RESOLUTION ON THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty -sixth Ordinary Session in Dakar, Senegal, from 22 to 28 June 1992,

<u>Having considered</u> the report of the OAU Secretary-General on the situation in the Middle East as contained in Document No. CM/1715 (LVI),

<u>Guided by the principles and objectives</u> of the OAU and UN Charters and the common determination of the African and Arab peoples to pool their resources in defense o f their freedom and restoration of their basic legitimate rights,

Recalling that the Palestinian question is at the center of the conflict in the Middle East:

- 1. REAFFIRMS all the previous resolutions of the OAU Assembly of Heads of State and Government and Council of Ministers and EXPRESSES ITS TOTAL SUPPORT for the Palestinian People and the Arab countries which are victims of Israeli aggression;
- 2. EXPRESSES ITS SATISFACTION with the efforts deployed by the United States of America, Russia and the rest of the international community for the establishment of a just and comprehensive peace in the Middle East through the convening of the Peace Conference and negotiations between the parties concerned on the basis of international legitimacy, particularly UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338, as well as the principle of exchanging of land for peace whose implementation presupposes the Israeli withdrawal from all the Palestinian and Arab territories occupied since 1967, including Jerusalem, the Golan Heights and Southern Lebanon;
- 3. ALSO ENDORSES the proposal made by President Hosni Mubarak, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt that the Middle East should be free of all weapons of mass destruction and CONDEMNS Israel's refusal to refrain from the production and acquisition of nuclear weapons and REQUESTS the UN Security Council to take all necessary measures to destroy these weapons;
- 4. REQUESTS the organizers of the Peace Conference to invite the OAU Secretary-General to the Conference alongside other organizations, taking into account the OAU'S interests in the establishment of peace in the Middle East and in the search for a just solution to the Palestinian problem;

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- 5. CALLS UPON all States, international organizations and Investment Institutions to refrain from lending any kind of support to Israel in its practices in the occupied territories and from having any kind of cooperation with that country which may enable it to exploit the resources of occupied Arab territories and DEMANDS that Israel put a stop to those practices;
- 6. REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the OAU to follow the development of the Situation in the Middle East and submit a report in this regard to the next Ordinary Session of the OAU Council of Ministers.