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Chapter X 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

100. The Council considered agenda item 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) jointly with agenda 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 39th and 40th meetings, on 19 July, and at its 47th meeting, on 25 July. An account of the discussion is contained in the relevant summary records ([E/2013/SR.39](#), 40 and 47).

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

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- (b) Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people ([A/68/76-E/2013/65](#));

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Action taken by the Council

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

107. At its 47th meeting, on 25 July, on the proposal of the Vice-President (Austria), the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people ([A/68/76-E/2013/65](#)). See Council decision 2013/254.

E. Regional cooperation

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109. 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 39th and 40th meetings, on 19 July. An account of the discussion is contained in the relevant summary records ([E/2013/SR.39](#) and 40).

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

127. 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 39th and 40th meetings, on 19 July. An account of the discussion is contained in the relevant summary records ([E/2013/SR.39](#) and 40).

128. 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 the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan ([A/68/77-E/2013/13](#)).

129. At the 39th meeting, on 19 July, an introductory statement was made by the Director of Emerging and Conflict-related Issues Division, ESCWA.

Action taken by the Council

130. Under item 11, the Council adopted resolution 2013/8.

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

131. At the 40th meeting, on 19 July, the observer for Fiji, in accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Council, 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/2013/L.16](#)).

132. At the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft resolution, by a roll-call vote of 43 to 2, with 1 abstention. See [E/RES/2013/8](#) . The voting was as follows:

In favour :

Austria, Belarus, Benin, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, China, Colombia, Croatia, Cuba, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, France, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Japan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Libya, Mauritius, Mexico, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, San Marino, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Tunisia, Turkey, United Kingdom.

Against :

Canada, United States.

Abstaining :

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133. Before the vote, statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of Latvia (on behalf of the European Union) and New Zealand. After the vote, a statement in explanation of vote was made by the representative of the United States (see [E/2013/SR.40](#)).

134. At the same meeting, a statement was made by the observer for the State of Palestine.

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H. Economic and environmental questions

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12. Women and development

218. For its consideration of item 13 (I), the Council had before it the following documents:

(a) Relevant section of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its fifty-seventh session ([E/2013/27](#));

(b) Statement submitted by a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council ([E/2013/NGO/132](#)).

Action taken by the Council

219. Under item 13 (f), the Council adopted resolution 2013/17.

Recommendation contained in the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its fifty-seventh session

Situation of and assistance to Palestinian women

220. At its 46th meeting, on 24 July, the Council had before it a draft resolution entitled “Situation of and assistance to Palestinian women”, submitted by the Commission for adoption by the Council (see [E/2013/27](#), chap. I, sect. B, draft resolution II).

221. At the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft resolution by a roll-call vote of 23 to 2, with 16 abstentions. See [E/RES/2013/17](#). The voting was as follows:⁴

In favour :

Belarus, Benin, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Burkina Faso, China, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Kuwait, Libya, Mauritius, Mexico, Nepal, Pakistan, Qatar, Russian Federation, South Africa, Sudan, Turkey.

Against :

Canada, United States.

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⁴ At the 46th meeting, on 24 July, the delegations of Nicaragua and Tunisia indicated that, had they been present at the time of voting, they would have voted in favour of the draft resolution. At the 48th meeting, on 26 July, the delegations of Kyrgyzstan and Senegal indicated that, had they been present at the time of voting, they would have voted in favour of the draft resolution. In a communication dated 25 July 2013 addressed to the Secretary of the Council, the delegation of Bulgaria indicated that, had it been present at the time of voting, it would have abstained from voting.