



Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development

Terms of reference for General Rapporteur on the situation of women and children in the Palestinian territories¹ (of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development)

Denomination: General Rapporteur on the situation of women and children in the Palestinian territories

In accordance with Rule 50.7 of the Rules of Procedure, the general rapporteur shall be appointed for a mandate for two years, renewable a maximum of once.

Role: It is the duty of the General Rapporteur on the situation of women and children in the Palestinian territories to ensure awareness for the situation of women and children in the Palestinian territories, in accordance with the Resolutions of the Parliamentary Assembly relating to this matter and in conformity with relevant international legal standards in the field of human rights, humanitarian law and specific instruments relating to the rights of women and children.

To this end, they will follow closely developments in the Palestinian territories from this perspective, keep the Assembly and its bodies informed about the situation, and work in co-operation with other relevant actors on this matter. The General Rapporteur will report periodically to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development and will liaise closely with other relevant Assembly committees, in particular the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, and the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights. They may represent the Assembly when appropriate on the topic of the situation of women and children in the Palestinian territories and make public statements on issues within their mandate.

Responsibilities: The responsibilities of the General Rapporteur are to:

- follow up on the relevant resolutions and recommendations of the Parliamentary Assembly, in particular Resolution 2582 (2025) "The absolute and urgent need to end the humanitarian crisis for women, children and the hostages in Gaza" and Resolution 2623 (2025) "Urgent call to put an end to the devastating humanitarian catastrophe and the killing of journalists in Gaza" and keep the Assembly informed about the situation in this respect
- follow activities and maintain working relations with relevant international bodies working on this topic, including UNICEF, UN Special Representatives, the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the United Nations Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

¹ As approved by the Bureau of the Assembly and the Assembly in plenary during the January 2026 part-session.