

**RESOLUTION ON THE SITUATION
IN THE MIDDLE EAST**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-ninth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 31 January to 4 February, 1994,

Having considered the report of the OAU Secretary General on the Situation in the Middle East as contained in Document CM/1807 (LIX),

Guided by the principles and objectives enshrined in the Charters of the Organization of African Unity and the United Nations; and the common determination of the African and Arab peoples to pool their resources in order to safeguard their sovereignty and retrieve their basic legitimate rights,

Recalling that the Palestinian question is the root-cause of the Arab-Israeli conflict in the Middle East:

1. **REAFFIRMS** all the previous resolutions adopted by the Council of Ministers and the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, and reiterates its total support to the Palestinian people and the Arab Countries to bring an end to the Israeli occupation and achieve a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the Middle East;
2. **REAFFIRMS** that the question of Palestine and Holy Jerusalem is the root-cause of the Arab-Israeli conflict and that a comprehensive just and lasting peace in the Middle East cannot be realized without the complete Israeli withdrawal from all Palestinian and Arab occupied territories, including Holy Jerusalem, Syrian Golan Heights, and Southern Lebanon, and allow the Palestinian People to exercise their national inalienable and imprescriptible rights;
3. **EXPRESS** its total support to the efforts being deployed to realize a lasting and comprehensive settlement to the Palestinian Question and the Arab/Israeli Conflicts in consonance with the International Resolutions especially UN Security Council Resolutions No. 242, 338, 425 and the principle of "Land for Peace", the national and political rights of the Palestinian People and the resolution of the problems of Palestinian Refugees in conformity with the UN resolutions specially Res. 194 and UN resolution 237;
4. **CALLS** on all States, International Organizations and Investment Institutions to provide economic and financial assistance to the Palestinian Council for Reconstruction and Development (PECDAR) to enable it to exploit and develop the resources of the Palestinian lands and rehabilitate the infra-structures of the national Palestinian economy which were destroyed by Israeli occupation;

5. **CALLS** on the UN and its Specialized Agencies to intensify their efforts in the economic development of the Arab Occupied Territories;
6. **REQUESTS** the implementation of all resolutions adopted at the various International Forums against Israel which continues to violate the UN resolutions and other International Instruments including the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949, so as to eliminate the practice of double standards in the application of International Resolutions;
7. **STRONGLY URGES** Israel to implement the resolutions of the United Nations and International Atomic Energy Agency which call on Israel to subject all its nuclear facilities to the safety regulations of IAEA;
8. **REITERATES** its support to the proposal of H.E. President Mohamed Hosni Mubarak, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt to make the Middle East a nuclear-free zone, free from all weapons of mass destruction;
9. **REAFFIRMS** its call on the co-sponsors of the Peace Conference to invite the Secretary General of the Organization of African Unity to participate in the Peace Conference in view of the importance that the OAU attaches to the search for a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the middle East and the settlement of the Palestinian Question;
10. **CALLS** on the Secretary General of the Organization of African Unity to follow the developments in the Middle East and report on them to the forthcoming Session of the Council.