

139(XII) Economic and social conditions of the
Palestinian people under occupation

The Economic Commission for Western Asia.

Recalling its resolution 30(III) of 14 May 1976 in which it appealed to the Economic and Social Council for prompt action to take practical measures to ensure the improvement of the economic and social conditions of the Palestinian Arab people in their homeland, its resolution 108(IX) of 11 May 1982 on assistance to the Palestine Liberation Organization, and its resolution 132(XI) of 26 April 1984 calling for special attention to be devoted to social and economic studies on the Palestinian people in the occupied territories,

Recalling the provisions of the Geneva Declaration on Palestine and Programme of Action for the Achievement of Palestinian Rights^{1/} concerning the adoption of measures to alleviate the economic and social burdens borne by the Palestinian people as a result of the continued Israeli occupation of their territories and with regard to contributing or increasing special contributions to the proposed budgets, programmes and projects of the relevant organs, funds and agencies of the United Nations system that have been requested to provide humanitarian and social assistance to the Palestinian people,

1. Expresses gratitude to the Executive Secretary for the secretariat's efforts to conduct social and economic studies on the Palestinian Arab people;

2. Calls upon the Executive Secretary to ensure that all available data and information relating to the occupied Palestinian territories are included in all studies and statistical abstracts issued by the Commission at the regional level;

3. Calls upon the Executive Secretary to include in the programme of work and priorities for the period 1986-1987 studies, in co-operation with the concerned Arab and international organizations, on economic and social conditions in the occupied Palestinian territories, such as may serve to

^{1/} See the report of the International Conference on the Question of Palestine, held at Geneva from 29 August to 7 September 1983.

strengthen the resistance of the Palestinian people in those areas, and to prepare studies on the population situation, the Israeli settlement policy aimed at changing the demographic structure and destroying the Palestinian character of the occupied Palestinian territories, and studies relating to support for the industrial sector, particularly existing industries and the solution of the problems from which they suffer, such as those of marketing, finance, manpower and raw materials:

4. Appeals to the international and Arab organizations concerned with the problems of social and economic development to assist the Executive Secretary in the preparation and execution of such specialized studies.

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