



American Model United Nations
Economic and Social Council

ECOSOC/II/5

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 East Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan

SUBMITTED TO: The Economic and Social Council

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1 Guided by a desire to fulfill the responsibility placed on all nations by the
2 Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

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4 Noting with concern the report by UNESCO stating that while primary enrollment
5 rates worldwide have increased over the last decade, Palestinian primary enrollment has
6 dropped 22% from 2000-2009,

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8 Recognizing the efforts made by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for
9 Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), the United Nations Development
10 Program (UNDP), and the United Nations Children's Education Fund,

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12 Desiring a change in the self-reinforcing culture of violence which pervades the
13 entire region of Israel and Palestine,

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15 1. Emphasizes the importance of civil society programs and impact they can have
16 on cultural growth and a culture of peace;

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18 2. Desires the implementation of programs and forums aimed at providing cultural
19 interactions between the Israelis and Palestinians at the individual civilian level in order
20 to find common ground upon which to begin peaceful dialogue without the policy
21 restrictions possessed by governments;

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23 3. Recognizes the innovation and value of programs such as Encounter which
24 work towards bridging the cultural and informational gaps between Israeli and Palestinian
25 community leaders through direct dialogue and sustained interaction;

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27 4. Acknowledges that the perceptions formulated at a young age can last a lifetime
28 and seeks to encourage cooperation amongst Israeli and Palestinian schools with the
29 assistance of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in order to stimulate positive
30 interactions and perceptions amongst the youth of the region;

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32 5. Solemnly affirms the importance of the work done by the United Nations Relief

34 and Works Agency (UNRWA) in regards to administering the Palestinian refugee centers
35 and requests an increase in funding, infrastructure, and technical support with the goal of
36 increasing sustainable progress in education, health, and sanitation;

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38 8. *Decides* to include the item “Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli
39 occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian
40 Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian
41 Golan” on the agenda of its substantive session of 2012.

Passed, Yes: 22 / No: 7 / Abstain: 13