

RESOLUTION
ON THE MIDDLE EAST 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 taken cognisance of the report of the OAU Secretary-General on the development in the Middle East Question document CM/972 (XXXIII) Rev. 1,

Having heard the statements by the various delegations on the development concerning the Middle East question;

Guided by the principles and objectives of the OAU and UN Charters, and the common destiny of African-Arab people and their joint struggle for freedom, progress and peace,

Recalling the successive resolutions adopted at previous sessions of the OAU Assembly of Heads of State and Government and the Council of Ministers on the Middle East and Palestinian issue,

Noting with deep concern the explosive and dangerous situation in the area as a result of the continuous occupation by Israel of Arab territories and of its denial of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people to return to their homeland, to self-determination to the establishment of its own independent state in Palestine, of Israel's persistence in refusing to comply with the UN General Assembly and the Security Council resolutions and of its defiance of International legitimacy and of the International Declaration of Human Rights, its persistence in repeated acts of aggression against Lebanese territory and the Palestinian Refugee Camps following a policy of complete eradication and destruction against them,

Considering that all partial agreements and separate treaties contravene the principles of the United Nations, the resolutions of the Organization of African Unity as well as the peoples' right to self-determine nation and serve only to worsen the state of belligerence prevailing in the region and undermine the right of the Palestinian people and their cause which is at the core of the Middle East issue;

Reconfirming its unflinching support to the struggle of the Palestinian people under the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organizations (PLO) for the restoration of their full national rights;

Noting with grave concern that the conclusion between Israel and the racist regimes of Southern Africa has only increased the danger of perpetuating the policy of repression and genocide against the peoples of Palestine and Southern Africa;

1. **REAFFIRMS** all its previous resolutions and its total and effective support to the struggle of the Palestinian people under its sole and legitimate representative the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO);
2. **REAFFIRMS** its support to the Arab Frontline States and the Palestinian people in their just struggle to recover their usurped rights and occupied territories;
3. **STRONGLY CONDEMNS** the plans and belligerent intentions of Israel, its expansionist and segregationist policy as well as its defiance of the United Nations resolutions which constitute a serious threat to peace in the region and in the world;
4. **STRONGLY CONDEMNS** Israel's policy of colonisation and settlement in Palestine and other occupied Arab territories;
5. **STRONGLY CONDEMNS** the bellicose collusion between Israel and the racist regimes in Southern Africa against African and Arab peoples, and **URGES** all Member States to strengthen their solidarity within the realm of the common struggle against the ever increasing dangers of these alliances and convinced that the armed struggle against the racist regimes in Southern Africa and in occupied Palestine, is the most effective way of eradicating domination and Foreign central of the destiny of African and Arab peoples;
6. **CONDEMNS** all partial agreements and separate treaties which violate the recognized rights of the Palestinian people and contradicts the principles of just and comprehensive solutions to the Middle East problem to ensure the establishment of a just peace in the area;

7. **REAFFIRMS** the rights of the Arab Front-line States and the Palestinian people to full sovereignty over their territories, their wealth and natural resources and CONSIDERS all measures taken by Israel in violation of this sovereignty null and void;
8. **URGES** the International Community to intensify its pressure on Israel in all fields to compel her to abide by the OAU resolutions, and CALLS UPON the Security Council to take the necessary measures to compel Israel to end its occupation of Palestine and Arab territories, and allow the Palestinian people to exercise their natural rights in conformity with the recommendations of the United Nations Ad Hoc Committee on the exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People;
9. **REQUESTS** the Secretary-General of the OAU to follow the development of the problem and report to the next Ordinary Session of the OAU Council of Ministers.