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Madam Chair,

9. The Gaza Strip has been crippled by the illegal blockade imposed by Israel, the occupying Power, for more than fourteen years, imposing untold humanitarian, social and economic suffering on the more than 2 million Palestinian children, women and men there, the majority of whom are refugees. This unilateral blockade still severely affects every aspect of life, including by obstructing the delivery of humanitarian aid and basic materials to Gaza Strip, impeding the reconstruction of the thousands of homes and infrastructures, including refugee shelters that have been destroyed, hindering economic and social recovery, deepening needs and aid dependency, and impairing the fragile health system even in this critical time of pandemic. In these conditions UNRWA is compelled to respond as more and more families descend into poverty and

