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Chapter VIII. General segment

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D. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the Specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

81. The Council considered item 9 (Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialised agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations) jointly with items 10 (Regional cooperation) and 11 (Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the

Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan) at its 44th and 47th meetings, on 25 and 26 July. An account of the discussion is contained in the relevant summary records (E/2012/SR.44 and 47).

82. For its consideration of item 9, the Council had before it the following documents:

- (a) Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people ([A/67/84-E/2012/68](#));

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Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people

88. Also at its 47th meeting, on 26 July, on the proposal of the Vice-President (Mexico), the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (A/67/84-E/2012/68). See [decision 2012/246](#).

E. Regional cooperation

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90. The Council also considered item 10 jointly with items 9 (Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations) and 11 (Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan) at its 44th meeting, on 25 July. An account of the discussion is contained in the relevant summary record (E/2012/SR.44).

F. Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan

103. The Council considered item 11 (Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan) jointly with items 9 (Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations) and 10 (Regional cooperation) at its 44th meeting, on 25 July, and at its 47th meeting, on 26 July. An account of the discussion is contained in the relevant summary records (E/2012/SR.44 and 47).

104. For its consideration of the item, the Council had before it the note by the Secretary-General on the economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan ([A/67/91-E/2012/13](#)).

105. At the 44th meeting, on 25 July, an introductory statement was made by the Executive Secretary of ESCWA.

Action taken by the Council

106. Under item 11, the Council adopted resolution [2012/23](#) and [decision 2012/247](#).

Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan

107. At the 44th meeting, on 25 July, the observer for Algeria, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, as well as Turkey, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan" ([E/2012/L.21](#)).

108. At the 47th meeting, on 26 July, the observer for Algeria announced that Palestine² had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. 109. At the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft resolution, by a recorded vote of 45 to 2, with 3 abstentions. See E/RES/2012/23. The voting was as follows:³

In favour :

Argentina, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Belarus, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Chile, China, Comoros, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lesotho, Libya, Malawi, Mexico, Mongolia, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Philippines, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Senegal, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom.

Against :

Canada, United States.

Abstaining :

Australia, Cameroon, El Salvador.

110. After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Australia, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), Mexico and Canada, and by the observer for Israel (see E/2012/SR.47).

111. At the same meeting, the observer for Palestine made a statement.

Note by the Secretary-General on the economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan

112. Also at the 47th meeting, on 26 July, on the proposal of the Vice-President (Mexico), the Council took note of the note by the Secretary-General on the economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan (A/67/91-E/2012/13). See decision 2012/247.

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I. Social and human rights questions

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Recommendations contained in the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its fifty-sixth session

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Situation of and assistance to Palestinian women

200. At its 48th meeting, on 27 July, the Council adopted the draft resolution entitled “Situation of and assistance to Palestinian women”, recommended by the Commission (see E/2012/27, chap. I, sect. B), by a recorded vote of 30 to 2, with 18 abstentions. See [E/RES/2012/25](#). The voting was as follows:

In favour :

Argentina, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Belarus, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Chile, China, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Lesotho, Libya, Mexico, Mongolia, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Senegal, Turkey, Zambia.

Against :

Canada, United States.

Abstaining :

Australia, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Netherlands, Nigeria, Republic of Korea, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom.

201. Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the United States and Egypt. After the vote, a statement was made by the representative of Canada (see E/2012/SR.48).

202. At the same meeting, statements were made by the observer for Israel and the observer for Palestine.

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² In accordance with General Assembly resolution 52/250.

³ The delegation of the Permanent Mission of Zambia to the United Nations indicated that had it been present at the time of voting, it would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.