

Subject: Compliance with international law.

The Editor,

The Guardian Weekly.

Dear Editor,

Vsevolod Gurevich [letter, June 11] asks: " Why then no one is trying to suggest an acceptable solution?" The answer is simple. Israel must be made to comply with international law and UN resolutions. This requires complete termination of its illegal occupation of Palestinian territories, and allow the Palestinian refugees to return to their homes. This right of return is a fundamental principle of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the repeatedly re-affirmed UN resolution # 194.

It is to be remembered that Israel was admitted to the UN on the basis of UNGA resolution # 273, of May 11, 1949. That resolution required Israeli implementation of UN resolution # 181, of No. 29, 1947, [the UN Partition of Palestine resolution], and UN resolution # 194, of Dec. 1948, specifying the Right of Return of the Palestinian refugees to their homes. Neither of these two resolutions has been implemented, after 61 years. Clearly, the legitimacy of Israeli UN membership must remain questionable.

The call must be made, by all, for Israel to comply with international law, so that peace and security can be assured for Muslims, Christians and Jews, in this tortured land.

Yours sincerely,

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