

RESOLUTION ON THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST*

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Forty-sixth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 20 to 25 July 1987,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity on the situation in the Middle East as contained in Document CM/1431 (XLVI) Rev. I,

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,

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

Fully conscious of the fact that the support given to Israel and South Africa by some States particularly the United States of America, enables them to pursue their acts of aggression and encourages them to perpetrate acts of terrorism:

1. **REAFFIRMS** all previous resolutions and recommendations 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. **EXPRESSES ITS GRAVE CONCERN** at the aggravation of the crisis in the Middle East, and the Palestinian question which is the core of the crisis in the region;
3. **FURTHER EXPRESSES ITS GRAVE CONCERN** at the Zionist aggressive and expansionist policy and the forces that support it and

AFFIRMS the pressing need to deploy urgent efforts to recover all the occupied Arab and Palestinian territories, including Jerusalem, the Syrian Golan Heights and the South of Lebanon;

- 4. STRONGLY CONDEMNS the alliance between Israel and South Africa and their co-operation in all fields, particularly, nuclear co-operation which threatens Africa and the Middle East and AFFIRMS that the installation of nuclear missiles by Israel in the Golan Heights and the Negev Desert is not only a direct threat to the Arab region by also threatens the peace and security of Africa;**
- 5. RECOMMENDS** that Member States reiterate their firm determination not establish or re-establish diplomatic ties with Israel, a natural and accomplice of racist South Africa;**
- 6. STRONGLY CONDEMNS all agreements concluded separately and all commitments made individually which constitute a flagrant violation of the rights of the Palestinian people to return to their homeland, exercise their right to self determination and full sovereignty over their territory, and CONSIDERS null and void any agreement on the Palestinian question in which the Palestine Liberation Organization did not take part;**
- 7. SUPPORTS the convening of the International Conference on the Middle East question and its crux, the Palestinian question, under the auspices of the United Nations and the participation of all parties concerned including the Palestine Liberation Organization on an equal footing, along with the Permanent Members of the Security Council on the basis of relevant United Nations resolutions on the Palestinian question and the Middle East;**

**** Reservations by Liberia, Togo and Zaire**

- 8. CONDEMNS the collusion between the Zionist regime and the racist regime in South Africa and CALLS UPON all Member States to increase**

their efforts to counter this threat and intensify the struggle against Zionism and apartheid in South Africa;

- 9. STRONGLY CONDEMNS the massacres perpetrated against the Palestinian people in the camps in Lebanon and CALLS UPON the parties concerned, the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies and the Government of Lebanon to assume their responsibilities, put an end to those actions and ensure the protection and security of the Palestinian camps and their inhabitants;**

- 10. STRONGLY COMMENDS the courageous efforts made by the Lebanese people to face the Zionist Israeli aggression and AFFIRMS the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Lebanon;**

- 11. REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General to follow up the situation in the Middle East and submit a report thereon to the next Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity.**

*** Reservations: Cote d'Ivoire, Cameroon**