Resolution 672 (1990)
of 12 October 1990

The Security Council,


Reaffirming that a just and lasting solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict must be based on its resolutions 242 (1967) of 22 November 1967 and 338 (1973) of 22 October 1973, through an active negotiating process which takes into account the right to security for all States in the region, including Israel, as well as the legitimate political rights of the Palestinian people,

Taking into consideration the statement of the Secretary-General relative to the purpose of the mission he is sending to the region and conveyed to the Council by the President on 12 October 1990,43

1. Expresses alarm at the violence which took place on 8 October at the Haram al-Sharif and other Holy Places of Jerusalem resulting in over twenty Palestinian deaths and the injury of more than one hundred and fifty people, including Palestinian civilians and innocent worshippers;

2. Condemns especially the acts of violence committed by the Israeli security forces resulting in injuries and loss of human life;

3. Calls upon Israel, the occupying Power, to abide scrupulously by its legal obligations and responsibilities under the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949,44 which is applicable to all the territories occupied by Israel since 1967;

4. Requests, in connection with the decision of the Secretary-General to send a mission to the region, which the Council welcomes, that he submit a report to the Security Council, before the end of October 1990, containing his findings and conclusions and that he use as appropriate all of the resources of the United Nations in the region in carrying out the mission.

Adopted unanimously at the 2948th meeting.

Decision

At its 2949th meeting, on 24 October 1990, the Council invited the representative of the Sudan to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the item entitled: “The situation in the occupied Arab territories: letter dated 26 September 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Yemen to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/21830).”45

Resolution 673 (1990)
of 24 October 1990

The Security Council,

Reaffirming the obligations of Member States under the Charter of the United Nations,

Adopted at the 2966th meeting by 9 votes to 4 (Colombia, Cuba, Malaysia, Yemen) with 2 abstentions (China, France).

Reaffirming also its resolution 672 (1990) of 12 October 1990,

Having been briefed by the Secretary-General on 19 October 1990,

Expressing alarm at the rejection of resolution 672 (1990) by the Israeli Government, and its refusal to accept the mission of the Secretary-General,

Taking into consideration the statement of the Secretary-General relative to the purpose of the mission he is sending to the region and conveyed to the Council by the President on 12 October 1990,45

Gravely concerned at the continued deterioration of the situation in the occupied territories,

1. Deplores the refusal of the Israeli Government to receive the mission of the Secretary-General to the region;

2. Urges the Israeli Government to reconsider its decision and insists that it comply fully with resolution 672 (1990) and permit the mission to proceed in keeping with its purpose;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Security Council the report requested in resolution 672 (1990);

4. Affirms its determination to give full and expeditious consideration to the report.

Adopted unanimously at the 2949th meeting.

Decisions

At its 2953rd meeting, on 7 November 1990, the Council decided to invite the representative of Lebanon to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the item entitled:

“The situation in the occupied Arab territories:

“Letter dated 26 September 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Yemen to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/21830).”45

“Report submitted to the Security Council by the Secretary-General in accordance with resolution 672 (1990) (S/21919 and Corr.1 and Add.1-3)”46

At its 2957th meeting, on 16 November 1990, the Council decided, at the request of the representative of Egypt,44 to extend an invitation to Mr. Engin Ansuy under rule 39 of the provisional rules of procedure.

At its 2966th meeting, on 8 December 1990, the Council continued its consideration of the question.

In response to a motion by the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in accordance with rule 33, paragraph 3, of the provisional rules of procedure, the Council decided, by a vote, to adjourn the meeting to Monday, 10 December 1990, at 3 p.m.

43 See 2948th meeting.

44 Document S/21944, incorporated in the record of the 2957th meeting.