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REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE
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HEALTH CONDITIONS OF THE ARAB POPULATION IN PALESTINE

The Regional Committee,

Mindful of the basic principle established in the Constitution of WHO, which affirms that the health of all peoples is fundamental to the attainment of peace and security;

Mindful also that the Millenium Development Goals may not be attainable unless there is peace and security in the Region;

Expressing its concern at the continued military incursions by the occupying forces resulting in killing and injuring of thousands of unarmed Palestinian civilians, particularly women and children, the elderly and people with disabilities, many of whom are left with permanent disabilities;

Expressing its concern at the serious deterioration of the economic and health situation resulting from unprecedented levels of unemployment, poverty, food insecurity as a result of destruction of crops and farms, malnutrition among children, anaemia among children and women of reproductive age, and widespread psychological disorders especially among children;

Expressing its concern at the grave violations of international humanitarian law and the Fourth Geneva Convention by the Israeli occupation authorities in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, including the unlawful arrest of thousands of Palestinian civilians, among them hundreds of children, locked up in Israeli jails, some of whom are sick and not receiving medical care;

Expressing its concern at the failure of the occupying authority to implement any of the recommendations contained in the report of the Special Envoy of the UN Secretary-General regarding removing obstacles to humanitarian access as well as the continued hindering of the implementation of World Health Assembly resolutions requiring the despatch of a fact-finding mission on the deterioration of the health and economic situation;

Expressing its concern at the declining level of all kinds of support to the humanitarian emergency relief activities as well as the grave consequences of curtailing these activities, when the needs are becoming greater;

1. **EXTENDS** its thanks to the Director-General, the Regional Director and the Commissioner-General of UNRWA for their efforts to provide necessary assistance to the Palestinian people;
2. **CALLS** on the United Nations, represented by the Security Council and the General Assembly, to adopt urgently effective measures to deter and prevent the recurrence of the crimes committed against the Palestinian people, in view of their devastating effects on the health of the citizens under the occupation, and to ensure all Member States respect resolutions of the United Nations;
3. **REQUESTS** the Director-General and the Regional Director:
 - 3.1 To continue providing necessary technical assistance to meet needs arising from the current crises, including health problems resulting from erection of the “separation barrier”;
 - 3.2 To take necessary steps to make the contacts needed to obtain funding from various sources, including extrabudgetary, to meet the urgent health needs of the Palestinian people.