

RESOLUTION ON THE PALESTINE QUESTION

The Council of Ministers of the organization of African Unity meeting in its Thirty-third Ordinary Session in Monrovia, Liberia, from 6 to 20 July 1979;

Having studied the OAU Secretary General's Report on the development of the Palestine Question, (document CM/978 (XXXIII));

Having heard the statements made by various delegations and in particular the statement made by the Representative of the PLO,

Recalling the resolutions adopted at previous sessions on the Assembly of Heads of State and Government on the Palestine question;

Recalling further the Report of the United Nations Ad Hoc Committee on Palestine which reaffirms the Palestinian people's national and inalienable right to their homeland, including their right to return, to self-determination, to sovereignty and to the establishment of an independence state on their soil;

Guided by the principles and objectives of OAU and UN Charters and the common destiny of African and Arab peoples in their joint struggle against Zionism and racism for the sake of freedom, independence and peace;

Recalling that the Palestine Question is at the core of the Middle East conflict, and that the PLO is the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian People;

Considering that the Palestinian cause is both Arab and African cause;

Aware of the present serious situation created as a result of the occupation by Israel of Palestinian and Arab territories, its refusal to comply with the United Nation's General Assembly resolutions, its determination to establish settlement areas in occupied Arab territories particularly Jerusalem and thus changing the geographical, cultural and social features of Palestine;

Reaffirming the legitimate struggle being waged by the Palestinian people under the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) to recover their land and exercise their national rights;

Reaffirming that a just and lasting peace can only be achieved through the exercise by Palestinian people of their inalienable rights, especially the right to return to their mother land and recover their national sovereignty, their self-determination without any foreign interference, whatsoever and the establishment of an independent State on their territory;

Considering that all partial agreements and separate treaties are greatly prejudicial to the Palestinian cause and constitute a denial of the universally recognized right of the Palestinian people, and further constitute a violation of the principle of the right of the people to self-determination and independence;

Noting with concern that the alliance between the Zionist regime of Israel and the racist regime of South Africa aims at intensifying the acts of terrorists and genocide perpetrated against the peoples of Palestine and Southern Africa;

1. **REAFFIRMS** all the previous resolutions on the Palestine Question and its unflinching support for the Palestinian people under the leadership of their sole and legitimate representative, the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), in their struggle for the recovery of their usurped national rights especially their rights to return to their homeland to exercise their right self-determination and establish an independent State on their territory;
2. **CONDEMNS** the machinations aimed at preventing the Palestinian people from exercising their right to self-determination to achieve their national aspiration, freedom and total sovereignty, impose solutions that contradict this right and violate the resolutions of the UN General Assembly and the OAU as well as the initiative taken by some parties with an eye to taking measures and concluding agreements which would not take into consideration the aspirations of the Palestinian people and their legitimate representative, the Palestine Liberation Organization, (PLO) to the detriment of their right to ensure their own destiny;

3. **STRONGLY CONDEMNS** Israel's expansionist, colonialist and segregationist designs against the Palestinian people and other Arab peoples, and in particular the Lebanese people;
4. **STONGLY CONDEMNS** all partial agreements and separate treaties which constitutes a flagrant violation of the rights of the Palestinian people, the principles of the OAU and UK Charters and the resolution adopted in various international Forums on the Palestine issue, and which prevent the realization of the Palestinian people's aspiration to return to their homeland, to self - determination and to exercise full sovereignty on their territories;
5. **CONDEMNS** the alliance between the Zionist regime and the racist regimes in Southern Africa, and calls upon all Member States to increase their efforts to encounter this danger and strengthen the armed struggle against Zionists, Racism, and Imperialism;
6. **APPEALS** to the International Community to further intensify its pressure on Israel in all fields to force it to abide by the UN Charter and the resolutions passed on the Palestinian issue;
7. **STRONGLY CONDEMNS** the persistence of Israel's policies on Judaization of the city of Jerusalem, which is constituting a flagrant violation of relevant resolutions adopted by all international forums on this issue;
8. **REQUESTS** the Security Council to take effective measures to secure the exercising of the Palestinian people of their inalienable national right recognized by the UN General Assembly;
9. **REQUESTS** the OAU Administrative Secretary-General to follow the development of the Palestinian issue and to report back to the Council of Ministers at its next Ordinary Session.