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Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

Programme of work for 2024

I. Mandate of the Committee

1. The mandates of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People and the Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat for 2024 are contained in General Assembly resolutions [77/22](#) and [77/23](#), respectively.¹

2. In resolution [77/22](#), entitled “Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People”, the General Assembly requested the Committee to: (a) continue to exert all efforts to promote the realization of the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, including their right to self-determination; (b) support the achievement without delay of an end to the Israeli occupation that began in 1967 and of the two-State solution on the basis of the pre-1967 borders; (c) mobilize international support for and assistance to the Palestinian people; (d) keep under review the situation relating to the question of Palestine and report and make suggestions to the General Assembly, the Security Council and the Secretary-General; and (e) continue to extend its cooperation and support to Palestinian and other civil society organizations and continue to involve additional civil society organizations and parliamentarians in its work in order to mobilize international solidarity and support for the Palestinian people, particularly during the current critical period of political instability and humanitarian hardship. The Committee seeks to ensure that its mandate is implemented to the fullest.

3. In its resolution [77/23](#), entitled “Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat”, the General Assembly requested that the Division continue to provide substantive support to the Committee and, under its guidance, undertake activities in support of the mandate of the Committee, including to: (a) monitor developments relevant to the question of Palestine; (b) organize international meetings and activities in support of the Committee’s mandate with the participation of all sectors of the international community; (c) ensure the continued participation of eminent persons and internationally renowned experts in these meetings and activities; (d) develop and expand the “Question of Palestine” website and the documents collection of the United Nations Information System on the Question of Palestine; (e) prepare and

¹ After their review on a biennial basis, the consideration of the mandates by the General Assembly is open-ended, pursuant to its resolution [75/20](#).



widely disseminate publications and information materials on various aspects of the question of Palestine in the relevant official languages of the United Nations; (f) develop and enhance the annual training programme for staff of the Palestinian Government in contribution to Palestinian capacity-development efforts and promote South-South and triangular cooperation for institution-building; (g) organize the annual observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, including an annual exhibition or cultural event in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of the State of Palestine to the United Nations; and (h) liaise and cooperate with civil society organizations and parliamentarians.

II. Activities of the Committee and the Division for Palestinian Rights

4. Supported by the Division, the Committee will focus on the activities detailed in subsections A to D below, on the basis of the renewal of the mandates of the Committee and the Division by the General Assembly in its resolutions [77/22](#) and [77/23](#), respectively, and the conclusions and recommendations listed in paragraphs 89 to 118 of the annual report of the Committee to the General Assembly ([A/78/35](#)).

5. In 2024, and against the backdrop of unprecedented hostilities in the Gaza Strip since 7 October 2023, the Committee, in all its activities, will continue to support urgent international efforts to achieve a just and peaceful solution to the question of Palestine that brings an end to the Israeli occupation and ensures that the Palestinian people are able to exercise their inalienable rights, and to address the catastrophic humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip. The Committee will consider the ongoing impact of the war on Gaza and adjust its programme of work accordingly.

A. Mobilization of the diplomatic community

6. The Committee will engage with Member States, including members of the Security Council, at United Nations Headquarters in New York, and with regional groups and organizations and civil society. It will submit periodic statements to the General Assembly and the Security Council to advocate a peaceful and lasting resolution of the question of Palestine in conformity with international law and the relevant resolutions of the United Nations.

7. In close consultation with United Nations entities, the Committee will hold periodic briefings and events to inform Member States about the political, economic and social impact of the ongoing Israeli occupation. Emphasis will be placed on the impact of the occupation on the human rights of the Palestinian people, including on the situation of women and girls, children and young people, and on the impact of the humanitarian and protection crises, including on Palestinian refugees.

8. The Committee will continue to support, as necessary, crucial United Nations decisions and resolutions pertaining to the question of Palestine, including any potential action resulting from the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice requested by the General Assembly in its resolution [77/247](#).

9. The Committee will consider visiting the State of Palestine to discuss further ways in which it might contribute to a just and peaceful resolution of the question of Palestine through its outreach with Member States and civil society.

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

10. In accordance with General Assembly resolution [32/40](#) B, the Committee will hold a special meeting and organize, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer

Mission of the State of Palestine, a cultural event and/or an exhibit in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. Pursuant to Assembly resolution 77/23, in 2024, the special meeting of the Committee to mark the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People will be held on or around 29 November.

11. The Committee will further invite its members, observer States and accredited civil society organizations to plan national and regional activities aimed at conveying solidarity with the Palestinian people. The purpose of such activities will be to express support for international efforts to bring an end to the Israeli occupation, realize the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, including to self-determination and independence, and achieve a just and lasting solution to the question of Palestine, including the plight of the Palestine refugees, on the basis of international law and the relevant resolutions of the United Nations.

Intergovernmental organizations

12. The Committee will continue to cooperate with the African Union, the League of Arab States, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, the Caribbean Community, the European Union, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries.

13. The Committee will invite other organizations and regional groups represented at the United Nations to participate in its programme of international meetings and conferences, including through the organization of joint events and events with national Governments. The Committee will continue to encourage Governments from all regional groups to actively participate in those events.

14. The Bureau of the Committee will continue to participate in relevant intergovernmental and other conferences and meetings, as necessary, including with regional and subregional organizations. The Committee considers such participation to be an important aspect of its work to promote international support for the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people.

B. Raising awareness of the question of Palestine

15. Through in-person, hybrid or virtual meetings, statements, social media and other platforms, the Committee will continue to raise public awareness of the political, human rights and humanitarian developments that undermine the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination and other inalienable rights, constitute obstacles to meaningful negotiations and undermine the prospects for realizing a just and lasting solution. In recognition of the growing importance of civic voices and perspectives with regard to the situation on the ground, the Committee will make greater use of its platform to consult with parliamentarians and civil society and other organizations.

16. The Committee will continue to prioritize the question of Jerusalem as part of its focus on the illegality of the occupation and Israeli settlement activities in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and the legal obligation of third parties not to support or contribute to such grave breaches of international law by Israel, the occupying Power.

17. The Committee will also seek to mobilize public international support for the efforts of the State of Palestine to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, including in cooperation with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) and other United Nations entities.

18. The Committee will continue to facilitate briefings by United Nations officials and experts and exchanges of ideas on specific issues, including the situation of women, children, young people and refugees, at its meetings at Headquarters as well as during side events, international conferences and Committee delegation visits.

19. The Committee will organize an event on the margins of the annual session of the Commission on the Status of Women to highlight specific issues affecting Palestinian women. The Committee will strive to achieve gender and geographical balance among invited experts.

20. The Committee, through its Bureau, will regularly assess the outcomes of its international meetings and conferences and will disseminate the practical recommendations emanating from them to the United Nations membership and the public.

21. The Committee will call for international efforts to address the dire socioeconomic situation and deteriorating living conditions of Palestinians in the occupied territory, and the predicament of the Government of the State of Palestine, which is unable to effectively meet the economic and social needs of its people as a result of the continued adverse impact of the ongoing occupation and the illegal policies and practices of Israel, including recurrent violent aggressions against the Palestinian civilian population, acts of collective punishment, discriminatory policies and colonization and annexation measures.

United Nations Information System on the Question of Palestine

22. The Committee requests the Division for Palestinian Rights to further develop, expand and update the Committee's "Question of Palestine" website, including the web-based United Nations Information System on the Question of Palestine. The Division will continue to maintain a comprehensive and up-to-date collection of United Nations and related documents in the System, and to improve the appearance and accessibility of the website on mobile devices and the usability of the search engine, while promoting multilingualism. The Committee calls upon relevant Secretariat offices, including the Department of Global Communications and the Office of Information and Communications Technology, to extend their full support to the Division in this regard.

23. The Division will continue, on behalf of the Committee, to expand its presence on social media platforms in different languages and to increase its dissemination of information by email. In addition, the Division will explore ways of leveraging innovative tools, including virtual reality, microvideos and animations, while advocating for a peaceful and just solution to the question of Palestine.

Activities and events in 2024

24. In 2024, Committee activities are expected to include:

(a) Outreach meetings with Member States, including the engagement of both permanent and elected members of the Security Council and the Quartet, in support of the launch of an international peace conference and peace negotiations on the basis of international law and the relevant resolutions of the United Nations;

(b) An international event on the question of Jerusalem, organized in cooperation with the Organization of Islamic Cooperation;

(c) A side event on the margins of the annual session of the Commission on the Status of Women, in March 2024;

- (d) An event on one or more of the following international law-related topics: international humanitarian law, apartheid, prevention of the crime of genocide, land dispossession, demolitions, forced displacement, refugees and young people;
- (e) Seminars with international legal experts and practitioners to discuss the outcome of the pending request for an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice and other legal issues emanating from the war on Gaza;
- (f) Participation in regional summits, conferences and events to sustain international attention on the question of Palestine and mobilize efforts to promote a just and peaceful solution, including with the African Union, the League of Arab States and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation;
- (g) Two Committee consultations with civil society, in the first half and the second half of 2024;
- (h) Field delegation visits to Member States to harness support for and increase awareness of the question of Palestine and to mobilize collective efforts;
- (i) Annual capacity-development training on multilateral diplomacy for diplomats of the State of Palestine at United Nations Headquarters in New York;
- (j) Capacity-development training sessions on diplomatic protocol and etiquette and speechwriting sessions for officials of the State of Palestine.

Publications programme

25. The Committee's publications programme remains an important tool for the dissemination of information to, and awareness-raising among, Member States and the public on the question of Palestine, the role and efforts of the United Nations and the work of the Committee. The Division is requested to continue to monitor and disseminate information on developments relevant to the question of Palestine, and to continue to issue, electronically and/or in print, the following publications:

- (a) Reports on civil society initiatives related to the question of Palestine in its weekly bulletin, *NGO Action News*;
- (b) A monthly bulletin on action by the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations relevant to the question of Palestine;
- (c) An annual compilation of resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly, the Security Council and other United Nations organs and entities relating to the question of Palestine;
- (d) An annual compilation of United Nations reports relevant to the question of Palestine;
- (e) Reports on meetings and events held under the auspices of the Committee;
- (f) Quarterly newsletters on Committee activities;
- (g) Information materials on the activities of the Committee, including through social media and on the "Question of Palestine" website;
- (h) Booklets and e-books on issues related to the question of Palestine, including in different languages.

The Division is also requested to translate (into Arabic, French and Spanish), publish and disseminate the study by the Committee on the legality of the Israeli occupation.

26. The Committee will ask the Division to review and update its past publications, as appropriate.

C. Cooperation with intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and United Nations system entities

27. During 2024, the Committee will continue to invite prominent personalities and representatives of United Nations system entities and civil society organizations, including women and young people, to take part in its activities.

Non-governmental organizations

28. Strengthening cooperation with civil society remains an overarching objective for the Committee, in order to mobilize international solidarity and support for the Palestinian people and to encourage civil society partners to work with parliamentarians and their national Governments and other institutions to promote the realization of the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people.

29. The Committee will continue to invite civil society organizations, including human rights organizations, youth and women's groups and refugee representatives, to relevant international meetings and conferences in order to enhance dialogue, increase their engagement for a just and lasting solution to the question of Palestine and strengthen solidarity with the Palestinian people.

30. In 2024, the Committee intends to organize activities, including the following, in cooperation with Palestinian, Israeli and other civil society organizations worldwide:

(a) Ad hoc events on the situation in Gaza, including on topics such as upholding international humanitarian law, accountability, the prevention of genocide and apartheid, humanitarian assistance, reconstruction, and children and armed conflict;

(b) Periodic open briefings by representatives of Palestinian, Israeli and international civil society organizations on their work in support of a just and peaceful solution to the question of Palestine, including on the margins of major United Nations events;

(c) Periodic Committee consultations with civil society organizations, in the first half and second half of 2024.

Parliaments and interparliamentary organizations

31. National parliaments and interparliamentary organizations play a significant role in shaping public opinion, formulating policy guidelines and influencing government positions and actions that uphold international legitimacy in support of a comprehensive, just and lasting settlement of the question of Palestine. To that end, the Committee will continue to involve parliamentarians and representatives of interparliamentary organizations in international conferences and meetings organized under its auspices. The Committee will engage with parliamentarians during delegation visits and may organize joint events with interested interparliamentary organizations.

United Nations system entities

32. The Committee will continue to collaborate with organizations, entities and mechanisms of the United Nations system to carry out its programme of work and advance a comprehensive, just and lasting settlement of the question of Palestine.

33. The Bureau will continue its dialogue with special representatives of the Secretary-General, Human Rights Council mandate holders, the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories, special advisers and the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including

East Jerusalem, and Israel in order to foster mutual support and coordinate efforts, in line with the Committee's mandate.

34. The Committee will continue to advocate for UNRWA and to support the mandate of the Agency as it commemorates the seventy-fifth anniversary of its establishment pursuant to General Assembly resolution 302 (IV) of 8 December 1949. The Committee will continue to draw attention to the need for efforts to remedy the chronic financial crisis faced by the Agency, which is currently compounded by the war on Gaza and ongoing attacks on UNRWA staff and facilities, where more than 1.3 million forcibly displaced Palestinians are seeking refuge.

D. Capacity-development programme for staff of the Government of the State of Palestine

35. As mandated by the General Assembly, the Committee will continue to develop the capacity-development programme for staff of the Government of the State of Palestine, *inter alia*, with a view to supporting efforts to establish more efficient, accountable and transparent government institutions and to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Capacity-development activities will be carried out in person and online, as appropriate.

36. The Committee will seek to incorporate South-South and triangular cooperation into its capacity-development programme, in line with the priorities of the State of Palestine. In 2024, opportunities to reinforce the capacity of Palestinian civil servants in the areas of strategic communications, speechwriting and diplomatic protocol and etiquette will be pursued.

37. In selecting candidates for its capacity-development and training programme, the Committee will give special consideration to: (a) the relevance of the job functions of the candidates for any proposed training; (b) their performance in past training sessions; (c) the promotion of broad participation across institutions of the State of Palestine, including those in Gaza, when possible; and (d) gender balance.

38. In line with past practice, the programme will be coordinated with United Nations entities and other actors to avoid overlap and duplication. Training sessions will be held in the State of Palestine to the extent possible in order to facilitate participation and optimize the use of available funding.

39. The Committee solicits the cooperation of all Governments with regard to the issuance of visas for participants and trainers in all capacity-development activities under its aegis.

III. Continuing review and assessment

40. The Committee will continue to review and assess its programme of work in the light of the evolving situation on the ground and forthcoming political and legal developments, adjusting as necessary. The Committee Bureau will hold a retreat before the end of the year to reflect on the implementation of the 2024 programme of work and plan its activities for 2025.

41. The Division for Palestinian Rights will conduct a survey at the end of the year to assess Committee members' satisfaction regarding the Division's support for the implementation of the programme of work.

42. The Division will continue to assess the performance and impact of the capacity-development programme, apply lessons learned and follow best practices.