



American Model United Nations

Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

ESCWA/II/1

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Social Development: Population and Social Development

SUBMITTED TO: The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

SPONSORS: Kuwait, Bahrain, Syrian Arab Republic, Jordan

1 *The Economic and Social Council*

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3 *Deeply concerned* with the dire conditions faced by Palestinian refugees residing within
4 the Western Asia region,

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6 *Recalling* the previous recommendations put forth regarding Palestine in S.RES.242,

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8 *Reaffirming* that little has been done so far to address said conditions in their current
9 situation,

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11 *Bearing in mind* the skilled Palestinian workers whose potential contributions to the
12 region are being underutilized,

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14 *Recognizing* the efforts of certain Economic and Social Council of Western Asia
15 (ESCWA), member states to promote the improvement of status of Palestinians within
16 their borders,

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18 1. *Urges* member states of the ESCWA region to act collectively to improve the
19 temporary conditions of Palestinian refugees by granting restricted residency status for
20 those refugees who have been living within the host countries for a specific period of
21 time in order to attempt to provide opportunities for them to work in the formal economy;

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23 2. Suggests that the aforementioned residency does not include:

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(a) The right to vote;

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(b) The right to hold public office;

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(c) The access to public social service;

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(d) The possibility of public employment;

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29 3. *Emphasizes* that this recommendation is not aimed at Palestinians currently living in
30 the West Bank, Gaza and Golan Heights;

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32 4. *Reminds* all states that the above suggestions are temporary in nature.

Passed, Yes: 6 / No: 0 / Abstain: 3