

References: The Declaration of Independence of the State of Israel and the *Nakba*

ELECTRONIC RESOURCES – PRIMARY SOURCES:

[“The Middle East 1916 – the Present: A Documentary Record.”](#) The Avalon Project at Yale Law School. The Lillian Goldman Law Library.

Assembles all major documents related to the Middle East and “the Palestine Question” from 1916 to the present. Documents include the Balfour Declaration, the British White Paper on Palestine, the 1947 United Nations Partition Plan of Palestine (UN Resolution 181), the Israeli Declaration of Independence, and various UN resolutions relating to the situation of refugees in Palestine/Israel in the period immediately following the 1948 war.

[“UN General Assembly Resolution 181 \(II\): Future Government of Palestine.”](#) UNISPAL United Nations Information System on the Question of Palestine.

The November 29, 1947 UN Partition Plan. Sets the date for the end of the British Mandate of Palestine and proposes the creation of a Jewish state alongside a Palestinian state in historic Palestine. Outlines the borders of the future states and a plan for economic union between Palestine and Israel, and sets up a special UN trusteeship for the city of Jerusalem and its holy places.

[“Conclusions from Progress Report of the United Nations Mediator on Palestine, September 16, 1948.”](#) The Avalon Project at Yale Law School. The Lillian Goldman Law Library.

Recommends a settlement for the conflict following the outbreak of war in Israel/Palestine on May 15, 1948. Suggests new boundaries for the Jewish state, that the remaining Palestinian territory be merged with Jordan, and that a special international trusteeship be established for Jerusalem. Includes a provision for the right of Arab refugees to return to their homes. Declares the urgency of the situation facing both Arab and Jewish refugees, and calls on the UN to provide relief.

[“UN General Assembly Resolution 212 \(III\): Assistance to Palestinian Refugees.”](#) UNISPAL United Nations Information System on the Question of Palestine.

Declares the situation for Palestinian refugees to be critical and calls on member states to donate to the relief effort.

[“UN General Assembly Resolution 194 \(III\): Palestine – Progress Report of the United Nations Mediator.”](#) UNISPAL United Nations Information System on the Question of Palestine.

Affirms the right of return for Palestinian refugees.

[“UN General Assembly Resolution 302 \(IV\): Assistance to Palestine Refugees.”](#) UNISPAL United Nations Information System on the Question of Palestine.

Establishes the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) in order to assist Palestinian refugees. Calls on member states to donate funds in order to prevent starvation and continued suffering.

[“UNRWA Statistics Profiles: General.”](#) Publications and Statistics. UNRWA.

Includes statistics on the number of Palestinian refugees from 1953 to 2000, the number of refugees registered with UNRWA, the number of refugees living in camps, and the number of refugees by age and location and by place of origin.

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