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REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Algeria, Bahrain, Cuba, Egypt, Mauritania and Pakistan:
Draft resolutionAssistance to the Palestinian peopleThe General Assembly,Recalling its resolution 43/178 of 20 December 1988,Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/96 of 26 July 1989,Taking into account the intifadah of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory against the Israeli occupation, including its economic and social policies and practices,Rejecting Israeli restrictions on external economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory,Aware of the increasing need to provide economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people,Affirming that the Palestinian people cannot develop their national economy as long as the Israeli occupation persists,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the note by the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people containing, inter alia, project proposals identified by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat); 1/

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2. Expresses its appreciation to the States, United Nations bodies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that have provided assistance to the Palestinian people;

3. Requests the international community, the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to sustain and increase their assistance to the Palestinian people, in close co-operation with the Palestine Liberation Organization;

4. Calls for treating on a transit basis Palestinian exports and imports passing through neighbouring ports and points of exit and entry;

5. Also calls for the granting of trade concessions and concrete preferential measures for Palestinian exports on the basis of Palestinian certificates of origin;

6. Further calls for the immediate lifting of Israeli restrictions and obstacles hindering the implementation of assistance projects by the United Nations Development Programme, other United Nations bodies and others providing economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory;

7. Reiterates its call for the implementation of development projects in the occupied Palestinian territory, including the projects mentioned in General Assembly resolution 39/223 of 18 December 1984;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.
