

**STATEMENT OF THE DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA
ON
AGENDA ITEM 17. HEALTH CONDITIONS IN THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN
TERRITORY, INCLUDING EAST JERUSALEM, AND IN THE OCCUPIED SYRIAN
GOLAN
OF THE SEVENTY THIRD WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY (RESUMED SESSION)
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Thank you Chair.

Indonesia would like to convey its appreciation to the Secretariat for preparing the Report under this Agenda Item.

Indonesia notes with particular concern that health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan is becoming more alarming as a result of the prolonged conflict and continuing blockades that limit the movement of patients, as well as much-needed medical equipment and health-care personnel, in which impedes the proper functioning of the Palestinian health-care system.

The current pandemic exacerbates the gravity of public health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territories, and Gaza specifically, which are already under significant pressure due to the ongoing blockade. This situation further threatens the health condition of the already vulnerable people in the Palestinian territories.

In this relation, Indonesia strongly encourages the timely granting of permits for the movement of patients, ambulances and medical personnel, as well as for patient companions and mobile clinics, to ensure the accessibility of health services.

Furthermore, Indonesia supports the WHO to improve the health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory to ensure the Palestinian people's undeniable rights and access to health care. Indonesia continues to contribute to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East which delivers primary health care in the occupied Palestinian territory.

Indonesia also commends the contributions of various WHO member states towards strengthening the healthcare system in the Palestinian territory as well as in the occupied Syrian Golan.

I thank you.