

EM/RC37/R.15 HEALTH CONDITIONS OF THE ARAB POPULATION IN THE
OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES, INCLUDING PALESTINE

The Regional Committee,

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

Seriously concerned by the deterioration of health conditions of the Palestinian people, the violations of human rights in the Occupied Arab Territories and by the suppressive practices of the occupation authorities against the Palestinian people during the intifada, in particular the brutal massacre which the Israeli soldiers committed on 8 October 1990 against Palestinian worshippers at Al-Aqsa Mosque;

Affirming WHO's responsibility for the attainment by the Palestinian people and the Arab inhabitants in the Occupied Arab Territories of the highest attainable standard of health as a fundamental human right;

Trusting that WHO, in the spirit of its Constitution, will exert every possible effort to improve the health conditions of the Arab inhabitants in the Occupied Arab Territories, including Palestine and the Golan Heights;

Noting with satisfaction the measures being taken by the Director-General to improve the health conditions in the Occupied Arab Territories, including Palestine and Golan Heights;

Recalling the World Health Assembly's resolutions concerning the health conditions of the Arab population in the Occupied Arab Territories, including Palestine;

Confirming WHO's role in ensuring the protection of the health of the Palestinian people and the Arab inhabitants in the Occupied Arab Territories:

Thanking the Director-General for the efforts exerted by him to improve the health conditions of the Arab inhabitants in the Occupied Arab Territories, including Palestine and the Golan Heights, and

1. REQUESTS the Director-General:

(1) To take all necessary steps to send immediately a mission to investigate the health conditions in the Occupied Arab Territories, especially after the massacre committed at Al-Aqsa Mosque;

(2) To mobilize the necessary resources and especially to send medical specialists, equipment and drugs to promote the health conditions of the Arab inhabitants in the Occupied Arab Territories, and to support hospitals and health institutions there so that they may fulfill their humanitarian role;

(3) To intensify his efforts to implement the special technical assistance programme for the improvement of the health conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Arab Territories, and to try to make available the necessary financial resources;

(4) To support and develop the organizational unit that was established at WHO Headquarters to monitor the health status of the Palestinian people, and

(5) To take the necessary steps and initiatives to follow up the implementation of this resolution and the resolutions of the World Health Assembly concerning the health conditions of the Arab population in the Occupied Arab Territories, in particular resolution WHA43.26, and

2. CALLS upon all Member States of the Eastern Mediterranean Region to provide all necessary support to promote the health conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Arab Territories.