

RESOLUTION ON THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST
AND THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Twenty Third Ordinary Session in Mogadiscio, Somalia from 6 to 11 June 1974

HAVING HEARD the report of the OAU Administrative Secretary General and the statement by His Excellency the Head of the delegation of the Arab Republic of Egypt;

RECALLING all previous OAU Resolutions on the Middle East reaffirming that the total withdrawal of Israel from all occupied Arab territories and the exercise of the inalienable national rights of the Palestinian people are pre-conditions for any just and lasting peace in the Middle East;

SERIOUSLY concerned about the fact that despite recent agreements on military disengagement between Egypt, Syria and Israel, the cease fire will remain precarious because of Israel's obstinacy in refusing to withdrawal form all occupied Arab territories and its failure to recognize the legitimate and inalienable national rights of the Palestinian people;

1. TAKES NOTE of the statement by the Head of the delegation of the Arab Republic of Egypt;;
2. REAFFIRMS its Resolution CM/321 (XXIII);
3. AFFIRMS that a just and lasting peace in the Middle East must be based on the following fundamental principles:

- (a) The total withdrawal of Israeli forces from all Arab territories occupied since June 1967 to the lines of 4 June 1967;
 - (b) The liberation of the Arab city of Jerusalem;
 - (c) The exercise by the Palestinian people of their right to self-determination and the recognition of their national rights.
4. DECLARES its full support for the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people in their heroic struggle against Zionism and racism.
 5. INVITES the OAU Secretary-General to follow closely developments in the Middle East situation and report to the Twenty-Fourth Session of the Council of Ministers.
 6. DECIDES to maintain the Middle East situation as an important item on the agenda of the next session of the OAU Council of Ministers.