



American Model United Nations

## Economic and Social Council

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Situation of and Assistance to Palestinian Women

SUBMITTED TO: The Economic and Social Council

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Portugal, United Kingdom, Indonesia, Malawi,  
Mozambique, Viet Nam, Republic of Korea, Canada

*The Economic and Social Council,*

1           *Gravely concerned* with the suffering of Palestinian women and their unequal  
2 position in Palestinian society,  
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4           *Affirming* that women's rights are a critical component of any human rights or  
5 development goal,  
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7           *Guided by* the Convention of the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination  
8 Against Women (CEDAW), the Beijing Declaration from the Fourth World Conference  
9 on Women (FWCW), ECOSOC RES/2007/33 and the subsequent Secretary-General  
10 report E/2008/53 on the mainstreaming of a gender perspective in UN actions,  
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12           *Recalling* ECOSOC RES/2008/11 on the situation of and assistance to  
13 Palestinian women, A/RES/63/98 and the Fourth Geneva Convention in regards to the  
14 responsibilities of an occupying power, S/RES/1850 (2008) calling on both sides to  
15 support the peace process, and all previous Economic and Social Council and General  
16 Assembly resolutions relevant to the situation of Palestinian women,  
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18           *Further Recalling* the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the United  
19 Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child,  
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21           *Bearing in mind* the Millennium Development Goals, in particular Goal 3: to  
22 Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women, and their deadline of 2015,  
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24           *Recognizing* the tenets emphasized by the General Union of Palestinian  
25 Women,  
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27           *Noting with approval* the drafted Palestinian Women's Bill of Rights,  
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29           *Further noting* the exacerbation of the situation of Palestinian women due to  
30 life in a conflict zone,

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*Alarmed by* the deteriorating situation for women in Palestine due to restrictions on basic commodities including electricity, food, fuel, etc.,

*Recognizing* the distinction between humanitarian aid and empowerment to Palestinian women and political interference,

*Noting* that eventual peace is essential to the long-term safety and empowerment of Palestinian women, but that immediate humanitarian issues are within the purview of this body and can be addressed while such long-term processes progress,

1. *Encourages* Member States to support the General Union of Palestinian Women and its National Strategy for the Advancement of Palestinian Women;

2. *Calls on* the Palestinian Authority to enact gender quotas as endorsed in the FWCW, including appointing more Palestinian women to decision-making roles in the Palestinian Authority and other institutions, so as to empower them and enable women to have an equal voice in the affairs of Palestine;

3. *Urges* the international community to acknowledge a Palestinian Women's Bill of Rights;

4. *Calls for* increased support for the General Union of Palestinian Women and its National Strategy for the Advancement of Palestinian Women;

5. *Requests* increased support from donating Member States, bodies, and organizations for NGOs which provide medical care to Palestinians, especially in the areas of:

- (a) Maternal care, both pre- and post-natal;
- (b) Assistance during childbirth;
- (c) Pediatric care;

6. *Further requests* increased aid from the United Nations Development Fund For Women (UNIFEM) to be directed towards procuring basic commodities of daily life, including electricity, food, fuel, and water access;

7. *Encourages* the use of microfinance programs along the lines of UNIFEM's current programs as a component of poverty reduction with the end result of empowerment of Palestinian Women;

8. *Further requests* donating Member States, bodies, and organizations to increase aid and support for the improvement and establishment of schooling for girls and women, in the spirit of CEDAW, as well as technology and vocational training for adult women to allow them to enter the workforce, with possible collaborative programs to enable more women and girls to be able to attend possibly including but not limited to:

- (a) school meal programs;

77 (b) pay-based incentives for female grades;  
78 (c) safe transportation to/from schooling facilities in dangerous areas;

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80 9. *Further calls upon* the Palestinian Authority to establish an effective reporting  
81 system for domestic violence and sexual assault and to respond to reports in an effective  
82 and timely manner;

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84 10. *Recommends* the convening of a fifth World Conference on Women between  
85 the present time and the 2015 deadline of the Millennium Development Goals, with the  
86 situation of Palestinian women as a topic of discussion.

Passed, Yes: 28 / No: 0 / Abstain: 18