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Resolution 720 (VIII), Adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on November 27, 1953¹

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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 report² of the Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East and the special report³ of the Director and the Advisory Commission of that Agency,

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,

1. *Decides*, without prejudice to the provisions of paragraph 11 of resolution 194 (II), or to the provisions of paragraph 4 of resolution 393 (V), that the mandate of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East shall be extended until 30 June 1955, and that its programme shall be again subject to review at the ninth session of the General Assembly;

2. *Authorizes* the Agency to adopt a budget for relief amounting to \$24.8 million for the fiscal year ending 30 June 1954, subject to such adjustments as may be attributable to refugee employment on projects, or as may be necessary to maintain adequate standards, and to adopt a provisional budget for relief of \$18 million for the fiscal year ending 30 June 1955;

3. *Considers* that the projects fund previously authorized by the General Assembly in paragraph 2 of resolution 513(VI) should be maintained at \$200 million until 30 June 1955, and urges UNRWA and the governments of the Near Eastern countries concerned to

¹ Adopted by the General Assembly at its 458th plenary meeting on Nov. 27, 1953. Part A was adopted by 52 votes to none, with 5 abstentions; Part B was adopted by 51 votes to none, with 6 abstentions.

² The report of the Director of UNRWA to the Eighth Session of the General Assembly covered the period from July 1, 1952-June 30, 1953. (U.N. doc. A/2470)

³ U.N. doc. A/2470/Add.1.