

307 (XXVII). Support for the Palestinian people

The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia,

Referring to General Assembly resolutions 66/118 of 15 December 2011 concerning assistance to the Palestinian people, 66/146 of 19 December 2011 concerning the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination, and 66/15 concerning a division for Palestinian rights of the Secretariat and 66/16 concerning the special information programme on the question of Palestine in the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat dated 20 November 2011,

Referring also to Economic and Social Council resolution 2011/41 of 28 July 2011 concerning the 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,

Recalling its resolutions 260 (XXIII) of 12 May 2005 concerning development and regional cooperation under unstable conditions, 271 (XXIV) of 11 May 2006 concerning strengthening the role of ESCWA in addressing the impact of conflict and instability within the context of social and economic development, 282 (XXV) of 29 May 2008 concerning mitigating the impact on development of conflict, occupation and instability in ESCWA member countries, and 292 (XXVI) of 19 May 2010 concerning upgrading the Section for Emerging and Conflict-Related Issues to the level of a division, all of which stress the inalienability of Palestinian rights and support the efforts of the Palestinian people and its leadership towards the establishment of an independent State on the basis of United Nations resolutions,

*Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations prepared by ESCWA on the 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,**

Noting with appreciation the efforts of the secretariat to support the Palestinian people, build its institutions, and raise awareness of Palestinian rights as guaranteed by numerous international resolutions, charters and conventions,

Noting the upgrading of the Section for Emerging and Conflict-Related Issues to the level of a division, and the enhancement of its capacity and resources for promoting the activities of ESCWA in support of the Palestinian people,

1. *Welcomes* Palestine's full membership of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization;

2. *Calls upon* member countries to:

(a) Raise the level of their support for the Palestinian people in their struggle to obtain their full rights and establish an independent Palestinian State in accordance with relevant United Nations resolutions;

(b) Support Palestine's efforts to obtain full membership in international forums, organizations and bodies;

(c) Redouble efforts and support to reinforce the resilience of the Palestinian people and ensure their continued existence on their land, and to mitigate the economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation and its policies;

* A/66/78-E/2011/13.

3. *Requests* the secretariat to continue to support the Palestinian people and their institutions in accordance with the priorities and needs defined by the Palestinian people and their institutions, through the following:

(a) Raising awareness of the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people and disseminating information on Israeli violations of those rights;

(b) Monitoring and documenting the practices of the Israeli occupation and their negative economic, social and environmental repercussions, and submitting periodic reports on the subject to the ministerial sessions of the Commission;

(c) Increasing cooperation between ESCWA and regional and international bodies, including the League of Arab States and the United Nations organizations involved in assisting and supporting the Palestinian people, to build and reinforce Palestinian institutions;

(d) Supporting the efforts of Palestine to obtain full membership in international forums, organizations and bodies;

(e) Developing and implementing initiatives and projects to support the Palestinian people and mitigate the impact of the Israeli occupation on living conditions;

(f) Mobilizing resources and building regional and international partnerships for the implementation of projects, programmes and initiatives to support the Palestinian people in their struggle for their full rights;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to follow up the implementation of this resolution and report on progress made in that regard to the Commission at its twenty-eighth session.

7th plenary meeting
10 May 2012