

OPINION No. 16/1998 (PALESTINE)

Communication addressed to the Government of Palestine on 26 June 1998

Concerning: Shafiq Abd Al-Wahab

The State is not a party to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

1. The Working Group on Arbitrary Detention was established by resolution 1991/42 of the Commission on Human Rights, which extended and clarified its mandate in resolution 1997/50. In accordance with its methods of work, the Working Group transmitted the above-mentioned communication to the Government.
2. The Working Group took note of the reply of the Palestinian Authority that no trace had been found of Mr. Shafiq Abd Al-Wahab's presence in any place of detention. According to the source, he was arrested at his workplace on 21 June 1997.
3. In its reply, the Palestinian Authority explains that this is a case of disappearance.
4. Having checked, the Working Group found that the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances was considering the case.
5. In view of the foregoing, the Working Group therefore decides to refer the case to the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances.

Adopted on 16 September 1998.