

**ITEM B.110**  
**FOR ACTION**

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**Subject:**        **Comment to the 222<sup>nd</sup> GA (2016) – Overture 037 (Business Item 08-02) “On Advocating for the Safety and Wellbeing of Children of Palestine and Israel” – From the Synod of the Covenant.**

**Recommendation:**

**That the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board approve the following comment on Overture 037 (Business Item 08-02) “On Advocating for the Safety and Wellbeing of Children of Palestine and Israel” – From the Synod of the Covenant.**

**Comment:**

The Presbyterian Mission Agency is engaged in addressing the issues related to the safety and wellbeing of children in Palestine and Israel in response to the 221<sup>st</sup> General Assembly (2014) action “On Reaffirming the Rights of Children and Attention to Violence Against Children in Israel and Palestine”: <https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/5099>.

The Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations has posted resources related to the human rights of Palestinian and Israeli children on [www.presbyterianmission.org/un](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/un). Speakers from Defense for Children International – Palestine have led workshops at Compassion, Peace and Justice Training Days in 2015 and 2016.

The Office of Public Witness helped coordinate a Congressional Briefing on the treatment of Palestinian children in Israeli military detention. The Office of Public Witness has also done an action alert inviting Presbyterians to contact their legislators about Palestinian children in Israeli military detention.

The Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations advocates within the UN system for the human rights and safety and wellbeing of the children of Palestine and Israel.

Overture 037 affirms and supports the work on advocating for the safety and wellbeing of the children of Palestine and Israel currently being done by the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

Link to Overture - <https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6312>