



American Model United Nations  
**Fourth Committee**

GA 4th/II/2

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: United Nations Relief and Works Agency for  
Palestine Refugees in the Near East

SUBMITTED TO: The Fourth Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Islamic Republic of  
Iran, Oman, Hungary, Kuwait, Libyan Arab  
Jamahiriya, Netherlands

*The Fourth Committee*

1 *Having examined* the Report of the Working Group on the Financing of United  
2 Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) on  
3 25 September 2007,

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5 *Deeply disturbed* with the matter of demurrage, storage and transportation charges  
6 levied upon the Agency by Israel equaling \$1.4 million in 2006, inducing further strain on  
7 the Agency's already mounting financial crisis,

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9 *Further concerned* that as of September 2007 the Agency remains \$106 million  
10 dollars under funded for the fiscal year,

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12 *Deeply regretting* that such a deficit in the UNRWA's funding would not only  
13 lead to non-implementation of the Medium Term Plan but also further deteriorates the  
14 living conditions of the Palestinian refugees,

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16 *Noting with satisfaction* the Commissioner-General and United Nations Relief and  
17 Works Agency for all their efforts in these trying times and doing their best despite their  
18 depleted resources,

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20 1. *Calls upon* the occupying power to cease obstruction of the UNRWA's ability  
21 to fulfill its mandate and allow humanitarian aid; as affirmed in the 1946 Geneva  
22 Convention regarding the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations;

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24 2. *Further calls upon* Israeli authorities to exempt UNRWA of all transit charges  
25 as reported in A/62/361;

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27 3. *Strongly encourages* the government of Israel to make reparation to the  
28 UNRWA for past damages to facilities and property;

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30           4. *Reaffirms* the concern over the endangerment of the Agency staff and strongly  
31   deplores the killing and wounding of refugees or Agency staff members by Israeli forces  
32   (A/61/114);

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34           5. *Calls upon* once again that all parties concerned implement with UNRWA in  
35   their humanitarian efforts;

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37           6. *Expresses its hope* that Member States' generosity would continue to help  
38   provide vital assistance in whatever means available, including but not limited to: human  
39   resources, educational resources, medical aid, food aid, financial and technical assistance;

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41           7. *Further urges* Israel to facilitate the uninhibited movement of Palestinian  
42   refugees for means necessary to support their livelihoods.

Passed, Yes: 35 / No: 31 / Abstain: 22