

## 345 (XXXI) War on Gaza and support for the Palestinian people

*The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia,*

*Referring to* United Nations General Assembly resolutions [67/19](#) of 29 November 2012 on the status of Palestine in the United Nations, [77/208](#) of 15 December 2022 on the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination, and [ES-10/21](#) of the tenth Emergency Special Session of 27 October 2023 on the protection of civilians and upholding legal and humanitarian obligations,

*Referring also to* Economic and Social Council resolution [2023/34](#) on the Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan,

*Recalling* its resolutions [330 \(XXX\)](#) of 28 June 2018, [326 \(XXIX\)](#) of 15 December 2016, and [316 \(XXVIII\)](#) of 18 September 2014, all of which reaffirm the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, the need to support their efforts and those of their institutions towards attaining those rights in accordance with United Nations resolutions, and intensifying efforts to raise awareness on the rights of the Palestinian people and the violations of those rights,

*Acknowledging* the [resolution](#) of 11 November 2023 issued by the Joint Arab Islamic Extraordinary Summit on Israeli Aggression against the Palestinian People,

*Taking note of* the two reports submitted by the secretariat to the Commission at its thirty-first session under the item “War on Gaza”, which addressed the social and economic repercussions of the war,<sup>1</sup> and the tenets and essential elements for sustainable recovery,<sup>2</sup>

*Noting* the activities of the secretariat to support the Palestinian people and their institutions, including those funded through the grant provided by the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development to the ESCWA Resource Platform to Support the Palestinian People,<sup>3</sup>

1. *Emphasizes* the necessity of stopping the war on the Gaza Strip, and ending the siege imposed on it and on all the Palestinian territory;
2. *Highlights* the unprecedented scale of death, destruction and displacement, coupled with measures to block the entry of humanitarian relief and aid, thus necessitating exceptional efforts to provide and deliver sufficient emergency relief aid;
3. *Stresses* the need to end the Israeli occupation of the Palestinian territory in accordance with international resolutions as a basis for sustainable recovery, which must be owned by the Palestinian people and their institutions during all its stages;
4. *Emphasizes* the need to end all Israeli measures and practices in the occupied Palestinian territory that undermine productive sectors, cause de-development, deepen economic dependency, and increase

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<sup>1</sup> [E/ESCWA/31/8](#).

<sup>2</sup> [E/ESCWA/31/9](#).

<sup>3</sup> The ESCWA Fund to Support Palestine was established pursuant to a recommendation made by the Executive Committee at its sixth meeting ([E/ESCWA/EC.6/2019/16/Report](#)). The concept of the Fund was further developed into the ESCWA Resource Platform to Support the Palestinian People, allowing the mobilization of in-kind and knowledge resources contributing to the implementation of activities that assist Palestinian institutions in planning and implementing policies and programmes that limit the effects of Israeli policies and practices on the Palestinian people, and support sustainable development in the occupied Palestinian territory ([E/ESCWA/EC.8/2021/3](#)).

dependence on foreign aid, including restrictions imposed on the movement of Palestinians within the occupied territory, their economic activity, and their ability to exploit their natural resources;

5. *Also emphasizes* the need to restore economic links between the regions of the occupied Palestinian territory and economic ties with its Arab surroundings, as this constitutes a key prerequisite for reducing de-development in the occupied Palestinian territory and decreasing Palestinian economic dependency on Israel;

6. *Calls on* ESCWA member States to provide support to the ESCWA Resource Platform to Support the Palestinian People to implement activities that contribute to strengthening Palestinian capacity to confront and overcome the economic and social impact of the occupation;

7. *Requests* the ESCWA secretariat to intensify activities that contribute to supporting the Palestinian people and their institutions through the following:

(a) Develop and operationalize the guiding tenets for the recovery and development process in the Gaza Strip, in collaboration with United Nations institutions, to rationalize international humanitarian and development assistance and enhance coordination and collaboration with relevant Palestinian stakeholders in this context;

(b) Support Palestinian institutions in assessing damages, losses and needs resulting from the repercussions of the war, in collaboration with other international and regional organizations;

(c) Strengthen the nexus approach between humanitarian, recovery and development processes;

(d) Strengthen Palestinian institutional capacity to lead the recovery process in the Gaza Strip, including the capacity to provide basic services;

(e) Forge partnerships with international, regional and local bodies to support the recovery and development process in the Gaza Strip;

8. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to follow up on the implementation of the present resolution, and to report on progress to the Commissions at its thirty-second session.

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