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## **Proposed programme budget for 2026: section 26, Palestine refugees**

*The General Assembly*

1. *Recalls* its resolution [302 \(IV\)](#) of 8 December 1949, by which it established the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East with a mandate to provide humanitarian assistance, protection and essential services to Palestine refugees, highlighting the vital role that the Agency plays in providing education, healthcare, relief and social services and emergency assistance to Palestine refugees in all five fields of operation, including in particular in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and affirms that no organization can replace or substitute the Agency's capacity and mandate to serve Palestine refugees and civilians in urgent need of life-saving humanitarian assistance;
2. *Reaffirms* the essential mandate of the Agency, as set forth in resolution [302 \(IV\)](#), and underscores the responsibility of the international community to support the Agency in enabling the continuity of its indispensable operations in all five fields of operation, recognizing that any interruption or suspension of its work would have severe humanitarian consequences for millions of Palestine refugees who depend on the Agency's services, with further implications for the region;
3. *Expresses deep concern* over the Israeli legislation that obstructs the Agency's operations, which significantly hinders the Agency's ability to fulfil its mandate;
4. *Condemns in the strongest possible terms* the killing of Agency staff and all acts of violence against civilians, including all acts of terror and indiscriminate attacks, as well as all acts of provocation, incitement and destruction, and appreciates the work of the Agency's staff, including in dire circumstances, in fulfilment of the Agency's mandate;
5. *Extends condolences* to the Agency for the loss of its staff members, which stands at 382 as of 7 December 2025, highlighting the continuous disregard and endangerment of the lives of United Nations staff in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem;

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\* On behalf of the States that are members of the Group of 77 and China, taking into account also the provisions of General Assembly resolution [ES-10/23](#) of 10 May 2024.



6. *Condemns in the strongest terms* the destruction of installations, facilities, and vehicles under the United Nations flag and bearing the United Nations emblem, including Agency schools sheltering displaced civilians;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to explore all possible measures to enhance and strengthen the Agency's operational security, especially in conflict zones, and to ensure sufficient, predictable and sustained funding to the Agency, and to report on progress to the General Assembly at its eighty-first session;

8. *Recalls* paragraph VI.103 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,<sup>1</sup> expresses concern at the continuous reduction of voluntary contributions and emphasizes the importance of responsible and committed voluntary contributions to the Agency, and calls upon Member States and other donors to increase their voluntary contributions to the Agency to ensure its ability to fulfil its mandate effectively and achieve sustainable and consistent levels of voluntary funding;

9. *Strongly condemns* the recent unauthorized entry into the United Nations Shaykh Jarrah compound in occupied East Jerusalem by the Israeli authorities, reaffirms that the compound, as well as the Kalandia Training Centre and other installations in occupied East Jerusalem, remain United Nations premises and are inviolable and immune from any form of interference, reiterates that any executive, administrative, judicial or legislative action against United Nations property and assets is prohibited under the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations,<sup>2</sup> and requests Israel to immediately take all steps necessary to restore, preserve and uphold the inviolability of Agency premises and to refrain from taking any further action with regard to Agency premises, in line with its obligations under the Charter of the United Nations and its other obligations under international law, including those concerning privileges and immunities of the United Nations;

10. *Recalls* paragraph VI.98 of the report of the Advisory Committee, notes that the Agency's West Bank Field Office compound in East Jerusalem is not currently occupied, requests the Secretary-General to continue the engagement with relevant stakeholders, including other United Nations entities, to explore options for its common use with a view to ensuring cost-effectiveness and continuity of operations, and also requests the Secretary-General to make every effort to facilitate the resumed access of the Agency to the premises in occupied East Jerusalem and to address the related accessibility challenges facing the Agency in delivery on its mandate;

11. *Also recalls* paragraph VI.92 of the report of the Advisory Committee, notes the key role that senior local area staff are performing in Gaza and the West Bank in the current exceptional operational environment, and requests the Secretary-General to present concrete proposals in this regard;

12. *Further recalls* paragraph VI.81 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to provide a report to the General Assembly at its eighty-first session on the extensive casualties and the damage sustained by Agency installations and assets, including buildings, vehicles, equipment and supplies, and the broader implications this may have on mandate implementation and associated financial implications, with options for inclusion in future budget proposals.

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<sup>1</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eightieth Session, Supplement No. 7 (A/80/7).*

<sup>2</sup> Resolution 22 A (I).