RESOLUTION ON THE QUESTION OF PALESTINE

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-third Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 25 February to 1 March 1991,

<u>Having considered</u> the Report of the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity on the Question of Palestine as contained in Document CM/1648 (LIII),

<u>Recalling</u> the resolutions adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government and the previous sessions of the Council of Ministers on the Question of Palestine,

<u>Further recalling</u> all resolutions of the United Nations and the Non-Aligned Movement on the Question of Palestine,

<u>Reaffirming</u> the legitimacy of the struggle of the Palestinian people under the leadership of the PLO, their sole legitimate representative, so that they would recover their territories and exercise their full national rights,

<u>Following with attention</u> the Palestinian popular uprising "INTIFADA", in the occupied territories in order to put an end to the Israeli occupation and attain the inalienable national rights for the Palestinian people, including their right to return to their homeland, self-determination and the establishment of their independent State with Jerusalem as its capital,

<u>Noting with deep concern</u> the acts of systematic state terrorism practiced by Israel against the Palestinian people and its leadership:

- 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 heroic resistance of the Palestinian 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 inalienable rights to restore to their homeland, to recover their property in Palestine, to self-determination without inside interference and the establishment of their independent and sovereign state with Jerusalem as capital;
- 3. DEMANDS that Israel withdraw immediately and unconditionally from 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;

- 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, and 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. STRONGLY CONDEMNS the expansionist settlement, policies pursued by Israel in occupied Palestine including Jerusalem and settlement of immigrant Jews in the occupied Arab territories and CALLS UPON Soviet Union and the United States of America in accordance with their Declared positions to take the necessary actions to stop the settlement of Migrant Jews in the Palestinian and Arab occupied territories;
- 6. DEMANDS the immediate convening of the International Conference of Peace in the Middle East, in accordance with the relevant resolutions adopted By the UN General Assembly with the participation, on equal footing, of the Permanent members of the Security Council and the parties concerned, Including the PLO, the sole and legitimate representative of the Palestinian People and SUPPORTS the efforts made for that purpose;
- 7. CALLS ON the Secretary-General of 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.