

RESOLUTION ON THE SITUATION OF THE PALESTINIAN CAMPS

IN LEBANON

The Forty-Fifth Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 23 to 28 February, 1987,

Inspired by the principles of the OAU Charters,

Reaffirming its consistent support for the struggle of the Palestinian people to assist them in restoring their national inalienable rights,

Expressing its deep concern over the tragic events directed against the Palestinian camps with the aim of destroying and elimination them dispersing their inhabitants by force in implementation of the plan of implanting them in a “substitute country” in accordance with the against the Palestinian people and their just cause, as well as the Palestine Liberation Organization, the sole and authentic representative of the Palestinian people;

Expressing its strong indignation at the continuation of the siege imposed upon the Palestinian camps, the continuous bombardment of these camps by different kinds of armaments, the killing and injuring of thousands of its inhabitants including children, women or elders, and denying them access to medication and basic food supplies, water and electricity, in addition to the acts of kidnapping, detaining and killing at a time when the Israeli forces are continuously raiding these camps, bombarding them from sea, land and air, in a continuous horrible massacre, in implementation of a preconceived plan being concerted for many years without regard to international conscience,

Inspired by the resolution of the UN concerning the protection of Palestinian refugees in the host Arab countries, and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and the Geneva Convention of 1949,

1. **STRONGLY CONDEMNS** the siege of the Palestinian camps in Lebanon and the inhuman massacres committed against its innocent civilian population;
2. **DEMANDS:**
 - a. An immediate ceasefire and the cessation of all acts of aggression against the Palestinian Camps;
 - b. The total lifting of the siege imposed upon the Palestinian camps, and ensuring access to medical aid and basic food supplies for their inhabitants;
 - c. The return of all the displaced and kidnapped Palestinians to the camps and the reconstruction of these camps;
3. **APPEALS** to the United Nations to adopt all necessary measures for the protection of the Palestinian camps taking due account of the sovereignty of Lebanon;
4. **REQUESTS** the Chairman of the Council and the Secretary-General of the OAU to deploy every effort, in cooperation with other international organizations and institutions particularly, the Arab League, to ensure the implementation of this resolution;

5. **REQUESTS** the Secretary-General of the OAU to present a Report on the implementation of this resolution on the Forty-Sixth Ordinary Session of the OAU Council of Ministers.