

RESOLUTION ON THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Forty-third Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 25 February to 4 March, 1985,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity on the Middle East as contained in Document CM/1368 (XLIII),

Guided by the principles and purposes of the Charters of the Organization of African Unity and the United Nations and by the common determination of the African and Arab peoples to fight jointly to safeguard their freedom,

Recalling the successive resolutions adopted by previous sessions of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government, and the Council of Ministers of the OAU on the situation in the Middle East,

Recalling further the numerous recommendations and resolutions adopted by the various Conferences of the Non-Aligned Movement on the situation in the Middle East,

Noting with deep concern that in spite of the many resolutions adopted by the United Nations General Assembly, the Security Council and the Organization of African Unity urging Israel to withdraw from Arab territories occupied since 1967, including Jerusalem, not only has Israel persistently refused to comply with these resolutions but continues to pursue its expansionist and occupation policy,

Deploring the systematic obstruction by Israel of all efforts made towards reaching a peaceful solution to the problem,

Fully conscious of the fact that the massive military, economic and other assistance as well as the political and moral support given to Israel by some powers, the United States of America in particular, enables it to pursue its acts of aggression and encourages it to perpetrate acts of terrorism and illegal occupation of part of the territories in the region,

Noting with concern that the alliance between the Zionist regime of Israel and the apartheid regime of South Africa is aimed at promoting the policy of terrorism and liquidation of the Palestinians and Arabs in the occupied territories on the one hand and of the majority black occupation of South Africa and Namibia on the other,

Fully conscious of the gravity of the treacherous air raid launched by Israel on the Republic of Tunisia and the PLO Headquarters on 1 October, 1985 which was a premeditated attack on an Arab African country, a glaring example of official Israeli terrorism, a flagrant challenge to the international community and a serious threat to world peace and security,

Noting further the odious act committed by Israel in diverting the aircraft of the Libyan Airlines when it was in international air space, its violation of IATA regulations, and the results of such an official act of terrorism and piracy by Israel:

- 1. REAFFIRMS all previous resolutions adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government and the Council of Ministers of the OAU and its total and effective support for the Palestinian people under the dynamic leadership of its sole and legitimate representative, the Palestine Liberation Organization;**
- 2. FURTHER REAFFIRMS its total support for the Arab countries victims of Israeli aggression, and its support for the Palestinian people in their just struggle to recover their usurped rights and their occupied territories;**

3. **CONDEMNS VIGOROUSLY** the establishment of settlements by Israel in Palestine and in the other occupied territories and the Judisation of the city of Jerusalem and its proclamation as its capital;
4. **STRONGLY COMMENDS** the militant role of the Lebanese people in confronting the Zionist Israeli aggression and **VEHEMENTLY CONDEMNS** the aggressions perpetrated against Lebanon and the continued occupation of its territories;
5. **STRONGLY CONDEMNS** the Israeli air raid on Tunisia and considers it to be an act of terrorism and a flagrant aggression against an independent sovereign state and an act of provocation threatening peace and security in the Middle East and the world at large, and **CALLS** upon all Member States of the United Nations to take the necessary measures to deter Israel from these practices perpetrated against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the states of the region;
6. **AFFIRMS** its full solidarity with the Republic of Tunisia as a Member State of the Organization of African Unity and **FURTHER AFFIRMS** its support for all the stands and measures it takes to defend its security, sovereignty and territorial integrity;
7. **VEHEMENTLY CONDEMNS** the forced diversion of the aircraft of the Libyan Airlines by Israeli war planes and **CONSIDERS** it an act of Israeli piracy and a flagrant barbarous act of aggression;
8. **CALLS UPON** all Member states of the United Nations and all civil aviation institutions and organizations to take the necessary measures to check all these serious acts of terrorism, which threaten world peace and security;
9. **RECOMMENDS** that Member States renew their firm determination not to establish or re-establish diplomatic ties with Israel, a natural and

- unconditional accomplice of racist South Africa; Reservation: Cote d'Ivoire (reservation);
10. **STRONGLY CONDEMNNS** all agreements concluded separately and all commitments made individually which constitute a flagrant violation of the rights of the Palestinian people and which hinder the fulfillment of the aspirations of that people such as the return to their homeland, exercise of its right to self-determination and its full sovereignty over its territory;
 11. **STRONGLY CONDEMNNS** the establishment of nuclear missile, by Israel in the Golan Heights and the Negev desert which not only represents a direct threat to the Arab region but also to peace and security and violates UN resolutions which consider the Middle East a region free of nuclear weapons;
 12. **STRONGLY CONDEMNNS** Israel, the occupying force, for not complying with the provisions of the Fourth Geneva Convention of 12 August 1949, on the protection of civilians in times of war;
 13. **URGES** Israel to put an immediate end to the illegal occupation of Southern Lebanon and **CONSIDERS** null and void any measures taken by Israel in the occupied Arab territories, aimed at exploiting their resources and **REQUESTS** all States, International Organizations and Investment Agencies not to recognize Israel's authority over these territories and not to cooperate with it, in any form whatsoever, in its exploitation of these resources and sources of energy;
 14. **MAKES AN URGENT APPEAL** to the international community to exert an effective pressure on Israel in all fields so as to coerce it to comply with the decisions of the international community and **REITERATES** its request to the Security Council to take the necessary measures to compel Israel to end its occupation of the Arab and Palestinian territories and to help the Palestinian people to exercise their national rights, in accordance with the

recommendations adopted by the UN Special Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian people;

- 15. REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General to monitor the developments in the Middle East Question and to report to the next Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity.**