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**Topic:** Assistance to Palestinian Refugees

1 *The General Assembly Plenary,*

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3 *Recalling* Article Two of the UN Charter, which states that, “The Organization is based on the principle of the  
4 sovereign equality of all its Members,”

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6 *Emphasizing* the past success that multilateral agreements have had in providing efficient and effective aid to  
7 refugees,

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9 *Understanding* that a comprehensive solution between Palestine and Israel would, in the long term, provide for the  
10 most viable path to peace in the region,

11 *Recalling* the Corridor for Peace & Prosperity Initiative,

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13 *Reiterating* the Universal Declaration of Human Rights Articles 13 through 15, which protect and ensure the rights  
14 of refugees, including the right to freedom of movement, the right to asylum, and the right to nationality,

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17 *Acknowledging* the impact of A/RES/3236 in providing for the inalienable right of refugees to return to their  
18 homeland,

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20 *Reaffirming* the 1951 Convention and Protocol Relating to Refugees, specifically: Article 3 and Article 24, which  
21 defines the right of refugees to receive the same treatment as nationals in the receiving country with regard to  
22 protection provided by social security; Article 22, which provides for access to elementary education; Article 4,  
23 which applies free exercise of religion and religious education; and Article 31, which states that refugees should not  
24 be penalized for having entered a country illegally if they have come directly from a place where they were at risk,

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26 *Understanding* the difficulties and dangers of the internally displaced body, specifically traveling through dangerous  
27 and unstable borders during a crisis, and the need for this movement to be protected by the international community,

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29 *Guided by* the development of existing institutions, such as the Palestinian Center for Human Rights, to fight against  
30 sexual and gender based violence towards Palestinian refugees by providing protection and counselling to women  
31 and children in order to create empowerment,

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33 *Noting* that current infrastructures, such as the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees in  
34 the Near East (UNRWA) is capable of improvements at managing crises caused by displacement, as well as the  
35 significant financial and economic burden that these displaced people can have in countries accepting the internally  
36 displaced,

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38 *Calling attention* to the uneven implementation of the Casablanca Protocol relevant to safeguarding Palestinian  
39 existence with the rights of sovereign territory and if necessary, revisions that make the document more viable to  
40 future solutions,

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42 *Emphasizing* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) affiliated Refugee Education Trust  
43 Program and other programs alike to provide psychological assistance, child protection, and education to youth  
44 refugees as a priority,

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46 1. *Calls for* the economic development of Palestinian communities in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip to prevent  
47 further displacement, supporting the work done by the Corridor for Peace & Prosperity Initiative by:

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49 a. Focusing on peacebuilding through the promotion of economic self-reliance, it would sprout economic  
50 stability and generate investments;

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- 52           b. Continuing to develop a sustainable agricultural industry for Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza  
53 Strip;  
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- 55           c. Increasing funding from Member States and non-governmental actors for the Palestinian Market  
56 Development Program, in order to retain non-refugee Palestinian investment in their communities  
57 through the creation of jobs and growth of the economies of the Palestinian regions, in order to prevent  
58 the growth of Palestinian displacement;  
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- 60 2. *Urges* the reformation of the current financial infrastructure as it relates to humanitarian aid to ease the  
61 economic strain on refugees caused by:  
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- 63           a. Calling for the consolidation of all refugee funds and missions under the authority of the High  
64 Commissioner for Refugees, to facilitate an unbiased, unified fund for the assistance of refugees and  
65 host nations throughout the globe;  
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- 67           b. Requesting standardized aid contribution from member states, adjusted to GDP and indexed for  
68 inflation in order to ensure sufficient funding for Palestinian refugee aid;  
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- 70           c. Recommending a move towards the even dispersal of refugees across all member states, by:  
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- 72           i. Developing frameworks for refugee integration into developed member states;  
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- 74           ii. Facilitating international transportation networks to assist refugee movement to new regions;  
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- 76 3. *Calls for* a Conference on the Emergence of Mass Displacement and the need for High Level Humanitarian  
77 Coordination to consider new ways to facilitate assistance to displaced persons, address the instability of current  
78 assistance funding schemes, and considering the potential chartering of a United Nations Council of Displaced  
79 Persons, a new United Nations Organ for the express purpose of addressing the growing issue of coordination  
80 of assistance to displaced persons in a unified manner while respecting the imperative of state sovereignty and  
81 leveraging the diverse expertise of existing UN and NGO organizations within the field of refugee and  
82 displaced persons assistance:  
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- 84           a. To be convened in Santiago, Chile on February 1, 2017 and to be adjourned on February 14, 2017;  
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- 86           b. To have funding allocated by the General Assembly Fifth Committee;  
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- 88           c. To be attended by delegations from General Assembly Member States, with one vote each, of three  
89 persons including, at the member states' discretion, their head of state or due representative, and  
90 observing delegations from the UNHCR, UNRWA, or other like-minded organizations;  
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- 92 4. *Advocates* the Refugee Education Trust (RET) Program, specifically the RET Community Leadership Program,  
93 to provide humanitarian aid such as:  
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- 95           a. Psychological assistance through counseling;  
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- 97           b. Providing accredited teachers to youth refugees as a priority to empower them into adulthood and  
98 professional careers;  
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- 100           c. Providing education supplies such as notebooks, pens, pencils and other schoolwork related aid that  
101 would provide for a complete and stable learning environment;  
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- 103 5. *Encourages* more Member States, specifically non-Arab states, to support the Casablanca Protocol, as well as  
104 having financially able nation's work alongside Arab states in providing documentation to enable Palestinians to  
105 gain autonomy, financial, and economic opportunity, so the global community:  
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- 107 a. Enables rights to Palestinian nationality and Palestinians residing in other Middle Eastern countries to  
108 have the right of employment on par with its citizens;  
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- 110 b. Advocates Palestinians residing in other Arab states have the right to enter and to depart from it, in  
111 accordance with their interests creating efficient forms of travel and visa policies and documents;  
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- 113 6. *Urges* the reformation of the current financial infrastructure as it relates to humanitarian aid to ease the  
114 economic strain refugees caused by:  
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117 Commissioner for Refugees, to facilitate an unbiased, unified fund for the assistance of refugees and  
118 host nations throughout the globe;  
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121 inflation in order to ensure sufficient funding for Palestinian refugee aid;  
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- 125 i. Developing frameworks for refugee integration into developed member states;  
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- 127 ii. Facilitating international transportation networks to assist refugee movement to new regions;  
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- 129 7. *Supports* existing partnerships, such as the UNRWA working in conjunction with Palestinian non-governmental  
130 organizations such as the Women’s Affairs Centre, to fight against and gender based violence towards  
131 Palestinian refugees to counter terrorism acts, physical assaults, and psychological violations through  
132 community workshops and forums that provide psychological relief to victims;  
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- 134 8. *Recommends* the consolidation of all refugee funds and missions under the authority of the High Commissioner  
135 for Refugees, to facilitate an unbiased, unified fund for the assistance of refugees and host nations throughout  
136 the globe;  
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- 138 9. *Notes with interest* a dialogue regarding expansion of the Division of Emergency, Security, and Supply  
139 department of the UNHCR to allow for preventative actions in assurance of post conflict resolution,  
140 reconstruction, and development;  
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- 142 10. *Implores* the Security Council to discuss a comprehensive cease-fire, to make possible the deployment of  
143 humanitarian aid, negotiations for peace in the area, and the further enforcement of A/RES/32/36;  
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- 145 11. *Invites* the international community to work together to aid refugees without regard to social or political factors,  
146 understanding that the plight of refugees transcends borders, and that the fundamental rights of the refugee to  
147 have freedom of movement, right to asylum, and right to nationality must be implemented and enforced at the  
148 global level;  
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- 150 12. *Expresses* its full support for the states of Palestine and Israel to attend a conference within the next year  
151 encouraged by the General Assembly to discuss the issue of Palestinians refugees under neutral territory of  
152 choice;  
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- 154 13. *Encourages* the use of this framework in any and all future humanitarian refugee crises, so as to provide more  
155 effective relief to refugees, nations in conflict, and refugee host nations;  
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- 157 14. *Recommends* that Member States recognize pre-existing international conventions, laws, and resolutions passed  
158 by the international community and provide continued support to accepted refugees, in accordance with  
159 international human rights law, and the 1951 United Nations Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees;  
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161 15. *Renews its appeal* of the international community to Article 13 of the UN Charter which reaffirms that the  
162 original goal of the General Assembly is to lead the member states into cooperative agreement on issues which  
163 significantly impact all countries, and promote the solutions put forth by assembly whenever possible.