

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;

Reaffirming 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;

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*;

Hoping that the peace talks among the parties concerned in the Middle East will lead to a just and comprehensive peace in the area, based on the principles of international legitimacy and, in particular, on relevant United Nations resolutions;

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

Recalling the resolutions of the Regional Committee and of the World Health Assembly concerning the health conditions of the Arab population in the occupied Arab territories, including Palestine;

1. **REQUESTS** the Director-General, in the light of the relevant resolutions of the World Health Assembly and the Regional Committee:
 - 1.1 to make efforts to enable the Special Expert Committee to perform its mission of investigating the health conditions of the Arab population in the occupied Arab territories and reporting on the results of its mission to the Forty-sixth General Assembly;
 - 1.2 to provide and 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, in cooperation and coordination with the Palestinian Supreme Health Council;
 - 1.3 to intensify existing support to confront appalling problems of water supply, as well as sewerage and solid waste disposal in the occupied Arab territories and to assist in creation of mechanisms for planning and development in environmental health;

- 1.4 to continue to make efforts to follow-up the implementation of resolution WHA45.26, particularly paragraph 9 thereof, in coordination with Member States, observers and all other organizations involved in health and humanitarian activities, and to continue the efforts aimed at carrying out assistance provided through the Special Assistance Programme;
2. **CALLS ON** the Director-General and the Regional Director to take necessary steps to ensure the smooth assumption by the Palestinian people in the occupied Arab territories of full responsibility for health services in cooperation and coordination with the Palestinian Supreme Health Council, within the framework of the national Palestinian health plan;
3. **CALLS UPON** all Member States of Eastern Mediterranean Region and regional intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations to provide all necessary support to improve the health conditions of the Palestinian and other Arab people in the occupied Arab territories.