RESOLUTION ON THE QUESTION OF PALESTINE

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty - fourth Ordinary Session in Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria, from 27 May to 1 June 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/1665 (LIV),

<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 and legitimate representative, so that they could recover their territories and exercise their full national rights,

<u>Following the 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 a s its capital,

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

- 1. RECALLS 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. STRONGLY CONDEMNS the continued inhuman acts perpetrated by Israel against the citizens of the 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 the international community to intervene in
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- 3. 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 the Soviet Union and The United States of America, in accordance with their declared position, to Take the necessary actions to stop the settlement of migrant Jews in the Palestinian and Arab occupied territories;
- 4. HAILS the resistance of the Palestinian people to Israeli occupation, the intensification of the Palestinian people's uprising in the face of the brut al 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 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;
- 5. DEMANDS that Israel withdraws immediately and unconditionally from all the occupied Palestinian territories;
- 6. CALLS ON the United Nations to secure international protection for the Palestinian population; and to take all the necessary measures to put an end To the Israeli occupation of the Palestinian territories;
- 7. REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in accordance with Security Council Resolution 681/1990 to invite all States party to the 1949 Fourth Geneva Convention to hold a conference aimed at promoting protection For the Palestinian people under Israeli occupation and ensuring compliance With the provisions of the Convention on the part of the Israeli occupying Forces in Palestinian territories, including Jerusalem and other occupied Arab Territories;
- 8. DEMANDS the early convening of an International Peace Conference on the Middle East in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly with the participation of Permanent Members of The Security Council and all the parties concerned, including the PLO, the Sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, in the said Conference On an equal footing, and SUPPORTS effort being deployed in this regard;
- 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 Ministe rs.