RESOLUTION ON JERUSALEM

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of Africa Unity meeting in its Thirty-fifth Ordinary Session in Freetown, Sierra Leone, from 18 to 28 June, 1980,

<u>Recalling</u> all the resolutions of the OAU, the United Nations and the Conference of Non-Aligned Countries on Jerusalem,

<u>Considering</u> that OAU has on several occasions firmly opposed the decision of Israel to consider Jerusalem as the capital of the Zionist territory,

<u>Considering</u> that the Palestinian Question, including Jerusalem is the crux of the Middle East problem,

<u>Considering</u> that Israel is persisting in its policy of aggression, expansionism, annexation, Zionist colonisation, and alteration of the cultural and demographic characteristics of Jerusalem,

<u>Considering</u> that Israel persists in its application and extension policy of Judaization of Jerusalem, and obliterating its Arab Character, in violation of the stipulations of the Fourth Geneva Convention of 12 August 1949:

- 1. REAFFIRMS that the Old City of Jerusalem is an integral part of the occupied Palestinian and Arab Territories;
- 2. REAFFIRMS the need to maintain the original status of the city of Jerusalem and to preserve its historical character;
- 3. CONDEMNS Israel for its persistent refusal to respect the relevant resolutions of the OAU and other International Organizations on Jerusalem;

- 4. CONDEMNS the measures of annexation, the policy of judaization and forced spoliation of immovable property in Jerusalem and insists on the need to liberate that city from Zionist colonialism and to restore it to its original status;
- 5. REAFFIRMS that all measures aimed at changing the historical and demographic characteristics of Jerusalem are null and void, and demands their immediate abrogation as they flagrantly violate the provisions of the Fourth Geneva Convention and constitute an obstacle to a just and lasting peace in the Middle East;
- 6. DEMANDS that Israel complies with the resolutions of OAU, UN Security Council and the Conference of Non-Aligned Countries on the matter, and to stop taking measures affecting the status of the City;
- 7. REAFFIRMS the absolute necessity of putting an urgent end to the protracted Israeli occupation of Arab and Palestinian territories;
- 8. REJECTS and DENOUNCES any attempt by any state to recognize Jerusalem as capital of the Zionist entity of Israel;
- 9. STRONGLY CONDEMNS the latest measures taken by the government of the Zionist entity to transfer its administration to Jerusalem;
- 10. CALLS UPON all states not to recognize that illegal decision.