

58 (V). Census of the Palestine Arab people

The Economic Commission for Western Asia,

Referring to the recommendations, emanating from successive regional meetings, concerning the need for conducting a census of the Palestine Arab people,

Recalling its unanimous resolution 28 (III) of 14 May 1976 which urged the United Nations Fund for Population Activities to furnish the material support for beginning implementation of this project before the end of 1976, and which called upon the Executive Secretary to take all necessary steps, in close co-operation with the Palestine Liberation Organization, for beginning the population census operations as soon as possible after the meeting of the preparatory committee to be held in 1976,

Taking note of the preparations undertaken by the Executive Secretary in this regard,

Noting with appreciation the project devoted to this subject submitted by the Executive Secretary in March 1978 to the United Nations Fund for Population Activities,

1. Expresses its disappointment that the United Nations Fund for Population Activities has not yet given its agreement;
2. Strongly urges the United Nations Fund for Population Activities to provide the necessary finances for the requirements and the operations of the census of the Palestine Arab people, so as to secure implementation of the resolution of the Commission and its project in this regard;
3. Calls upon member States, especially those States which host large numbers of the Palestine Arab people on their territory, to offer all the facilities that could assist ECWA in successfully implementing this project;
4. Calls upon the Executive Secretary to follow up the implementation of this resolution in co-operation with the Palestine Liberation Organization.