

Third report of Committee B

(Draft)

Committee B held its fifth meeting on 12 November 2020, chaired by Ms Elizabeth Wilde (Australia).

It was decided to recommend to the Seventy-third World Health Assembly the adoption of the attached decision relating to the following agenda item:

17. Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan

One decision

Agenda item 17

Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan

The Seventy-third World Health Assembly, having considered the report by the Director-General,¹ decided to request the Director-General:

- (1) to report on progress made in the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report by the Director-General,¹ based on field monitoring, to the Seventy-fourth World Health Assembly;
- (2) to provide support to the Palestinian health services, including through capacity-building programmes and the development of strategic plans for investments in specific treatment and diagnostic capacities locally;
- (3) to ensure sustainable procurement of WHO prequalified vaccines and medicine and medical equipment to the occupied Palestinian territory in compliance with international humanitarian law and WHO norms and standards;
- (4) to continue strengthening partnerships with other United Nations agencies and partners in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan, to enhance humanitarian health response capacities by delivering aid and protection in an inclusive and sustained manner during the pandemic of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and after the pandemic crisis;
- (5) to provide health-related technical assistance to the Syrian population in the occupied Syrian Golan;
- (6) to continue providing the necessary technical assistance in order to meet the health needs of the Palestinian people, including prisoners and detainees, in cooperation with the efforts of the International Committee of the Red Cross, as well as the health needs of handicapped and injured people;
- (7) to support the development of the health system in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, by focusing on the development of human resources, in order to localize health services, and by decreasing referrals, reducing cost, strengthening provision of mental health services and maintaining strong primary health care with integrated complete appropriate health services;
- (8) to ensure the allocation of human and financial resources in order to achieve these objectives.

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¹ Document A73/15.