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Economic and Social Council

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Economic and Social Repercussions of the Israeli Occupation on the Living Conditions of the Palestinian People in the Occupied Palestinian Territory including Jerusalem and the Arab Population in the Occupied Syrian Arab Golan

SUBMITTED TO: The Economic and Social Council

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1 *Recognizing* the numerous Economic and Social Council resolutions such as,
2 E/2003/59, E/2004/54 E/2005/51 recognizing the rights and sovereignty of peoples in
3 occupied areas;

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5 *Recalling* Security Council Resolution 465 (1980) which affirms the relevance of
6 international humanitarian law, in particular the Geneva Convention relative to the
7 Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War (1949) to the occupied Palestinian
8 territory, including East Jerusalem, and to the occupied Syrian Golan,

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10 *Affirming* the relevance of international standards of human rights, in particular
11 the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenants on Human
12 Rights (1948), to the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and to the
13 occupied Syrian Golan,

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15 *Guided by* the principles of the Charter of the United Nations affirming the
16 inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by force, and recalling relevant Security
17 Council resolutions, including resolutions 242 (1967), 338 (1973), 446 (1979), 452
18 (1979), 465 (1980), 476 (1980), 478 (1980), 497 (1981), 904 (1994), 1073 (1996), 1397
19 (2002), 1515 (2003), and 1544 (2004) which strongly urge immediate cease-fire and
20 withdrawal from occupied territories, determine the establishment of settlements as
21 illegal, and call for the end of all violence,

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23 *Taking into account* the advisory opinion by the International Court of Justice in
24 2004 on the Legal Consequences of the Construction of a Wall in the Occupied Palestinian
25 Territory,

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27 *Taking note of* the most recent report of the Special Rapporteur of the
28 Commission on Human Rights on the situation in the Palestinian territories occupied by
29 Israel since 1967, which considers the violation of human rights in the occupied Arab
30 territories,

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32 *Recalling* the 2006 report of the Secretary-General on the economic and social
33 repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people
34 in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the
35 occupied Syrian Golan,

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37 *Observing* that the elimination of the checkpoints would alleviate humanitarian
38 crisis as well as promote the development of the Palestinian economy,

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40 *Expressing* deep concern about the Israeli policy of closure and the severe
41 restrictions, including curfews, that continue to be imposed on the movement of persons
42 and goods, including medical and humanitarian personnel and goods, throughout the
43 Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the occupied Syrian Golan
44 Heights and the consequent negative impact on the socio-economic situation of the
45 people in occupied territories, which remains that of a dire humanitarian crisis,

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47 *Expressing* the hope that the Israeli occupation will be brought to an immediate
48 end and that therefore the many forms of collective punishment on the people in occupied
49 territories will cease,

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51 1. *Urges* all parties to respect the rule of humanitarian law and to refrain from
52 violence against the civilian population in accordance with the Geneva Convention
53 relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in a Time of War;

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55 2. *Deplores* those policies and practices of Israel that violate the human rights of
56 the Palestinian people and other Arabs of the occupied territories, and strongly urges that
57 it respect human rights law and comply with its legal obligations in this regard;

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59 3. *Strongly urges* the immediate and complete cessations of all Israeli settlement
60 activities in all of the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and in the
61 occupied Syrian Golan, and calls for the full implementation of the relevant resolutions of
62 the Security Council to quickly alleviate the humanitarian crisis;

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64 4. *Requests* that Israel comply with its legal obligations, as mentioned in the
65 advisory opinion by the International Court of Justice, and immediately cease the
66 construction of the wall, dismantle the structure of situated therein, repeal all legislative
67 and regulatory acts relating thereto, and make reparation for all damage caused by the
68 construction of the wall;

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70 5. *Urges* Israel to end all restrictions on movement, including lengthy curfews and
71 numerous checkpoints, as well as terminate the demolition of housing, and the
72 destruction of property to ultimately end the collective punishment of those in the
73 occupied territories;

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75 6. *Calls* for the normalization of economic relations of states with the occupied
76 territories to encourage stability and development in those areas;

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78 7. *Strongly urges* the Security Council to immediately discuss and act on the
79 numerous blockades such as sea, air, and land which seriously denies access to vital
80 resources and humanitarian aid exacerbating the ability of peoples in occupied territories
81 to economically and socially develop.

Passed, Yes: 18 / No: 8 / Abstain: 9