



## Commission on Human Rights

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### Resolution 14 (2005)

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*The Commission on Human Rights,*

*Deeply concerned* by the psychological impact on children in the Israeli-Palestinian region caused by the ongoing Israeli-Palestinian conflict and its socio-economic repercussions,

*Taking into account* UNICEF's report of January 2003 pointing out a 100% increase in the number of Palestinians seeking mental healthcare and the increase of psychological distress among children in the core conflict areas, including aggressive behaviour and low school achievement caused by the exposure of these children to the widespread violence,

*Stressing* the importance of local knowledge with regard to dealing with the psychological effects of war as well as indigenous traditions as indispensable components in the establishment of any additional networks to resolve the psychological troubles of children in the region,

1. *Decides* to establish a working group

a. with the purpose of further confronting the growing concern of and further tackling with the psychological effects of armed conflict on the Israeli-Palestinian population. It shall hereafter be referred to as the Working Group on the "Assessment of the Psychological Effects of Armed Conflict on the Israeli-Palestinian Children";

b. consisting of

- i. professional experts with training in psychology, medicine, etc.,
- ii. non-governmental organisations,
- iii. international organisations or agencies of the before-mentioned present in the region, such as UNICEF, UNRWA, OSCE, etc.,

c. working together with existing state initiatives in the region, such as the "Middle East Village Initiative",

2. *Further requests* this working group to report to the Commission on Human Rights by July 2006.