



Heidelberg National MUN Human Rights Council Resolution

The General Assembly,

THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL,

Reminding all nations of the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, which recognizes the inherent dignity, equality and inalienable rights of all global citizens,

Welcoming the National Development Plan developed by the Palestinian Authority disclosing the policy agenda of the Palestinian Authority for the years 2011-2013,

Viewing with appreciation that steady enactment of reforms in the public finance management system have enabled the Palestinian Authorities to tightly control expenditures, apply budget preparation as well as establish fiscal transparency and accountability in line with international standards,

Noting with satisfaction that there have been improvements concerning the macroeconomic conditions in the West Bank since 2007 reflecting a solid economic management by the Palestinian Authorities,

Recognizing the reached accomplishments by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and the Program of Assistance to the Palestinian People (PAPP) in providing technical assistance and assisting in the development of infrastructure in the occupied Palestinian territories by enabling the building of schools, health facilities, roads, waste treatment plants and waste systems,

Alarmed by the fact that 22% of Palestinian households live below the poverty line,

Concerned about frequent reports of child labor by children below the by the in 2004 enacted Palestinian Child Rights Law determined age of 15 years,

Reminding all member states that the Palestinian people still face severe living conditions including highly limited freedom and frequent danger of air-strikes,

Deeply concerned by the continuing blockade of the Gaza Strip and the ongoing economical restrictions by the Israeli Government impeding Palestine endeavors of securing an improved market access, attaining global competitiveness and implementing a free market economy;

Stresses the importance of the APPU/UNCTAD and PAPP and acknowledges their work;

1. Urges the Palestinian authorities to improve the self-empowerment on the economic level of the Palestinian population;
2. Draws the attention to the importance micro-entrepreneurship as a core factor of enabling Palestine citizens – especially women – to start small businesses;
3. Suggests to use the local bounds of the PAPP and APPU to foster the micro-credit system and the self-help-system;
4. Stresses to improve the situation of economic communities and family businesses for people below the poverty line with the micro credit system;
5. Encourages to improve infrastructure by encouraging a dialog between the involved parties regarding the reconstruction of the Yaser Arafat International Airport in the Gaza Strip and

regarding the restrictions on the Gaza harbor in order to improve the Palestinian market access under the supervision of the United Nations;

6. Encourages the Palestine Authority to improve the legal and regulatory framework for investors and businesses by:
 - a. providing legal security for investors and entrepreneurs;
 - b. ensuring transparency and accountability in the banking sector;
7. Welcomes all member states to actively support and endorse the National Development Plan drafted by the Palestinian Authorities;
8. Endorses the call for abolishment of the restrictions, imposed by the Israeli Government, regarding the border movement of Palestinian citizens across Gaza's external borders in order to:
 - a. enable Palestinian medical staff from the Gaza Strip to travel to the West Bank to receive training in medical fields only provided in institutions located in the West Bank;
 - b. facilitate the situation for Palestine students wishing to study outside of Gaza;
 - c. abolish the derogative system of short-term permits which only allow Palestine families to visit relatives in the West Bank or Israel only in cases of grave sickness, wedding of a 1st degree relative or death;
 - d. increase the possibilities for Palestine people to work abroad
9. Invites all member states to participate in the augmentation of trade partners for the Palestinian economy in order to achieve a diversification of exports by:
 - a. strengthening economic relations with the Palestine Authorities
 - b. lowering taxes on Palestinian products for the next 3 years;
 - c. offering subsidies to companies willing to invest into Palestine businesses
 - d. ameliorating custom conditions for imports and transportation
10. Calls for the combat of child labor through the establishment of a scholarship providing parents, who ensure that their children attend school until the age of 15, with a monthly allowance.
11. Requests the implementation of innovative business branches in order to enforce the economy of the oPt, such as but not limited to:
 - a. alternative energy supplies in order to raise independence in energy supply
 - b. software and internet based businesses, which do not rely on imports and therefore can be initiated immediately in the area
12. Recommends to increase the visibility and integration of the oPt into the international community by
 - a. Student exchange programs which support international student networking,
 - b. Buddy program, that gives adults the possibility of a cross-border communication