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Chapter VII

General segment

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

47. The Council held a discussion on the economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan (agenda item 11) at its 34th, 37th and 40th meetings, on 22, 24 and 25 July 2002. It had before it a note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia on the implementation of Council resolution 2001/19 entitled "Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan" ([A/57/63-E/2002/21](#)).

**Action taken by the Council**

48. Under item 11, the Council adopted resolution [2002/31](#).

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

49. At the 37th meeting, on 24 July, the representative of Egypt, on behalf of Algeria,<sup>1</sup> Cuba, Egypt, Malaysia,<sup>1</sup> Morocco,<sup>1</sup> Pakistan, Saudi Arabia,<sup>1</sup> the Sudan, Tunisia,<sup>1</sup> Qatar and Yemen, 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 Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan" ([E/2002/L.22](#)). Subsequently, Bahrain joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

50. At the 40th meeting, on 25 July, the Council adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 47 to 1, with 3 abstentions. See Council resolution 2002/31. The voting was as follows:

*In favour :*

Andorra, Angola, Argentina, Austria, Bahrain, Benin, Bhutan, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Chile, China, Croatia, Cuba, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Hungary, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy, Japan, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malta, Mexico, Nepal, Netherlands, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Suriname, Swedner, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Zimbabwe.

*Against :*

United States of America.

*Abstaining :*

Australia, Fiji, Guatemala.

51. Before the adoption of the resolution, statements were made by the representative of the United States of America (in explanation of vote) and the observer for Denmark (on behalf of the States members of the European Union and the associated countries that are members of the Council). After the adoption of the resolution, statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of Japan, Australia and the Russian Federation.

52. Statements were also made by the observer for Israel and the observer for Palestine.

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### **I. Social and human rights questions**

134. The Council held a discussion on social and human rights questions at its organizational session (agenda item 2) and at its substantive session (agenda items 14 (a) to (h)) at its 2nd and 37th to 40th meetings, on 13 February and 24 and 25 July 2002. It had before it the following documents:

*Advancement of women* (agenda item 14 (a))

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#### **1. Advancement of women**

136. Under sub-item 14 (a), the Council adopted resolutions 2002/4, 2002/5 and 2002/25 and decisions 2002/234 to 2002/236.

##### **Action taken by the Council**

##### **Recommendations contained in the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its forty-sixth session**

##### **Situation of and assistance to Palestinian women**

137. At the 37th meeting, on 24 July, the representative of the United States of America requested a vote on [draft resolution I](#) recommended by the Commission,<sup>31</sup> entitled “The situation of and assistance to Palestinian women”.

138. At its 38th meeting, on 24 July, the Council adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 46 to 1, with 1 abstention. See Council resolution [2002/25](#). The voting was as follows:<sup>32</sup>

*In favour :*

Andorra, Angola, Argentina, Austria, Bahrain, Benin, Bhutan, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Hungary, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy, Japan, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malta, Mexico, Netherlands, Pakistan, Peru, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Zimbabwe.

*Against :*

United States of America.

*Abstaining :*

Australia.

139. After the draft resolution was adopted, statements were made by the representatives of the United States of America and Australia.

140. At the 40th meeting, on 25 July, the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement.

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#### **7. Human rights**

179. Under sub-item 14 (g), the Council adopted resolution 2002/27 and decisions 2002/243 to 2002/284.

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##### **Question of the violation of human rights in the occupied Arab territories, including Palestine**

187. At its 39th meeting, on 25 July, the Council considered draft decision 1 recommended by the Commission,<sup>43</sup> entitled “Question of the violation of human rights in the occupied Arab territories, including Palestine”.

188. At the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft decision by a recorded vote of 27 to 2, with 17 abstentions. See Council decision [2002/243](#). The voting was as follows:

*In favour :*

Angola, Argentina, Bahrain, Benin, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Egypt, Ghana, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mexico, Pakistan, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, South Africa, Sudan, Suriname, Uganda, Ukraine, Zimbabwe.

*Against :*

Australia, United States of America.

*Abstaining :*

Andorra, Austria, Croatia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Malta, Netherlands, Peru, Romania, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

189. Before the decision was adopted, the representative of the United States of America made a statement; after the decision was adopted, the representative of Peru made a statement.

##### **Human rights situation of Lebanese detainees in Israel**

190. At its 39th meeting, on 25 July, the Council considered draft decision 2 recommended by the Commission,<sup>43</sup> entitled “Human rights situation of Lebanese detainees in Israel”.

191. At the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft decision by a recorded vote of 25 to 1, with 22 abstentions. See Council decision [2002/244](#). The voting was as follows:

*In favour :*

Argentina, Bahrain, Benin, Bhutan, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Egypt, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mexico, Pakistan, Qatar, Russian Federation, South Africa, Sudan, Suriname, Uganda, Ukraine, Zimbabwe.

*Against :*

United States of America.

*Abstaining :*

Andorra, Angola, Australia, Austria, Croatia, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Malta, Netherlands, Peru

Republic of Korea, Romania, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

192. Before the decision was adopted, the representative of the United States of America made a statement; after the decision was adopted, the representative of Australia made a statement.

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*Notes*

<sup>1</sup>In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedures of the Economic and Social Council.

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<sup>31</sup>*Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2002, Supplement No. 7 (E/2002/27)*, chap. I, sect. A.

<sup>32</sup>The delegation of Nepal stated that, had it been present during the voting, it would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

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<sup>43</sup>See E/2002/23 (Part I) (to be issued in *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2002, Supplement No. 3 (E/2002/23)*), chap. I, sect. B.

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