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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Agriculture development, food security and nutrition

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly Second Committee

## The General Assembly Second Committee,

*Reaffirming* its commitment to the principles outlined in the Charter of the United Nations, particularly the promotion of peace, security and human rights,

*Recalling* its previous resolutions and actions on the humanitarian crises in Palestine, resolution
77/239 of 10 January 2023, resolution 10/21 of 30 October 2023 and resolution 10/22 of 19 December 2023,

5 Alarmed by the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Gaza, where an estimated 1.8 million people face 6 severe hunger and the destruction of 70% of crop fields in Gaza and surrounding areas as a result of 7 conflict,

8 *Recognizing* the essential role of agriculture in setting up a sustainable peace for millions of 9 people in Palestine and the urgent need to restore agricultural productivity for both food security and 10 economic independence,

11 *Acknowledging* the importance of international cooperation and sustainable development in 12 addressing long-term challenges faced by Palestinian farmers,

*Further acknowledging* the devastating impact of war on the agricultural infrastructure, local economies and the livelihoods of communities, and the urgent need for recovery and investment in rebuilding efforts,

16 Deeply concerned by the destruction of agricultural infrastructure and killing of livestock in 17 Gaza,

18 Stressing the need for a coordinated, transparent, and inclusive approach to rebuilding agri-19 cultural infrastructure that prioritizes the needs of affected populations, particularly vulnerable groups 20 such as women, children, and displaced persons,

*Noting* the importance of providing emergency aid and agricultural infrastructure investment to all war-torn regions to rebuild a sustainable food supply chain and provide nutritious food,

*Recommends* the commencement of rebuilding and investment in Palestine's agricultural industry once hostilities have ceased,

1. *Calls for* the establishment of a comprehensive, multi-year agricultural reconstruction plan by the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) that will include:

27 (a) The rehabilitation of destroyed crop fields in Gaza;

(b) The restoration and construction of irrigation systems, water reservoirs and renewable energy infrastructure to support sustainable farming practices;

30 (c) The provision of seeds, tools, fertilizers, and other agricultural inputs to affected farm-31 ers;

(d) The rebuilding of agricultural markets, storage facilities and transport infrastructure
to ensure that goods can be sold and distributed effectively;

(e) The establishment of veterinary care programs to support livestock populations,
which are vital for both food security and economic stability;

(f) The construction of cold storage facilities and introduction of cost-effective methods
such as solar drying, vacuum packaging and biopreservation to extend shelf life;

2. Urges Member States to provide financial and technical assistance to support this reconstruction effort, including funding for international organizations such as the FAO, the World Food Programme (WFP) and other relevant United Nations bodies, to help implement the agricultural rehabilitation projects;

3. Emphasizes the need for sustainable agricultural practices to be prioritized in the reconstruc tion plan, ensuring that the rebuilding process also addresses the long-term environmental challenges
facing the region, including water scarcity, soil degradation and climate change impacts;

45 4. *Stresses* the importance of promoting capacity-building programs for local farmers, partic-46 ularly for women and youth, to enhance agricultural knowledge and skills, promote entrepreneurship, 47 increase work force participation and enhance productivity;

5. *Encourages* the international community to support the integration of peacebuilding efforts into the agricultural reconstruction process, ensuring that reconstruction activities are aligned with broader peace and stability goals in the region;

51 6. *Encourages* establishing a strategic partnership with the Republic of Korea to:

52 (a) Develop and implement advanced agricultural technologies, including precision 53 farming, smart irrigation systems and greenhouse innovations tailored to the Palestinian climate;

(b) Launch a joint initiative under the framework of the Korea International Cooperation
Agency to fund and oversee pilot projects that rebuild critical agricultural infrastructure and create
scalable models for wider implementation in Palestine;

57 7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a progress report to the General Assembly every six 58 months, detailing the progress of the reconstruction efforts, challenges faced and recommendations 59 for further action;

8. *Calls upon* international donors and the United Nations Development Programme to support these initiatives to ensure long-term viability and fiscal responsibility;

9. *Calls upon* all Member States and relevant international organizations to continue working together to ensure the long-term sustainability of agricultural infrastructure in Palestine, with the ultimate goal of reducing dependence on humanitarian aid and fostering food security and economic independence for the affected peoples.

Passed, Yes: 53 / No: 23 / Abstain: 22