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Addendum

PART III: RESOLUTIONS AND OTHER DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE  
CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS AT ITS SECOND MEETING

RESOLUTIONS, p. 94: add the following after resolution 242 (XI):

Executive Secretary's reservations concerning  
resolution 242 (XI)

Before resolution 242 (XI) was adopted, the Executive Secretary drew the attention of the Conference to the fact that the draft resolution and, in particular, operative paragraph 4, was inconsistent with various constitutional principles of the United Nations.

The Executive Secretary referred the Conference to certain provisions of the United Nations Charter, the terms of reference of the Commission and its rules of procedure, Commission resolution 188 (IX) setting out the functions of the Executive Committee and the Staff Rules and Regulations of the United Nations. He explained that all staff of the United Nations, including those of the Commission, were governed by the United Nations Staff Regulations, which were established by the General Assembly in pursuance of Article 101 of the Charter, and that questions relating to the staff and administration of the United Nations Secretariat fell within the purview of the competent bodies of the United Nations, namely the General Assembly and the Fifth Committee.

The Executive Secretary therefore advised against the adoption of the draft resolution and indicated that, in the event that it was adopted by the Conference, he would seek confirmation of his interpretation of the United Nations Rules and Regulations from the Office of Personnel Services and the Office of Legal Affairs at Headquarters. This was done and the two Offices confirmed that the resolution and, in particular, operative paragraph 4 were inconsistent with the afore-mentioned principles.