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Afghanistan, Algeria, Bahrain, Comoros, Cuba, Djibouti, Egypt, Kuwait, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mauritania, Morocco, Namibia, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, United Arab Emirates, Yemen and Palestine: draft resolution

The situation of and assistance to Palestinian children

The General Assembly,

Acting at its twenty-seventh special session on children,

Recalling the Convention on the Rights of the Child, 1/

Also recalling the World Declaration on the Survival, Protection and Development of Children and Plan of Action for Implementing the World Declaration on the Survival, Protection and Development of Children in the 1990s, 2/ adopted by the World Summit for Children in 1990,

Concerned that the Palestinian children under Israeli occupation remain deprived of many basic rights under the Convention on the Rights of the Child,

Concerned also about the grave recent deterioration of the situation of Palestinian children in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and about the sever consequences of the continuing Israeli assaults on and sieges of Palestinian cities, towns, villages and refugee camps, resulting in a dire humanitarian situation.

Expressing its condemnation of all acts of violence resulting in extensive loss of human life and injuries, including among Palestinian children,

Deeply concerned about the consequences, including the psychological consequences, of the Israeli military actions on the present and future well-being of Palestinian children,

1. *Stresses* the urgent need for Palestinian children to live a normal life free from foreign occupation, destruction and fear in their own State;

2. *Demands*, in the meanwhile, that Israel, the occupying Power, respect relevant provisions of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and comply fully with the provisions of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949, $\underline{3}$ / in order to ensure the well-being and protection of Palestinian children and their families;

3. *Calls upon* the international community to provide urgently needed assistance and services in an effort to alleviate the dire humanitarian situation being faced by Palestinian children and their families and to help in the reconstruction of relevant Palestinian institutions.

Notes

- 1/ Resolution 44/25, annex.
- <u>2</u>/ A/45/625, annex.
- 3/ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 75, No. 973.