

CM/Res.1277 (LII)

**RESOLUTION ON THE QUESTION OF
PALESTINE**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-second Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 3 to 8 July 1990,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the Question of Palestine as contained in Document CM/1584 (LI),

Guided by the principles and objectives of the Charters of the OAU and the UN and the joint struggle against Zionism and racism for the attainment of freedom and peace,

Recalling the resolutions adopted by the previous sessions of the Council of Ministers and those adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government on the Question of Palestine,

Further recalling all resolutions of the United Nations and the non-Aligned Movement on the Question of Palestine,

Reaffirming the legitimacy of the struggle of the Palestinian people under the leadership of the PLO, their sole legitimate representative, in order to recover their territories and exercise their full national rights,

Following with attention the Palestinian popular uprising INTEFADA, in the occupied territories in order to put an end to the Israeli occupation and attain the inalienable national rights for the Palestinian People, included, their right to return to their homeland, self-determination and make an establishment of their independent state with Jerusalem as its capital,

Commencing the honorable stand taken by the African States, Members of the Security Council at its session held in Geneva,

Noting with deep concern the acts of systematic state terrorism practiced by Israel against the Palestinian people and their leaders both in and outside the occupied territories,

Noting further the alliance between the Zionist Regime of Israel and the racist regime in South Africa, both pursuing a terrorist policy aimed at the liquidation of the Palestinian people in the Palestinian occupied territories on the one hand, and the people of South Africa on the other:

1. REAFFIRMS all the previous resolutions and recommendations adopted by various sessions of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government and the Council of Ministers of the OAU on the Question of Palestine;

2. HAILS the resistance of the Palestinian Arab people to Israeli occupation, the intensification of the Palestinian people's uprising in the face of the brutal repression perpetrated by the Israeli authorities as well as the sacrifices made by the Palestinian people under the leadership of their sole legitimate representative, the PLO in order to recover their alienable rights to return to their homeland, to recover their property in Palestine, to self-determination without outside interference and the establishment of their independent and sovereign state with Jerusalem as capital;
3. DEMANDS that Israel withdraw immediately and unconditionally all the occupied Palestinian territories and CALLS ON the UN to take all the necessary measures to put an end to the Israeli occupation of the Palestinian territories, and secure international protection for the people through the presence of international forces to facilitate the return to a global and just peace in the region;
4. STRONGLY CONDEMNS the continued inhuman acts perpetrated by Israel against the citizens of occupied Palestinian and Arab territories such as mass deportation and detention, slaughter of women and children, destruction of homes, confiscation of lands and property and the desecration of holy places. It exhorts international organizations to intervene in order to put an end to these inhuman acts which constitute a flagrant violation of human rights in Palestine;
5. EXPRESSES ITS TOTAL SUPPORT for the legitimate heroic popular uprising of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territories, and CALLS ON Member States to provide the PLO with all forms of assistance to enable it to intensify this popular uprising;
6. SUPPORTS the efforts being made to convene an International Peace Conference on the Middle East, under the auspices of the UN with the participation on footing of the Permanent Members of the UN Security Council and all the persons concerned, including PLO;
7. REAFFIRMS ITS SUPPORT for the Palestinian initiative for the establishment of a just and lasting peace in the Middle East.
8. APPEALS to the United States of America to resume the dialogue with PLO, since this dialogue constitutes a vital factor in the peace process in the Middle East;

9. STRONGLY CONDEMNS the expansionist settlement policies pursued by Israel in occupied Palestine, including Jerusalem and especially the immigration and settlement of Soviet Jews in the occupied Arab territories;
10. EXPORTS all States to refrain from granting credits of any other form of assistance to the Israeli Government likely to facilitate the settlement of migrants in Palestine and occupied Arab territories. It requests that these illegal settlements be stopped, existing settlements be dismantled and an international machinery be set up to monitor and expose Israeli activities in this area;
11. URGES the Soviet Union and the USA, in view of their declared positions, and the international community to do everything possible to prevent the settlement of migrant Jews in the occupied Palestinian and Arab territories;
12. CALLS FOR the convening of an Islam/Christian meeting including the Vatican oriental churches and others in order to protect and preserve the identity of the Holy city as well as its religious, historical and democratic aspects;
13. CALLS ON the Secretary-General or the Organization of African Unity to follow up the developments of the Palestinian question and submit a report thereon to the forthcoming session of the OAU Council of Ministers.