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**United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine  
Refugees in the Near East**

## **Palestine refugees' properties and their revenues**

### **Report of the Secretary-General**

#### *Summary*

The present report is submitted pursuant to paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution [77/124](#) of 12 December 2022 on Palestine refugees' properties and their revenues. On 3 April 2023, the Secretary-General sent a note verbale to all Member States and the Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine, drawing their attention to the relevant provisions of resolution [77/124](#) and requesting any pertinent information concerning any action taken or envisaged in relation to the implementation of the resolution be conveyed to the Secretariat by 12 July 2023. A reply was received from Mexico and is reproduced in the present report.

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\* [A/78/150](#).



## I. Introduction

1. The present report is submitted pursuant to paragraph 6 of resolution [77/124](#) of 12 December 2022 on Palestine refugees' properties and their revenues.
2. On 3 April 2023, the Secretary-General sent a note verbale to all Member States, as well as to the Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine, drawing their attention to the relevant provisions of the resolution and requesting any pertinent information concerning any action taken or envisaged in relation to its implementation.

## II. Reply received

### Mexico

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While serving as a non-permanent member of the Security Council, and in accordance with the constitutional principles of its foreign policy, Mexico urged the parties to the conflict to strengthen diplomatic dialogue and mediation in order to avoid a further escalation of tensions. It sought, in particular, to promote the importance of mutual confidence-building measures between Palestine and Israel, based on reciprocal commitments, with the common vision of improving living conditions, ensuring the security and stability of civilians and resuming meaningful negotiations towards a lasting and definitive peace.

Mexico also spoke out against the illegal settlements that continue to cause the forced displacement of thousands of Palestinians. Mexico therefore calls for the cessation of their construction and expansion, as well as the evictions, seizures and demolitions of Palestinian structures, since these violate the rights of the civilian population and increase the grievances that hinder dialogue.

In December 2022, the General Assembly adopted resolution [77/123](#), entitled "Assistance to Palestine refugees", by a recorded vote of 157 in favour (including that of Mexico), 1 against and 10 abstentions, through which it was decided to extend the mandate of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) until 30 June 2026.

In this regard, Mexico values and supports the work of UNRWA, which is essential not only to meet the basic and humanitarian needs of more than 5.7 million Palestine refugees in the West Bank, Gaza Strip, Lebanon, Syria and Jordan, with particular attention to the provision of vital services in sectors such as health and education, but also to ensure the exercise of their human rights.

As proof of its commitment, Mexico has contributed annually to the budget of UNRWA since 2008.

In 2022, Mexico made an annual voluntary contribution of \$750,000 to UNRWA. In addition, the Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation delivered essential medical equipment and supplies for the UNRWA hospital in Qalqilyah, West Bank. This improved the capabilities of the emergency services of a hospital that primarily serves Palestine refugees.

A voluntary contribution to UNRWA is planned for 2023, which is expected to be made by the end of the year.

Furthermore, with respect to the resolutions of the General Assembly through which the Secretary-General requests information from Member States, Mexico voted as follows:

- Resolution [76/12](#) (in favour)
- Resolution [77/124](#) (in favour)
- Resolution [77/126](#) (abstained)

In conclusion, Mexico reiterates its support for a comprehensive and definitive solution to the conflict that addresses the legitimate security concerns of Israel and allows for the establishment of a politically and economically viable Palestinian State living in peace with Israel within secure and internationally recognized borders, in accordance with international law and the relevant United Nations resolutions.

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