

RESOLUTION ON THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Forty-second Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 10 to 17 July, 1985,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General a.i. contained Document CM/1303(XLII),

Recalling the resolution adopted by the previous session of the Council of Ministers and Assembly of Heads of States and Government on the problem of the Middle East and the Palestinian Question,

Guided by the principles and the purposes of the Charters of the Organization of African Unity and of the United Nations Organization and by the common struggle against Zionism and Racism for the cause of freedom, independence and peace,

Recalling that the Palestinian question constitutes the core of the Middle East conflict, and that PLO is the only legitimate representative of the Palestinian people,

Reiterating the relevant decisions of the OAU making the Palestinian question an Arab and Arabian 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 resolution 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 geographical, demographic, cultural and social characteristics of Palestine,

Reaffirming the legitimate struggle of the Palestinian people, under the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organization, for the recovery of their territories and the full exercise of 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 and their right to establish an independent state on their territory,

Considering the recommendations adopted by the UN Special Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian people, and 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 peoples of Palestine and South Africa:

- 1. REAFFIRMS all previous resolutions on the Palestinian question and reiterates its unwavering support for people of Palestine led by the PLO, the sole legitimate representative, and REAFFIRMS the right of the people of Palestine to continue their struggle in all political and military forms as well as the use of all means to liberate their occupied territory and to cover their inalienable national rights, particularly, their 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 any initiatives, measures or 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 which excludes the Palestine Liberation Organization;

- 4. STRONGLY CONDEMNNS the expansionist policies pursued by Israel and aimed at imposing a fait accompli in the occupied territories and FURTHER CONDEMNNS the Israeli policy of expansionism, establishment of settlements, expropriation of lands and the forced emigration of the indigenous population as well as the massive or individual extermination of people all aimed at modifying the demographical characteristics of the territory;**
- 5. CONDEMNNS Israel's policy of expelling the leaders of the people of Palestine, thinkers as well as other Arab peoples, especially the Lebanese people;**
- 6. STRONGLY CONDEMNNS the emigration of the Falashas from Africa to occupied Palestine and welcomes the commitment of the Government of Sudan to continue with the enquiry on the subject aimed at determining all the facts on this plot and to make available to the OAU the findings of the inquiry and requests to have the immigrants returned to their homeland in Africa;**
- 7. STRONGLY CONDEMNNS Israel's expansionist, colonialist, racist and terrorist actions against the Palestinian and the Lebanese peoples;**
- 8. FURTHER CONDEMNNS the collusion between the Zionist regime of Israel and the racist regime of South Africa and CALLS UPON all Member States to intensify their efforts to face the danger and to strengthen the struggle against Zionism, Racism and Imperialism and to this end, CALLS UPON the Member States, and members of the League of Arab States to place on the Agenda of all their sessions, the following item, "Collusion between South Africa and Israel";**

9. **CALLS UPON the international community to increase pressure on Israel in all fields so as to compel it to conform to the Charter of the United Nations and the resolution adopted on the Palestinian question EMPHASIZES the efforts deployed by the United Nations Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the people of Palestine and CALLS UPON the Security Council to implement the recommendation of this committee adopted by the General Assembly;**
10. **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;**
11. **FIRMLY SUPPORTS the Arab Peace Plan adopted at the Twelfth Arab Summit held at Fez on 9 December 1982 as an important contribution to the search for a just, comprehensive and lasting settlement of the Middle East conflict; and CALLS for the implementation of the General Assembly Resolution 39/49 of 11 December 1984, on the holding of an International Peace Conference on the Middle East and CALLS on all the Member States to ensure the application of the aforesaid resolution *;**
12. **COMMENDS the United Nations Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian people for its efforts aimed at restoring the inalienable rights of the people of Palestine;**
13. **REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General to monitor the developments in the Palestinian question and to report to the next Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity.**

*** Reservation: Libya on Paragraph 11.**