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Report to the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia on War on Gaza: tenets and essential elements for sustainable recovery

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# 1 Executive Summary

The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia is pleased to present its final report to the Economic and Social Council on the topic of the War on Gaza: tenets and essential elements for sustainable recovery. The report covers a variety of subtopics, including pathways towards achieving immediate humanitarian assistance, necessary commitments for widespread compliance and enforcement of the recommendations, and damage assessment projects.

In the first session, held on 22 November 2025, the committee reached a consensus in favor of Palestinian statehood, a pathway towards immediate recovery for the region, and calls for an immediate permanent ceasefire.

The first chapter of the report includes three resolutions and additional recommendations made by the body for the Economic and Social Council to consider. Resolution 1/1 affirms prior attempts to deliver aid and expresses the need to continue providing aid to the Gaza Strip. The resolution also highlights prior manners of funding methods and expresses the need to continue funding aid efforts for Occupied Palestine. Resolution 1/2 emphasizes the need for compliance from Israel regarding a permanent ceasefire. This resolution also recognizes the limitations of member states' abilities to enforce compliance. Resolution 1/3 addresses the potential reconstruction that will need to occur after the cessation of military activities in Gaza. The resolution specifically covers rebuilding vital infrastructure such as hospitals and schools, as well infrastructure related to agriculture and water. In addition, the resolution emphasizes the necessity of a Palestinian-led damage assessment coordinating with international organizations.

The second chapter of the report includes the deliberations by the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia regarding the aforementioned subtopics. These deliberations broached a wide range of subjects. Ultimately, these discussions emphasize the similar stances Member States of this body hold on Palestinian Statehood, the need for a permanent ceasefire, humanitarian assistance, and a sustainable recovery plan enabling Palestinian self-determination.

# 2 Matters calling for action

# 2.1 ESCWA I/1

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

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

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

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

- 1. Strongly encourages the continuation of humanitarian aid endeavors in the Gaza Strip and doing so in the most effective manner:
- (a) Encourages delivery by trucks due to the method being proven as the most effective way to deliver humanitarian aid;
  - (i) Affirms this method because of the successful delivery of humanitarian aid from 400 trucks that successfully entered the Occupied Palestinian Territory after the establishment of the October 2025 ceasefire;
- (b) Encourages the delivery of humanitarian aid via non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to ensure necessary aid is delivered;
- (c) Discourages the delivery of humanitarian aid via other means, such as air, due to the dangers and lack of cost-effectiveness;
- (d) Reaffirms the need for all states to facilitate humanitarian aid, specifically in reference to the Rafah border crossing;
  - Urges that various types of humanitarian aid be delivered to Gaza:
    - (a) Advises that distributing food packages is essential for recovery;
    - (i) Encourages the distribution of water supplies, which are essential for the recovery of famine-stricken populations;
    - A. Taking note of the 70,000 tons of waste and toxic chemicals have been dumped into Palestinian water sources and soil, making clean water and food scarce in the region;
    - (ii) Notes that more than 80 percent of Gaza's farmland has been damaged or destroyed, which further exacerbates the growing famine and malnutrition in Gaza, making food aid crucial to distribute;
    - (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.

# 2.2 ESCWA I/2

Acknowledging the work of Member States, the United Nations and the United Nations Security Council in working toward peace in Gaza,,

*Emphasizing* the unanimous recognition in this Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia of Palestine's right to recovery, their right to sovereignty and that an immediate ceasefire must be implemented,

Recognizing the regional role the League of Arab States can play in the enforcement of this resolution,

Remaining cautious of corporations within United Nations Member States privately investing in perpetuating the destabilization of the Gaza region,

Noting that Member States have certain energy requirements that only other Member States can currently fulfill and acknowledging that this prevents those countries from immediately stopping trade,

Highlighting that due to the severity of international aid crises within other United Nations Member States, some Member States experiencing current humanitarian crises should not be expected to divert any aid towards Gaza,

1. Encourages the body to maintain current trade partnerships, but to not engage in any new trade deliberations and agreements that conflict with United Nations peace efforts in the Gaza region and a lasting ceasefire;

2. *Urges* the United Nations to uphold existing sanctions towards Israel to enforce the recommendations proposed in this report.

# 2.3 ESCWA I/3

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Reaffirming resolution 2803 (2025) of 17 November 2025,

Recognizing the longstanding desire for an independent, prosperous Palestinian State which reaffirms the right of Palestinian people to self-determination,

Affirming a secure and prosperous Arab region can not exist without addressing the roots of conflict and instability in the region,

Further recognizing the lack of resources which have led to a massive injury crises, disease outbreaks, and health crises,

- 1. Emphasizes the need for a rapid rubble clearance under United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), as the rubble impedes essential access to areas of Gaza;
- 2. Stresses the desperate need for immediate and prompt rebuilding of infrastructure, once again referring to 2803 (2025) of 17 November 2025:
  - (a) Educational Institutions with public access to internet;
  - (b) Safe access to transportation and rebuilding of an accessible airport;
- (c) Agriculture and water infrastructure, including rain water harvesting, wells, desalination plants hydroponics, circular agriculture, and crop rotation;
  - (d) Hospitals and adequate healthcare infrastructure;
  - 3. Suggests funding for the Coastal Municipal Water Utility (CMWU);
- 4. Further suggests collaboration with the Palestinian Environmental NGOs Network (PENGON) in matching the form of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);
  - 5. Requests emergency response materials in the forms of generators to provide the facilities with power to operate medical supplies;
  - 6. *Urges* the Economic and Social Committee of Western Asia (ESCWA) secretariat to establish a Palestinian Damage Assessment Task Force (PDATF) once a permanent ceasefire has been established to:
  - (a) Assess damages based on Palestinian citizens perspectives through existing government institutions and NGOs;
    - 7. Provides resources from relevant United Nations agencies:
      - (a) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP);
      - (b) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP);
- (c) Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA);
- (d) Other relevant specialized agencies under the Economic and Social Commission's (ECOSOC) oversight;
- 8. Further urges the Arab Nations to coordinate relevant regional organizations, such as the League of Arab States, in working toward a complete economic recovery with international stakeholders:
- (a) Establishes development councils with international and voluntary regional experts to assist in damage assessment;
  - (i) Specifically in regard to education and technical assistance;

(b) Does so in coordination with the UNDP, OCHA, other relevant United Nations and international institutions, and the relevant government institutions within Gaza.

### 2.4 Current Refuge Issue

The Economic and Social Commission of Western Asia is aware of the mass displacement that has occurred in Gaza. This body reaffirms the need for stability in the region. Recognizing that United Nations oversight is crucial to a lasting peace in the region and acknowledging the pervasive and non-sustainable issues with the current state of the administration of Gaza and the need for efficient distribution of resources to the Palestinian people, the body encourages the approval of the creation of a five mile zone with United Nations oversight on the border between Gaza and Egypt by 4 July 2026. This zone will be the cornerstone of efforts to rebuild Gaza and serve as a staging plan for international cooperation.

Egypt acknowledges its role as a main conduit for the transportation of aid into Gaza. The body recommends increased human aid and security by creating a special five mile partnership zone that allows for greater cooperation between Egypt and the United Nations. By promoting a consistent circulation of humanitarian aid, the region's reliance would subside and proceed towards reconstruction initiatives. In an attempt to alleviate Israel's fears that aid may contain items with military applications, this council encourages further exploration of third party inspections of aid trucks in order to prevent the smuggling of weapons into Gaza.

## 2.5 Plan for Future Development

This plan will take place over the course of two segments. The Economic and Social Commission of Western Asia recommends the first segment of this plan to last five years and consist of a cooperative management of the zone by the Palestinian Liberation Organization and United Nations. The body believes in the crucial role of the United Nations in supporting the Palestinian Liberation Organization as they develop the infrastructure and institutions deemed beneficial for Palestine. Current estimates state that 83% of aid intended for Gaza has not reached its destination, thus showing the importance of developing new aid distribution systems in the region. This segment will focus on distributing aid, covering basic needs and beginning the process of rebuilding infrastructure. The Economic and Social Commission of Western Asia recommends this segment of the plan take an additional five years and involve the United Nations representatives that were working in the region under the prior segment of the plan transitioning to a purely advisory role. The body recommends that the Palestinian Liberation Organization continues and expand on rebuilding efforts in the region. The Economic and Social Commission of Western Asia believes that it is important that United Nations oversight is not indefinite and that Palestinian Institutions regain autonomy in an expedient, yet practical manner.

# 3 Consideration of the status

The delegations have unanimously agreed that the following are both relevant and necessary to a sustainable recovery from the War on Gaza: An immediate, indefinite ceasefire; the immediate implementation of humanitarian aid in a safe and efficient manner; and the inherent right of the State of Palestine to exist.

#### 3.1 Immediate Humanitarian Assistance

Representatives noted that aid delivery in the current state of the Gaza Strip and other regions of the Occupied Palestinian Territory are incredibly dangerous. The United Nations has reported that 88% of aid trucks are looted en route to recipients in the Gaza Strip, and it has been found that 1 in 50 United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) staff members have been killed since the commencement of the most recent war, beginning on 7 October 2023. Representatives also noted that following the events of the most recent ceasefire on 10 October 2025, aid delivered by trucks has proven to be more physically and fiscally effective in ensuring aid successfully reaches recipients in comparison to other methodse.g., aid delivered by air or boatwith a total of 400 aid trucks successfully entering the Occupied Palestinian Territory in that time.

Representatives agreed that the transition of how aid is delivered into the hands of Palestinians is crucial to consider, given the Economic Social Council for Western Asia's commitment to the recognition of the State of Palestine and its sovereignty. Palestine's access to regular, nutrient-dense meals, clean drinking water, safe shelter, as well as hygienic and timely health services are inherently necessary to the survival and prosperity of their population in Gaza. Representatives deliberated on the assistance of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs). They agreed that NGOs are an essential resource for the manpower and financing necessary to execute these goals and ensure their success. Since October 2023, 2.1 million tons of aid have been delivered by NGOs partnered with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)such as the World Central Kitchen (WCK) and Global Empowerment Mission (GEM) alongside others in the form of necessary health aid, social support, and relief services in order to best ensure Palestinian success. GEM and the WCK have successfully mobilized aid by securing monthly deliveries of 10 million nutrient-dense humane meals designed specifically for the recovery of famine victims, and have served meals to more than 145 million people in Gaza, with an ideal 200,000 meals being provided daily when feasible and unhindered by outside forces.

Additionally, representatives highlighted that the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) financial tracking service on humanitarian aid contributions recognizes funding contributors to the Occupied Palestinian territory (OPT). OCHA notes the main state donors are the United Arab Emirates, the United States of America, and Qatar. The United Arab Emirates allocates a total of \$1,307,954,797 USD, which accounts for about 90.8% of the United Arab Emirates' funding to affected countries.

Representatives also spoke about the contributions from Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF), totaling \$20 million USD in aid to the Gaza Strip to meet urgent needs. The Emergency Relief Coordinator, Tom Fletcher, has announced 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. Additionally, the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) reports the Occupied Palestinian Territory Humanitarian Fund (OPT HF) has managed a total of 135 ongoing projects. OCHA pledges \$77.7 million USD in funding to the Occupied Palestinian Territory, with the West Bank receiving \$10.4 million USD and the Gaza Strip receiving \$67.3 million USD. Of these projects, 63 are being adopted by international non-governmental organizations (INGOs), 56 by national NGOs, and 16 by United Nations agencies. Representatives noted that all of these tenets are a crucial part of providing humanitarian aid to critical areas affected in Gaza.

The delegations from Morocco and Yemen in collaboration with Saudi Arabia and the Economic and Social Commission of Western Asia (ESCWA) body outlined procedures necessary for compliance and enforcement of sustainable recovery in the Gaza region. The delegations proposed that creating and achieving consensus on these suggestions for procedures will aid further initiatives

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The ESCWA committee convened on 22 November 2025, and all representatives agreed on the body's recognition of Palestinian statehood in an effort to achieve a foundational shared principle to begin initiatives towards sustainable recovery for the Gaza region and an immediate, permanent ceasefire. The body recognizes that there have been multiple violations of the ceasefire, and that it is necessary to outline measures to pressure Israel and Palestine's compliance towards a ceasefire and United Nations enforcement of recovery efforts in the Gaza region.

The delegation of Yemen argued in favor of increased sanctions on Israel to deter further destabilization of the Gaza region. The delegation of Morocco actively supports aid initiatives for Palestine, while maintaining an economic alliance with Israel after the Tripartite Agreement was signed into effect on 22 December 2020 where economic bilateral cooperation between Morocco, Israel, and the United States of America was agreed upon. In recognition of these opposing ideals, the delegations of Yemen and Morocco agree that the ESCWA should recommend that Member States that currently enforce economic pressures towards Israel maintain those pressures. However, no further sanctions should be implemented to not cause further global disarray. Both delegations agreed that ESCWA member states not engage in forming new trade agreements with Israel until peace is achieved in the region. The delegation of Morocco and Yemen communicated with the body and reached a consensus in support of this recommendation.

The delegation of Egypt mentioned experiencing consistent population growth due to their efforts towards accepting Palestinian refugees. The delegation from Egypt agreed on the proposed approach towards trade, but suggested that amendments should be included to outline an exception for them. With Egypt's concern in mind, necessary growth of infrastructure that is reliant on Israeli resources should be permitted, but alternative resources should be developed and extended to Member States committed to Gaza's recovery.

The Republic of Sudan supports this recommendation, but due to the ongoing Sudanese Civil War believes that in order to achieve sustained compliance within Member States, it is necessary to clarify that Member States facing humanitarian crises do not face international pressure to provide aid to the region.

In discussions with the delegation of Oman, Oman advocated in favor of acknowledging the recent Security Council resolution 2803 (2025) of 17 November 2025 in report recommendations. Member States maintain that this is a separate resolution meant to provide relevant regional perspectives on achieving compliance and enforcement of sustainable recovery for the Gaza region, beyond relevant Member States' efforts within the security council.

## 3.2 Damage Assessment and Reconstruction

The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) welcomes the recognition of a pathway toward a viable Palestinian State in the recent United States-led peace plan. However, through discussions, this commission looks into forming a long-term humanitarian recovery and development plan in line with ECOSOC's goals, beyond the general points outlined in the current peace plan.

The members of ESCWA discussed the idea that immediate and prompt rebuilding of infrastructure is desperately needed to give Gaza a sustainable recovery, as recognized in point two of the Twenty-Point Peace Plan adopted by the Security Council on 17 November 2025 in resolution 2803 (2025). This body discussed these reconstruction efforts, as to be predominantly led by the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO). The Member States argued this should echo the Security Council, specifically point nine of the Twenty Point Peace Plan endorsed in resolution 2803 (2025) adopted 17 November 2025.

The member states within ESCWA believe that the data currently available does not reflect the extent of the damages in Gaza, discussing the possibility for the establishment of a Palestinian-led collaborative task force to assess the damage in Gaza as the International Stabilization Force (ISF) established in resolution 2803 (2025) of November 17 2025 begins to stabilize and enforce the current ceasefire.

Several Member States emphasized the current devastation in Gaza. Namely, delegates referenced *Gaza War. Expected Socioeconomic Impacts on the State of Palestine*, a United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and ESCWA 2024 report. In this report, it was noted the GDP in the State of Palestine contracted by 35.1%, along with unemployment reaching approximately 50%. Delegates discussed the impact that this unemployment rate has had on the Gaza region and subsequent impact of the economy of the Arab Region. Representatives discussed methods of reconstruction to aid with lowering the unemployment rate in Gaza.

 Furthermore, the report noted that 60% of buildings in Gaza, and 57% of its agricultural lands, have been decimated. The estimated cost of rebuilding in Gaza as of the 2024 report is \$18.5 billion, nearly equivalent to the West Bank's and Gaza's GDP combined. The discussion revolved around these statistics and how Gaza could be expected to rebuild without outside support. Member States then began debating how funding should occur for various initiatives needed to address the various challenges of reconstruction and a complete recovery.

The UNDP already has a comprehensive plan for rubble clearance alongside decades of experience in Gaza. Representatives discussed that the infrastructure that needs immediate assistance includes educational institutions with public access to the internet, access to transportation, rebuilding of an airport and emergency generators to be used in healthcare. Devastation has followed due to the destruction of roads and critical transportation infrastructure causing fuel shortages and dangerous travel conditions. With the established ceasefire, roads can be repaved and fuel shortages can be alleviated, allowing for ease of transportation, even by animal powered transportation.

The delegates of Tunisia and Saudi Arabia discussed issues pertaining to water and agriculture infrastructure in Gaza. Noting the destruction of vital water infrastructure, representatives discussed the necessary steps to repair damaged wells and desalination plants through additional funding for the Coastal Municipal Water Utility (CMWU). Representatives discussed the transferring of water rights in Palestine from Israel to Palestine, further noting the role of the Israeli Water Authority (IWA) in disparities in water usage. Representatives discussed the impact of water pollution on agriculture in Gaza, noting the specific role of instruments of war in this pollution. Representatives discussed the steps necessary for the bioremediation of soil in Gaza.

Furthermore, the sustainable recovery of Gaza and the eventual transition into a single, indivisible state seems best informed by a Palestinian-led damage assessment in coordination with relevant United Nations agencies, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), relevant international organizations and other willing neutral stakeholders. Representatives discussed whether the PLO should be the sole sovereign authority in a future Palestinian State. Representatives further debated whether to work with Palestinians in Gaza through the existing institutions such as the Palestinian Ministry of Health in Gaza. However, the body noted that any work with government institutions in Gaza should be subject to United Nations agency oversight such as oversight by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), World Health Organization, international, regional and Palestinian Authority oversight during this transitional phase. Representatives further discussed the League of Arab States involvement as regional stakeholders in this process in order to establish an independent Palestinian economy.

Understanding concern over financial responsibilities, member states have voiced their full support in backing the funding. The estimated cost of rebuilding in Gaza as of the 2024 ESCWA and UNDP report is \$18.5 billion, nearly equivalent to the West Bank's and Gaza's Gross Domestic Product combined. Saudi Arabia and Qatar are strong supporters of this plan and have shared their willingness to fund the sustainable reconstruction of Gaza. Angel investors and Foreign Direct Investment, through the United Nations capital development funds, would be beneficial to relieve a portion of the financial burden. This investment is intended to initiate the reconstruction of critical infrastructure and economically stabilize Gaza. Representatives believe this will keep critical infrastructure regional and diversify the economy to prevent the continuation of neo-colonial dynamics and dependence on Israel.

# 3.3 Current Refugee Issue

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Gaza's dependence on external humanitarian aid is a concern for territorial sovereignty. ESCWA is aware of the displacement that has occurred in Gaza. This body reaffirms the need for sta-344 bility in the region. ESCWA believes that United Nations oversight is crucial to a lasting peace in the region. Acknowledging the pervasive issues with the current state of the administration of Gaza and the need for efficient distribution of resources to the Palestinian people.

Passed by consensus, with 0 abstention