

Security Council

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Libyan Arab Jamahiriya: draft resolution

The Security Council,

Recalling its relevant resolutions, including resolutions 242 (1967) of 22 November 1967, 338 (1973) of 22 October 1973, 446 (1979), 1322 (2000), 1397 (2002) of 12 March 2002, 1402 (2002), 1435 (2002), 1515 (2003) of 19 November 2003, 1544 (2004) of 19 May 2004 and 1850 (2008) of 16 December 2008,

Recalling the relevant rules and principles of international law, including humanitarian and human rights law, particularly the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949,

Emphasizing the importance of the safety and well-being of all civilians, and condemning all acts of violence and terror against civilians,

Expressing grave concern about the steep deterioration of the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory as a result of the ongoing Israeli military attacks, which have resulted in the killing and injuring of scores of innocent civilians, including many Palestinian children, and widespread destruction,

Expressing grave concern as well about the deepening humanitarian crisis being faced by the Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip due to the continuing closure by Israel of all border crossings and the obstruction of access of humanitarian aid, including food and medicines, and the reduction of fuel and electricity supplies to the Gaza Strip by Israel, the occupying Power,

Reaffirming the right of all peoples in the region to live in peace and security,

- 1. Demands an immediate and permanent ceasefire in the Gaza Strip with a cessation of all military activities and violence, including Israeli military operations and the firing of rockets by some Palestinian groups, including Hamas, and the immediate withdrawal of Israeli forces to positions held prior to 27 December 2008, and demands full respect of the ceasefire by both parties;
- 2. Calls for the immediate lifting of the Israeli blockade on the Gaza Strip and for the sustained opening of the Gaza Strip's border crossings for the import and export of goods into and out of the Gaza Strip to address both the humanitarian and economic needs of the civilian population;
- 3. Stresses the need for the full implementation by both parties of the 15 November 2005 Agreement on Movement and Access and the Agreed Principles for

the Rafah Crossing to allow for the free movement of the Palestinian civilian population;

- 4. Calls on Israel, the occupying Power, to ensure the unhindered and safe access of humanitarian aid and other essential supplies, including food, medicines and fuel, to the Palestinian civilian population in the Gaza Strip, as well as the safe passage of civilian persons and humanitarian personnel into and from the Gaza Strip in accordance with international humanitarian law;
- 5. Calls upon the international community to respond with urgency to the emergency appeals by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) to address the critical humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip;
- 6. Calls for the establishment and deployment of an international observer force in the Gaza Strip, to be agreed in accordance with the ongoing diplomatic initiative, in order to monitor the implementation of the ceasefire, to ensure the protection and safety of the Palestinian civilian population, to allow secure and unconditional access of humanitarian assistance and free movement of persons and goods, to prevent illicit traffic of arms and to promote restoration of calm in full;
- 7. Emphasizes the importance of continuing all efforts aimed at achieving Palestinian national reconciliation and unity under the auspices of Egypt in accordance with the League of Arab States resolution of 26 November 2008;
- 8. Stresses the need to achieve a just, lasting and comprehensive peace in the Middle East and calls for the resumption of accelerated Palestinian-Israeli negotiations aimed at resolving all outstanding issues in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, including all core issues, in accordance with relevant United Nations resolutions, the Madrid principles, the Arab Peace Initiative and the Road Map for the establishment of the independent State of Palestine living side by side with Israel in peace within secure and recognized borders;
- 9. Requests the Secretary-General, in light of the urgency of the matter, to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to report to the Council in a timely manner;
- 10. Decides to remain seized of the matter.