mass searches** and arrests.

In protest, Palestinians began **massive** demonstrations in **Gaza**. Although the demonstrators employed exclusively **peaceful means**, without using weapons, the Israeli troops fired on them. **As** a result, at least two Palestinians were killed and about one **hundred** wounded.

The Soviet Union roundly condemns this cruel and criminal action by the Israeli soldiery and demands an immediate end to the acts of repression **against** the civilian population, the **systematic** violations of human rights and the insulting of the religious feelings of the faithful.

All these actions fall clearly within **the** overall **context** of the unlawful policy pursued by Israel in the occupied Arab territories, consisting in the continual establishment there **of** new illegal settlements and the settling of Jewish immigrants. That policy **must** be firmly resisted by the entire international community.

It is high **time** for the Israeli leadership to **realize** that reliance on repression and brute **force** will lead their country **down** a blind alley and undermine peaceful efforts in the region. Once again we appeal to **Israel** to **heed the voice** of reason and to **make a genuine** choice in **favour** of peace based on law and justice.
