

184(XVI). Economic and social conditions of the Palestinian Arab people in the occupied Palestinian territories

The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia,

Referring to its previous resolutions on economic and social conditions of the Palestinian Arab people, particularly resolutions 139(XII) of 24 April 1985 on the economic and social conditions of the Palestinian Arab people under occupation and 172(XV) of 18 May 1989 on economic and social conditions of the Palestinian Arab people,

Deeply concerned at the continued subjection of inhabitants of the occupied Palestinian territories to harsh measures, increasing restrictions and arbitrariness and the continued Israeli settlement activities on the occupied Palestinian territories, which has led and continues to lead to depletion of the economic and human resources of the Palestinian Arab people and hampers their efforts to build an independent national economy,

Welcoming efforts aimed at the establishment of a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the region based on international legitimacy and at allowing the Palestinian Arab people to regain their legitimate rights, emphasized by relevant United Nations resolutions, including their right to sovereignty over their natural resources and to the management of these resources in their national interest,

Expressing appreciation of the efforts the secretariat is assiduously making to carry out activities related to development in the occupied Palestinian territories,

1. Calls for supporting the secretariat's activities which embody studies, consultancies, workshops, seminars and conferences concerned with economic and social conditions of the Palestinian Arab people and economic development projects in the occupied Palestinian territories, particularly reconstructing and developing the institutional framework of economic and human development activities and addressing issues related to environmental conditions and their repercussions on development potentials in the occupied Palestinian territories;

2. Also calls for strengthening the Commission's role in technical activities falling within its terms of reference and for participation, within the United Nations organs, in technical activities, particularly those related to regional issues in areas of peace, after consulting with member States involved in the peace negotiations;

3. Calls upon all Governments and regional and international institutions to support the secretariat of the Commission and its financial and human resources to enable it to implement this resolution, and calls upon the Executive Secretary to follow up communication with these parties to ensure the necessary support and to submit a report to the Commission at its seventeenth session on the implementation of this resolution.

5th plenary meeting
2 September 1992