

The Regional Committee,

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

Expressing the hope that peace talks among the parties concerned in the Middle East will lead to a just and comprehensive peace based on the principles of international legitimacy and, in particular, on the United Nations Security Council resolutions 242 and 338;

Taking note of the developments of the peace process in which the parties concerned in the Middle East are involved, and the imminent transfer of authority to the Palestinian people, including the transfer of the authority for health, which entails untiring efforts on the part of the Palestinian people to reconstruct and rehabilitate the health infrastructure which deteriorated during occupation;

Stressing the urgent need to mobilize an effective international effort to achieve that reconstruction and rehabilitation, and the importance of the role of the World Health Organization in this respect;

Recognizing the need to provide further health support and assistance to the population of the occupied Arab territories, and to promote cooperation with them;

Appreciating the positive role already played by the organization in providing health assistance to the Palestinian people;

Thanking the Director-General and the Regional Director for their past efforts;

1. **REQUESTS** the Director-General and the Regional Director:

1.1 to provide the technical support needed to facilitate the transfer of the authority for health to the Palestinian people in the following areas:

- (1) identification of basic health issues facing the Palestinian health authority;
- (2) restructuring and development of the health system;
- (3) support for a comprehensive health survey of the Palestinian people;
- (4) development of health legislation;
- (5) support for programmes to train health personnel;

- 1.2 to form a joint Palestine/WHO working group to develop the mechanisms needed for the implementation of the Palestinian national health plan;
  - 1.3 to support the organization of special workshops on primary health care, and to assist in financing them to enable Palestine to take an active part in implementing the health-for-all strategy;
  - 1.4 to take action and make the contacts necessary for obtaining the funds needed to meet the emergency health needs of the Palestinian people;
2. **CALLS UPON** all Member States, the organizations of the United Nations system, as well as intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, to provide all necessary financial support and cooperation.