



Committee: UNHCR (Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees)

Agenda Items: The Relocation of Palestinian People amid the Israel-Hamas Conflict, Third Party Involvement in the Post Conflict Zone

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In the Gaza Strip, Israel is attempting genocide on the Palestinians. Israel is trying to eradicate the Palestinians from the land by blocking their access to basic needs. Before the war started, 90% of the water in Gaza was supplied from the aquifer basin on the coast, the Israeli blockade caused the aquifer basin to get contaminated with chemicals, salty seawater, and chemicals. Israel has also destroyed all the waste-water treatment facilities and 70% of the sewage pumps. Many people didn't have access to clean drinking water, forcing them to resort to the contaminated water. Shortly after, epidemics of Hepatitis A with the risk of spreading Poliomyelitis have began. Now, access to clean drinking water has become a challenge. People have to wait for hours for water. In the summer the Gaza Strip experiences heatwaves, like it never did before with temperatures reaching 40.7°C. During the heatwaves, accompanied by poor hygiene conditions in the strip, many Gazans experience pus, skin rashes, and ulcerations.

The UN Partners and many other international organizations have been making progress and have been introducing new efforts in terms of mediation, peacemaking and humanitarian aid in the Gaza Strip. The UN Human Rights Council has conducted investigations into the corruption and violation of human rights in Gaza. The UN has established several peacekeeping missions in the Gaza Strip, including the UNTSO and the UNIFIL. Also the UNRWA has a dashboard that serves as a comprehensive tool designed to provide a transparent overview of the materials entry process through the crossings into Gaza, this tool enables the humanitarian organizations to efficiently search for an essential items and have a better understanding of the item distribution in the area. To support the women and girls of Gaza, UNFPA has delivered six mobile maternity units, equipped to provide emergency obstetric care in Gaza. The UN Security Council has issued numerous statements and adopted resolutions on the Gaza conflict.

The Islamic Republic of Afghanistan is aware of the distressing consequences of the conflict in the Gaza Strip. Afghanistan believes that it is of paramount importance that all the other countries and humanitarian aid organizations to cooperate. Afghanistan is willing to cooperate with international aid organizations, The UN and the other countries, to solve this issue that poses a significant threat for the peace in the Middle East.

In order for this committee to produce effective and operable resolutions, committee must focus on the best integration, that would consist, include and ensure: long-term goals for the Gaza Strip and the surrounding areas, high level of safety, education of the children, proper healthcare for the Gazans, proper mental care for the Gazans, up-to-date laws, acceptable housing, etc. Possible solutions and improvements are:

- Determining which countries are eligible to provide asylum for the refugees
- Encouraging near states to provide shelter for the refugees
- Increasing the international pressure on Israel to resolve the conflict and protect the Palestinian refugees
- Preparing cultural integration courses for refugees that will be permanently staying in a country that has 'different' values. Similar courses, mandatory to attend, have been already going on for the Arab refugees in Norway and have showed promising results

While the other issues get resolved there are things to be done to ensure the well being of the Gazans, such as:

- Mobile mental health units for individuals who are experiencing mental health problems
- Mobile kitchens to battle food insecurity
- Ensuring the highest level of safety for hospitals, mobile units so that they wont be a liability for risk
- Increasing the delivery of overall aid, especially food, water and medical supply, to the Gaza Strip
- Legal support for the Palestinian People in Israeli detention centers and jails
- Cooperating with ENGO's to clean the aquifer basin and resupply water in Gaza even if temporary
- The usage of UN Peacekeepers to ensure the safety of aid workers