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STEINKRAUS-COHEN INTERNATIONAL LAW LECTURE

"UNRWA's Operational Environment and the Role of International Law"

Peter Hansen

COMMISSIONER-GENERAL
United Nations Relief & Works Agency for Palestine Refugees
in the Near East (UNRWA)

Chair: Prof Christopher Greenwood QC

Wednesday, 28 April at 7.00pm

The Old Theatre London School of Economics Houghton Street, London WC2

Peter Hansen taught International Relations in Denmark before joining the UN in 1978. As Assistant Secretary-General, he led the UN Centre on Transnational Corporations from 1985 to 1992 and then, as Executive Director, the Commission on Global Governance, Geneva, between 1992-1994. Mr. Hansen became Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and UN Emergency Relief Coordinator in March 1994. He has been in his present position since 1996. He has authored several books and scholarly articles on international relations.

UNRWA was established following the 1948 Arab-Israeli conflict to carry out direct relief and works programmes for Palestine refugees. In the absence of a solution to the Palestine refugee problem, the General Assembly has repeatedly renewed UNRWA's mandate, most recently extending it until 30 June 2005. Since its establishment, it has fed, housed and clothed tens of thousands of fleeing refugees and at the same time educated and given health care to hundreds of thousands of young refugees. UNRWA is unique in terms of its long-standing commitment to one group of refugees and its contributions to the welfare and human development of four generations of Palestine refugees. Originally envisaged as a temporary organization, the Agency has gradually adjusted its programmes to meet the changing needs of the refugees. Today, UNRWA is the main provider of basic services - education, health, relief and social services - to over 4.1 million registered Palestine refugees in the Middle East.

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