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Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: War on Gaza: tenets and essential elements for sustainable recovery

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1 *Affirming* prior attempts to deliver aid to the Gaza Strip by the United Nations Relief and Works
2 Agency for Palestinian Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) and other United Nations bodies,

3 *Recalling* the debilitating conditions that Palestinians have been facing since October 2023 due
4 to a lack of aid, an absence of healthcare services, and unsafe living conditions,

5 *Expressing* its appreciation of the efforts made by non-governmental organizations, standalone
6 humanitarian committees, and member-states who have contributed significantly to humanitarian
7 aid efforts in the Gaza Strip, as well as the previous funding initiative efforts put forth by the UNRWA and
8 other organizations providing humanitarian aid,

9 *Appreciating* member nations and other relief organizations that improve commitment and
10 efficiency for the humanitarian assistance of affected populations,

11 1. *Strongly encourages* the continuation of humanitarian aid endeavors in the Gaza Strip and
12 doing so in the most effective manner:

13 (a) Encourages delivery by trucks due to the method being proven as the most effective
14 way to deliver humanitarian aid;

15 (i) Affirms this method because of the successful delivery of humanitarian aid from 400
16 trucks that successfully entered the Occupied Palestinian Territory after the establish-
17 ment of the October 2025 ceasefire;

18 (b) Encourages the delivery of humanitarian aid via non-governmental organizations
19 (NGOs) to ensure necessary aid is delivered;

20 (c) Discourages the delivery of humanitarian aid via other means, such as air, due to
21 the dangers and lack of cost-effectiveness;

22 (d) Reaffirms the need for all states to facilitate humanitarian aid, specifically in refer-
23 ence to the Rafah border crossing;

24 2. *Urges* that various types of humanitarian aid be delivered to Gaza:

25 (a) Advises that distributing food packages is essential for recovery;

26 (i) Encourages the distribution of water supplies, which are essential for the recovery of
27 famine-stricken populations;

28 A. Taking note of the 70,000 tons of waste and toxic chemicals have been dumped into
29 Palestinian water sources and soil, making clean water and food scarce in the region;

30 (ii) Notes that more than 80 percent of Gaza's farmland has been damaged or de-
31 stroyed, which further exacerbates the growing famine and malnutrition in Gaza, making
32 food aid crucial to distribute;

33 (b) Seeks temporary and long-term shelter equipment;

(i) Recommends supplies such as cots, tents, and storage should be distributed in order to protect people and items from damage from surrounding weather and ongoing conflict;

(c) Invites the continuation of health services and supplies;

(i) Calls for the continuation and expansion of first aid, emergency surgical needs, the distribution of medications, and hygienic products such as soap and detergent;

3. *Requests* that the existing humanitarian aid programs continue to receive funding:

(a) Recommends the continuation and expansion of the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) aid program;

(i) Continuing to provide essential humanitarian assistance to the Gaza Strip and other Occupied Palestinian Territories;

(b) Urges member states to continue funding NGOs;

(i) Emphasizes *that* the assistance of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) is an integral source for distributing and providing aid;

A. Notes that the World Central Kitchen (WCK) has served more than 145 million meals to people in Gaza, with an ideal 200,000 meals being provided daily when feasible and unhindered by outside forces;

B. Reaffirms the Global Empowerment Mission (GEM) mobilizing aid by securing monthly deliveries of 10 million nutrient-dense humane meals designed specifically for the recovery of famine victims;

(ii) Notes the transition of how aid is delivered into the hands of Palestinians is crucial to consider, given the commitment of the Economic and Social Committee for Western Asia (ESCWA) to the recognition of the State of Palestine and its sovereignty;

4. *Supports* organizations or states furthering humanitarian aid efforts in the Occupied Palestinian Territory:

(a) Recognizes the efforts of the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF);

(i) Commends that CERF has given a total of \$20 million in aid to the Gaza Strip to meet urgent needs and plans to use this funding to expand humanitarian efforts and support the immediate scale-up of aid operations: food, water, healthcare, and shelter for civilians;

(b) Affirms the efforts of the Occupied Palestinian Territory Humanitarian Fund (OPT HF);

(i) Endorses their management of a total of 135 ongoing projects such as education, food security, protection, as well as a variety of other programs;

(ii) Approves of its pledge of \$77.7 million in funding to the Occupied Palestinian Territory, with the West Bank receiving \$10.4 million and the Gaza Strip receiving \$67.3 million.

Passed by consensus, with 0 abstention