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## REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION IN THE AGENDA FOR THE GENERAL CONFERENCE'S THIRTY-EIGHTH REGULAR SESSION OF A SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM ENTITLED

## "RESTORATION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL"

## Explanatory memorandum submitted by Israel

- 1. The peace process initiated in Madrid in October 1991 and the ongoing bilateral and multilateral negotiations have for the first time opened up the prospect of peace in the Middle East.
- 2. The importance of the ongoing Middle East negotiations in promoting mutual confidence has already been recognized by the General Conference in its resolution GC(XXXVII)/RES/627 adopted on 1 October 1993.
- 3. For some years now Israel has been denied the privilege of receiving Agency technical assistance although contributing to it.
- 4. In view of the decisive progress in the ongoing Middle East peace process, it is appropriate that technical assistance to Israel be restored and that Israel be enabled to fully exercise its rights of membership in the Agency in accordance with the principle enshrined in the Agency's Statute of the sovereign equality of Member States.
- 5. We trust that, at the forthcoming regular session of the General Conference, Member States will support Israel by restoring its right to participate fully in the Agency's technical assistance and co-operation programmes, including its right to receive technical assistance from the Agency.