

**RESOLUTION ON THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE OCCUPIED ARAB  
TERRITORIES**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twenty-Sixth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 23 February to 1 March 1976,

**Having considered** the report of the Administrative Secretary General of the OAU on the Middle East problem document CM/721 (XXVI),

**Having heard** the statements delivered during the Session by the representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt, the P.L.O. and other Delegations,

**Recalling** the Resolution adopted by the several sessions of the OAU Assembly of Heads of State and Government and the Council of Ministers on the Middle East and the Palestinian problems and in particular Resolution AHG/Res. 76 (XII),

**Guided** by the principle and objectives of the OAU and the UN Charters,

**Noting** that the continued occupation by Israel of Arab territories constitutes a continued violation and aggression and poses a serious threat to the rights, security and sovereignty of the various Arab States as well as to the national rights of the Palestinian people,

**Reaffirming** that the total withdrawal of Israel from all the occupied Arab territories and the recognition of the Palestinian people's right to sovereignty, national independence and self-determination are a pre-requisite for a just and lasting peace in Palestine and the middle East,

**Noting with deep indignation** Israel's intransigent attitude and its continued refusal to abide by the United Nations' Resolutions,

**Endorsing** the report of the Administrative Secretary-General on the need to pool efforts for maintaining the momentum in the search for a just and lasting solution to the problem,

1. **CONDEMNS** Israel for its continued aggressive policy, refusal to implement and attempts to thwart UN Resolutions;
2. **REITERATES** its total and effective support for Egypt, Arab Frontline States and the Palestine People in their legitimate struggle to recover all the Arab occupied territories and to restore the Palestinian people their usurped rights by every possible means;
3. **REAFFIRMS** that the Palestinian problem is a political problem of a people struggling for their rights and the fulfillment of their aspirations and that there cannot therefore, be peace in the region unless the legitimate rights and aspirations to nationhood of the Palestinian people are taken into consideration;
4. **DEEMS** it essential that the UN Geneva Conference on the Middle East should meet as soon as possible to consider the Middle East problem on its entirety and that the Palestinian Liberation Organization, the only legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, attends on the same footing as the other parties;
5. **REQUESTS** the OAU Administrative Secretary-General to continue to follow-up the matter and to submit a report, on its development to the 27<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Ministers.