

**RESOLUTION ON THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION**

**The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirty-seventh Ordinary Session in Nairobi, Kenya from 15 to 26 June, 1981,**

**Having considered the Report of the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity on the Palestinian Question Document CM/1126 (XXXVII),**

**Having heard the statements of various delegations and in particular that of the representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO),**

**Recalling the resolutions adopted by the previous sessions of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government on the problem of the Middle East and on the Palestinian Question,**

**Further recalling the report of the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine (Document A/34/35) which reaffirms the inalienable national rights of the people of Palestine to their homeland including their rights to return to it, to self-determination, to sovereignty as well as to the establishment of an independent state on their soil,**

**Guided by the principles and purposes of the Charters of the Organization of African Unity and of the United Nations and by the common destiny of the African and Arab peoples in their common struggle against Zionism and racism for the cause of freedom, independence and peace,**

**Recalling that the Palestinian Question, and the question of Jerusalem, constitutes the very core of the Middle East conflict, and that the PLO is the only legitimate representative of the people of Palestine,**

**Reiterating the relevant decisions of the OAU making the Palestinian Question an Arab and African issue,**

**Conscious of the seriousness of the present situation resulting from the continued occupation of Palestinian and Arab territories by Israel, its refusal to respect the resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council of the United Nations, its firm determination to establish settlements in the occupied Arab territories, especially in Jerusalem, thus altering the geographical, demographical, cultural and social characteristics of Palestine,**

**Reaffirming the legitimacy of the struggle of the people of Palestine led by the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) to recover their land and exercise their national rights,**

**Further reaffirming that a just and lasting peace can only be achieved when the people of Palestine exercise their inalienable rights, particularly their right to return to their homeland, the recovery of national sovereignty, their right to self-determination without any foreign interference whatsoever and their right to create an independent state on their territory,**

**Considering that partial agreement and separate treaty are greatly prejudicial to the people of Palestine and constitute a violation of the principle of the right of people to self-determination and independence,**

**Taking into account the Resolutions adopted at the Special Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations on the Palestinian Question on 15 July, 1980,**

**Taking into account the conclusions of the United Nations Committee on the exercise of the inalienable rights of the people of Palestine,**

**Noting with grave concern that the alliance between the Zionist regime of Israel and the racist regime of South Africa aims at intensifying acts of terrorism and genocide against the people of Palestine and South Africa:**

- 1. REAFFIRMS all previous Resolutions on the Palestinian Question and reiterates its unwavering support for the people of Palestine led by the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), their sole legitimate representative, and REAFFIRMS the right of the people of Palestine to continue their struggle under all political and military forms as well as the use of all means to liberate their occupied territory and to recover their inalienable national rights, particularly the right to return to their homeland, the exercise of their right to self-determination and to establish an independent state in their territory;**
- 2. STRONGLY CONDEMNS all maneuvers and formulae aimed at preventing the people of Palestine from exercising their right to self-determination, to achieve their national aspirations to return to their homeland and exercise their freedom and complete sovereignty;**
- 3. STRONGLY CONDEMNS the initiatives taken by some parties which adopt measures and conclude agreements which do not take into account the aspirations of the people of Palestine and of their sole legitimate representative the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO); CONSIDERS null and void any agreement on the Palestinian Question without the participation of the Palestine Liberation Organization;**
- 4. STRONGLY CONDEMNS the expansionist, colonialist, segregationist and terrorist design of Israel aimed at imposing a fait accompli on the occupied territories, also CONDEMNS the policy of expansion, establishment of settlement, expropriation of lands and the massive or individual extermination of people with a view to forcing them to emigrate, to modify the demographic characteristics of the territory, and to expel the leaders of the people of Palestine thinkers and citizens as well as other Arab peoples especially the Lebanese people;**

5. **STRONGLY CONDEMNS** Israel's expansionist, colonialist, segregationist and terrorist designs against the Palestine people, its leaders and other Arab peoples, and in particular the Lebanese people;
6. **STRONGLY CONDEMNS FURTHER** all partial agreements and separate treaties which constitute a flagrant violation of the rights of the Palestinian people, the principles of the Charter of the OAU and the UN and the resolution adopted in various international fora on the Palestinian Question 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;
7. **FURTHER CONDEMNS** the collusion between the Zionist regime and the racist regime of South Africa and **CALLS UPON** all Member States to intensify their efforts to face this danger and to strengthen the armed struggle against Zionism, racism and imperialism. To this end, **CALLS UPON** all African States, all Members of the League of Arab States to include in the Agenda of the forthcoming Session the following item "Collusion between South Africa and Israel";
8. **APPEALS** to the international community to exert more pressure on Israel in all fields so as to compel it to conform to the Charter of the United Nations and with the resolution adopted on the Palestinian Question, **EMPHASIZE** the efforts deployed by the United Nations Ad-hoc Committee on Palestine and **CALLS UPON** the Security Council to implement the recommendations of this Committee adopted by the General Assembly, especially Resolution 35/169 of 15 December 1980;
9. **CALLS UPON** the Security Council to take effective measures to guarantee the exercise by the people of Palestine of their national and inalienable rights recognized by the United Nations General Assembly and **CONSIDERS** that Security Council Resolution 242 of 22 November 1967 does not guarantee the

**future of the Palestinian people and their inalienable rights nor does it provide a basis for a just solution to the Palestinian Question;**

- 10. COMMENDS the United Nations Committee on the exercise of the inalienable rights of the people of Palestine for its efforts aimed at restoring the inalienable rights of the people of Palestine;**
- 11. REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General to follow the development of the Palestinian Question and to report to the next Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity.**