

RESOLUTION ON JERUSALEM

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,

Recalling all Resolutions of the OAU, the United Nations and the Conference of the Non-Aligned Movement on Jerusalem,

Considering that the OAU has always strongly opposed Israel's claim over Jerusalem as the capital of the Zionist entity,

Considering that the Palestinian Question, including Jerusalem, constitutes the core of the Middle East Problem,

Considering Israel's persistence in its policy of aggression, illegal annexation, expansionism, Zionist colonization and changing of the nature of the cultural and demographic characteristics of the Holy City of Jerusalem,

Considering Israel's persistence in the pursuit and expansion of Judaisation of Jerusalem in order to efface its Arab character in violation of the provisions of the Fourth Geneva Convention of 12 August 1949, relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War:

- 1. REAFFIRMS that the city of Jerusalem is an integral part of occupied Palestinian and Arab territories;**
- 2. REAFFIRMS the need to maintain the original and historical character of the Holy City of Jerusalem;**

3. **CONDEMNS** Israel for her persistent refusal to respect the appropriate resolutions of the OAU, the UN and other international organizations on the Holy City of Jerusalem;
4. **DENOUNCES** the annexation of territories, the policy of Judaisation and compulsory expropriation of Arab property in Jerusalem, and **DEMANDS** the liberation of the city from Zionist colonialism and its return to its original and historical character;
5. **REAFFIRMS** that all measures taken by Israel to alter the historical geographical and demographic characteristics of Jerusalem as null and void and **CALLS FOR** their abrogation since they are in violation of the Fourth Geneva Convention and constitute a serious obstacle to the establishment of a just and lasting peace in the Middle East;
6. **CALLS UPON** Israel to respect the resolutions of the OAU, the United Nations Security Council and the Non-Aligned Movement regarding the abrogation of all measures affecting the character of Jerusalem;
7. **REAFFIRMS** the imperative need for Israel to put an end to its continued occupation of Arab and Palestinian territories;
8. **REJECTS AND DENOUNCES** any attempt by any State to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel;
9. **APPEALS** to all States and international organizations not to participate in conferences that would be held in Jerusalem as capital of Israel;
10. **STRONGLY CONDEMNS** the recent measures taken by the Zionist regime to transfer its administrative machinery to the city of Jerusalem and **APPEALS** to all States not to recognize these illegal measures;

- 11. REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General to follow the development of the Jerusalem question and to submit a report to the Thirty-eighth Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers.**