

## **RESOLUTION ON THE QUESTION OF PALESTINE**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting its Sixty-Second Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 21 to 23 June, 1995,

**Having considered** the report of the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity on the Question of Palestine as contained in Document CM/1889 (LXII),

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

**Reaffirming** the legitimacy of the struggle being waged by the Palestinian People under the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organization, their sole legitimate representative, to recover their occupied territories and exercise their inalienable national rights, including the right to return to their homeland, to self-determination and to an independent State incorporating East Jerusalem,

**Following** attentively the continued peace efforts for the achievement of a just and comprehensive settlement to the Palestinian Question, on the basis of Security Council Resolutions 242, 338, 478 and the legitimate national and political rights of the Palestinian people:

1. **REAFFIRMS** that the Palestinian Question is at the core of the Middle East conflict while the issue of Jerusalem forms the core of the Palestinian Question and that a just, comprehensive and lasting peace in the Middle East **CALLS FOR**:
  - a. withdrawal of Israel from all the occupied Palestinian and Arab territories, including East Jerusalem, recognition and respect of the inalienable national rights of Palestinian people in accordance with the General Assembly Resolution 3236 (XXIX);
  - b. cessation of all acts of violence by all parties;
  - c. the release of all prisoners and detainees in accordance with the agreement between Israel and the PLO and the provisions of the Fourth Geneva Conventional of 12 August 1949;
  - d. the cessation of all activities aimed at establishing new Israeli settlements in

the occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem and the need to dismantle the existing ones, put an immediate end to the confiscating of the Palestinian Land in and around Jerusalem and all other occupied Palestinian and Arab territories, and rescind immediately all the confiscation orders and arrangements taken by Israel and that no such action be taken in the future so as to comply with the relevant resolutions of the UN General Assembly and Security Council.

2. **REAFFIRMS** the need to solve the problem of Palestinian refugees based on the principles of human rights and in accordance with the provisions of the relevant UN resolutions, particularly General Assembly Resolutions 194 (1948) and Security Council Resolution 237 (1967);
3. **EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION AND SUPPORT** for the “Land for Peace” principle pursuant to the Security Council Resolutions 242 (1967) and 338 (1973) and for the Declaration of Principles signed in Washington on 13 September 1993 by PLO and Israel as a first step towards the implementation of the principles of Land for Peace, which should be speedily followed by similar measures on the Palestinian and other Arab tracks;
4. **ENCOURAGES** Israel and the PLO to continue the peace process and **ASSERTS** the need to adhere to the provisions of the agreements concluded by the parties and take measures to implement those agreements without delay and within the time frame pursuant to the Declaration of Principles signed in Washington and all other related agreements;
5. **EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION** of the efforts exerted by all other parties in the bilateral and multilateral talks and **ENCOURAGES** them to persevere in their efforts to reach a just and peaceful solution to the Palestinian Question;
6. **REAFFIRMS ITS SUPPORT** to the PLO and its National Palestinian Authority and the interim Palestinian Government and **CALLS UPON** the donor community and international organizations and investment institutions to provide the Palestinian Economic Council for Development and Reconstruction with economic and financial assistance, to enable it exploit and develop the resources of the Palestinian territories and rehabilitate Palestinian national institutions national economy completely destroyed by Israeli occupation;
7. **INVITES** the Member States to continue extending their support the PLO at the forthcoming negotiations to ensure the transfer to the Palestinian National Authority of all authority and responsibilities in the occupied Palestinian territories including East Jerusalem;
8. **REQUESTS** the OAU Secretary-General to monitor developments regarding the

Question of Palestine and report therein to the next session of the OAU Council of Ministers.