

FORUM Advisory Panel

QUESTION OF: Ensuring the Fulfillment of Basic Human Needs in Face of Corruption and Thawra in Lebanon

MAIN-SUBMITTED BY: United States of America

CO- SUBMITTED BY: Russian Federation, Lebanon

THE ADVISORY PANEL,

Bearing in mind that the sectarian democratic government in Lebanon is responsible for inflation, unemployment, and the lack of basic needs for the population,

Recognizing the abuse of power of government officials for political and fiscal gains,

Deeply concerned with the impacts of COVID 19 and the Explosion in the Port of Beirut on the economic downturn in Lebanon,

Noting that the explosion at the Port of Beirut has built on the food-shortages experienced in Lebanon through the destruction of the essential food imports,

Emphasizing the effect of the explosion in the Port of Beirut on the lack of safe water and sanitation for more than 300,000 of the Lebanese population,

Concerned with the fact that the recent economic inflation is causing the price of clean water and sanitation to rise continuously,

Aware of the fact that the under-investment in power plants and the unstable economy has caused constant blackouts and lack of electricity in Lebanon,

Main submitted by: USA - **passed**

- 1) Calls for the Lebanese government to provide enhanced transparency in their actions, to prevent corruption and to improve accountability among the public in ways such as but not limited to:
 - a. implementing the Capital Control Act that ensures the government to be more transparent in their policies, which can possibly resolve the current economic crisis in Lebanon in ways such as:
 - i. limiting the flow of foreign capital in and out of the country, which can help stabilize the domestic economy,
 - ii. effectively controlling exchange rates,

- iii. building more trust in domestic economic policies, which would contribute to the improvement in the control of capital,
- b. enhancing the public's access to information to fight against corruption and to prevent riots that can hinder the stability of the nation by:
 - i. educating the public with the purpose of providing individuals with the tools to effectively monitor state operations, and public management,
 - ii. enacting laws that allow effective access to public information,
 - iii. strengthening oversight bodies with guarantees of independence,
 - iv. guaranteeing freedom of speech in the media through the safety of journalists who investigate issues relevant to corruption,
 - v. allowing the independence and the diversity of media, which can provide further information to the public
 - vi. encouraging the media and newsletters of Lebanese to handle the government's action every day;

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- 2) Requests for financial support from related organizations and from More Economically Developed Countries (MEDCs) in solving water shortages and sanitation in Lebanon in ways such as but not limited to:
- a. funding and support from relevant international organizations such as The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), UN Water, ARWO (Association of Regional Water Organizations), WEF (Water Environment Federation), and the World bank in ways such as but not limited to:
 - i. developing technologies for using alternative water resources such as rain water and sewage water,
 - ii. building more water storage facilities,
 - iii. Adaptable Program Loan
 - iv. providing fuel, which are essential for gaining water supply from water stations,
 - b. projects to protect the Lebanese, especially vulnerable groups from diseases or harm caused by the lack of water sanitation such as:
 - i. water, Sanitation, Hygiene (WASH) Program by UNICEF to provide better health conditions for children,
 - ii. establishing hospitals within an accessible range of the impoverished that provides complimentary care,
 - iii. sending professionals from the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Foundation to carry out health check-ups of children and ensure children are receiving essential nutrients for their development,
 - iv. delivering necessities donated by the individuals of member states to the ones in need;

Main Submitted by: USA – passed

- 3) Further requests the Lebanese government enforce actions to resolve famine and food insecurity issues through means such as but not limited to:
- a. encouraging and aiding the farmers for agriculture by:
 - i. supporting the farmers to be more directly connected to the market for revenue,
 - ii. providing constant donations to promote motivation and to aid the farmers financially regarding their agricultural practices,
 - iii. sending professionals from (MEDCs) to aid the Lebanese farmers by passing down agricultural techniques,
 - iv. funding from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD),
 - b. relieving the impacts of the explosion of the Port of Beirut that has built on food-shortages experienced in Lebanon through the destruction of the essential food imports by:
 - i. the immediate expansion of Beirut's facilities to increase its emergency capacity to offload humanitarian and economic aid,
 - ii. support from the UN World Food Program through the establishment of temporary grain storage facilities in Beirut
 - iii. asking MEDCs and NGOs to construct more silos or expanding existing silos in other ports;

Main Submitted by: Russia - **passed**

- 4) Recommends the Lebanese government to initiate actions that can resolve the current issues relevant to electricity shortage in ways such as but not limited to:
- a. initiating governmental projects in establishing the nation's own, independent electricity company,
 - i. training local professionals with the support of MEDCs and World Organizations,
 - ii. developing technologies that could aid in producing electricity,
 - b. supporting professionals in the field of electricity who have worked for the project with prospective welfare such as:
 - i. UN Health and Life Insurance ensures the medical insurances for workers to conduct the projects during the work period
 - ii. ensuring viable governmental pensions after they retire,
 - iii. Provide them tuition and fees for their children
 - c. rebuilding the contract with Turkish companies or finding another electricity company until the own independent electricity company officially and feasibly become available,
 - i. holding the contract to be longer than 7 years since the project takes more than 71 months,
 - ii. employing proficient technicians from member nations,
 - d. cooperating with experts in relevant fields in utilizing efficient energy sources that can produce electricity such as:
 - i. Solar Power,

- ii. Geothermal power,
- iii. Hydropower;

Main Submitted by: Lebanon - passed

5) Condemns the need of member states to watch over the Lebanese government and the members in the government that are corrupted and to foster change in the current form of government in ways such as:

- a. dispatch world organization research team such as UN to Lebanon annually to prevent further corruption through means such as:
 - i. utilizing researches such as surveys aimed to the Lebanon citizens,
 - ii. providing rating systems by referencing the critics, articles, thesis, newsletter from inside and outside of Lebanon asserting regard to Lebanon action to ensure the transparency,
- b. the researches utilize a variety of methods such as but not limited to:
 - i. the researches include surveying Lebanon citizens, refugees, governmental officials, and civil servants,
 - ii. the researches include rating the transparency by referencing the critics, articles, thesis, newsletter from inside and outside of Lebanon asserting regard to Lebanon action;

Main Submitted by: Russia - passed

6) Draws attention to raising public awareness on the current situation of Lebanon in ways such as but not limited to:

- a. promoting and holding public events that can interest and inform the global population about the issues in Lebanon by:
 - i. organizing events such as open houses and festivals which can draw public attention,
 - ii. employing famous celebrities as spokespersons for campaigns,
 - iii. establishing further education for upcoming generations,
 - iv. holding TED talks or other public speaking,
- b. using social media platforms (Youtube, Face book, etc) to inform the public for funds that can help improve the situation in Lebanon.