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Committee: General Assembly Fourth Committee

Subject: Expanding Access to Relief Programs for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the vital role that the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) plays in providing healthcare to more than 3 million Palestine refugees in the Near East,

Deeply concerned with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic's impact on Palestine refugees which are currently at heightened vulnerability due to only 0.8 percent of refugees having received COVID-19 vaccinations,

Considering the limitation of facilities during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and an increasing need for healthcare,

Bearing in mind the unavailability of psychological and psychiatric assistance to displaced Palestinian refugees,

Alarmed by the scarcity of clean water, food, and sanitation, which further adds to the unnecessary increase in preventable diseases and the decline in the overall wellbeing of Palestine refugees,

Aware of the long-term developmental and resettlement repercussions resulting from inadequate access to basic and higher-education opportunities,

Recognizing the lack of sufficient information on the needs of the Palestinian population,

1. *Encourages* Member Nations and the COVID-19 Vaccines Global Access Alliance (COVAX) to donate vaccines specifically to Palestine refugees through the UNRWA;
2. *Suggests* that the UNRWA specifically targets the most vulnerable Palestine refugees for vaccine distribution by prioritizing:

- a. The refugees living in poverty,
 - b. The 183,000 refugees with pre existing respiratory diseases, and,
 - c. Members of the population over the age of 60;
3. *Requests* Member States contribute to the expansion of healthcare facilities in regions that have Palestine refugees through:
 - a. Meeting the demand by the United Nations Refugee Agency to support refugees in need of healthcare services, and,
 - b. Establishing stable supply lines to provide appropriate medical supplies, masks, and vaccinations;
4. *Advises* all Member States to consider contributing healthcare professionals to the Gaza Strip, which is particularly understaffed, to ameliorate the current effects of high demand in the region;
5. *Expresses its hope* that all Member States will work to contribute the necessary resources to provide the refugees in need with the proper living conditions, including but not limited to clean water, food, and access to sanitation;
6. *Emphasizes* the continued importance of the UNRWA Education Program, as well as its respective funding sources, in contributing to the long-term psychological and psychosocial health outcomes of Palestinian refugee youth through the further establishment of:
 - a. Educational facilities to combat severe overcrowding in the designated locales of The Gaza Strip, Jordan, and Lebanon, and,
 - b. K through 12 programming to better prepare refugee youth for both higher-education and future resettlement prospects;
7. *Strongly advises* the increase of educational opportunities to Palestinian refugees affected by displacement and deflation of psychological status through:
 - a. Increased availability within United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) school programs for psychological assistance to students,
 - b. Providing greater access of vocational training programs for Palestinian refugees to become more productive members of society in Member States;
8. *Recommends* the implementation of a survey administered by the United Nations Statistics Division for the General Assembly and the UNRWA to understand the pressing needs and pressures faced by Palestinian refugees that would focus on:
 - a. The status and gaps in the healthcare systems available to refugees,

- b. The resources the Palestinian refugees feel are insufficient, and,
- c. The concerns the refugees have on what they feel is inaccessible for them.