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Resolution on

Humanitarian Crisis in Palestine in Particular in the Gaza Strip

We the Members of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly,

Deeply Concerned about the grave humanitarian crisis in Palestine and in particular in Quds and in Gaza,

Expressing deep concern over the perpetuation of the policy of collective punishments and assassinations against Palestinian citizens in all occupied Palestinian territories, imposing the unjust siege on the Gaza Strip; and disrupting supplies, food, and medicine intended for its population,

Expressing also deep concerns over the humanitarian situation in Gaza, increasing alarm at the incessant violations of human rights and on-going losses of life among Palestinians,

Recalling international legal ban on policies of collective punishment, cutting off humanitarian supplies and aids to the civilians,

Appalled by the sufferings endured by the Palestinians under siege in the Gaza Strip, in terms of the most brutal campaign of starvation, blockage and displacement,

Convinced that effective action is needed to alleviate the ordeal faced by the Palestinian citizens in the Gaza Strip and to contribute to securing their needs in terms of humanitarian necessities and relief,

1. *Deplore*, in the strongest terms, the crimes and atrocities committed by Israel in Gaza and the West Bank;
2. *Demand* the Israeli Regime to respect the principles of international law in its treatment of the defenseless people of Palestine, in particular, removing

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- immediately all restrictions leading to the collective punishment of the Palestinian people;
3. *Urge* the international community to exercise all possible pressures on the Israeli Regime to, immediately, put an end to such crimes against humanity and allow the flow of the daily-needs supplies and international humanitarian aid for the people in Gaza;
 4. *Call on* Member Parliaments to speak out for the people of Gaza, and encourage their governments to call for an end to the siege and to the collective punishments of the Palestinian people;
 5. *Urge* all parliaments of the world to take the necessary measures to alleviate the suffering of the Palestinians and urge their governments to exert pressure on Israeli Regime to put an end to its acts of terror in Palestine and, in Particular, in Gaza strip and to provide urgent humanitarian aids to the Palestinian people;
 6. *Demand* Israel, the occupying power, to release immediately all the Palestinian prisoners, especially Dr. Aziz Al-Dweik, the Speaker of the Palestinian Legislative Council, Ahmad Sadat, Marwan Al-Bargouthi and other Palestinian Parliamentarians held in prison;
 7. *Demand* Israel, the occupying power, to put an end to its policies aiming at displacing the Palestinian citizens in Al-Quds and Judaization of Al-Quds;
 8. *Call upon* Israel, the occupying power, to put an end to its policies of confiscating Palestinian lands, setting up new settlements and building up the Separation Wall and call for the dismantlement of those illegal settlements and the removal of the Separation Wall, in accordance with the ruling of the international court of justice, and the removal of more than 600 checkpoints in the West Bank;
 9. *Call on* the United Nations and all humanitarian aid organizations as well as International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to expedite the provision of humanitarian aid including food, medicine, fuel and water supplies and other essential services, such as electricity and sanitation, to the Gaza Strip;
 10. *Appreciate* the support provided by the Government and the people of Egypt to the Palestinians and calls for reopening of the Rafah gateway in order to facilitate the provision of humanitarian aid to the people in Gaza;

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11. *Request* the APA President to collect financial contributions from Member Parliaments to provide humanitarian aids for the people in Gaza through the APA President;

12. *Decide* to dispatch an APA troika delegation--composed of the former, present and future Presidents of the APA-- to the countries of the region in particular neighboring countries to Palestine to consult with the political and parliamentarian leaders about the ways and means of channeling humanitarian aids to the people in Gaza;

13. *Request* the Secretary-General to submit a report on implementation of this resolution to Member Parliaments every two months since adoption of this resolution and another report to the next meeting of the Executive Council.