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U.N. Resolution 242 Questions

Read the following resolution the United Nations passed after the June 1967 Six-Day War in the Middle East. As you read, think about what the resolution asks Israel to do and what it asks the Arab countries to do. Then answer the questions.

U.N. Resolution 242

Adopted by the United Nations Security Council, November 22, 1967

The Security Council,

Expressing its continuing concern with the grave situation in the Middle East,
Emphasizing the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by war and the need to work for a just and lasting peace in which every State in the area can live in security,
Emphasizing further that all Member States in their acceptance of the Charter of the United Nations have undertaken a commitment to act in accordance with Article 2 of the Charter*,

1. Affirms that the fulfillment of Charter principles requires the establishment of a just and lasting peace in the Middle East which should include the application of both the following principles:
 - a. Withdrawal of Israeli armed forces from territories occupied in the recent conflict;
 - b. Termination of all claims or states of belligerency and respect for and acknowledgment of the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of every State in the area and their right to live in peace within secure and recognized boundaries free from threats or acts of force;
2. Affirms further the necessity
 - a. For guaranteeing freedom of navigation through international waterways in the area;
 - b. For achieving a just settlement of the refugee problem;
 - c. For guaranteeing the territorial inviolability and political independence of every State in the area, through measures including the establishment of demilitarized zones;
3. Requests the Secretary General to designate a Special Representative to proceed to the Middle East to establish and maintain contacts with the States concerned in order to promote agreement and assist efforts to achieve a peaceful and accepted settlement in accordance with the provisions and principles in this resolution;
4. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Security Council on the progress of the efforts of the Special Representative as soon as possible.

* Article 2, Principle 4 of the UN Charter states, All Members shall refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state, or in any other manner inconsistent with the Purposes of the United Nations.”

In your own words, describe what each party mentioned in the resolution is supposed to do. For the time being, leave out the section that reads, “Were these obligations met?”

Israel has to:

Were these obligations met?

The neighboring Arab countries have to:

Were these obligations met?

The U.N. has to:

Were these obligations met?
