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REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE  
EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

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Agenda item 18 (a,b)

**Health conditions in Lebanon and the occupied  
Palestinian territory in the wake of recent Israeli aggression**

The Regional Committee,

Mindful of the basic principle established in the Constitution of WHO, which affirms that the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health is one of the fundamental rights of every human being;

Recalling resolutions WHA59.3 Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan; WHA 56.5 Health conditions of, and assistance to, the Arab population in the occupied Arab territories, including Palestine; and EM/RC51/R.2 Health conditions of the Arab population in Palestine;

Having reviewed the report on the health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory and the update on the health emergency in Lebanon;<sup>1</sup>

Expressing its deep concern at the grave economic, health and humanitarian crisis in the wake of the Israeli aggression in Lebanon and in the occupied Palestinian territory;

Further expressing its solidarity with the governments and peoples of Lebanon and of the occupied Palestinian territory in their legitimate and heroic resistance against the Israeli aggression;

Concerned at the indiscriminate targeting of defenceless civilians, including women, children and newborns;

Concerned also at the acute shortage of medical resources, supplies, services and facilities in Lebanon and in the occupied Palestinian territory resulting from the Israeli aggression and blockade, impeding access of civilians to essential curative and preventive services;

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<sup>1</sup> Documents EM/RC53/INF.DOC.11, EM/RC53/INF.DOC.12

Concerned at the tremendous burden of ill health, in particular of mental disorders resulting from the humanitarian crisis in Lebanon and in the occupied Palestinian territory, and at the economic burden this places on their health systems;

Noting with appreciation the continued efforts of WHO in providing necessary assistance to the Lebanese and Palestinian peoples;

Appreciating the assistance and support provided to Lebanon by the countries of the Region;

1. **STRONGLY CONDEMNNS** Israel for its continued and recent aggression against Lebanon and the occupied Palestinian territory and for its repeated and wilful violation of international law, including the illegal use of cluster bombs, and of international humanitarian law, including the provisions of the Geneva Conventions;
2. **FURTHER CONDEMNNS** Israel for not upholding its responsibility as an occupying force to ensure provision of health services to the people of the occupied territories; and for violating the principles of protection of the sanctity of health infrastructure and health personnel, thereby impeding the functions of the public health services and access to them;
3. **CALLS UPON** Member States to advocate with the international community to urge Israel to release immediately the tax revenues due to the Palestinian Authority to enable the full functioning of the public health system;
4. **URGES** Member States and donors in the Region to provide the necessary funding to respond to the urgent needs of the health sector in Palestine through the health component of the UN consolidated appeal, and through contributing to the regional emergency solidarity fund recently established;
5. **REQUESTS** the Director-General and the Regional Director to:
  - 5.1 Submit a fact-finding report on the health consequences of the recent Israeli aggression in Lebanon and the occupied Palestinian territory;
  - 5.2 Continue to work closely with partners in bringing humanitarian relief and assistance to the people affected by the Israeli aggression;
  - 5.3 Take necessary steps to support the rehabilitation, reconstruction and development of the health systems in Lebanon and in the occupied Palestinian territory as well as the occupied Syrian Golan Heights;
  - 5.4 Report to the Regional Committee at its Fifty-fourth session on implementation of this resolution.