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RESOLUTION ON THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Sixty-third ordinary Session in-Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 26 - 28 February 1996,

Having considered the Secretary-General's report on the situation in the Middle East as contained in Document CM/1917 (LXIII),,

Guided by the principles and objectives of the UN and OAU Charters and by the common determination of the Arab and African peoples to pool their resources in order to defend their sovereignty and restore their legitimate fundamental rights,

Recalling all the relevant resolutions of the OAU Assembly of Heads of State and Government and the Council of Ministers,

Further recalling that the Palestinian Question is at the core of Arab/Israeli conflict in the Middle East and that the issue of East Jerusalem is the core cause of the Palestinian Question:

1. WELCOMES the positive developments that have taken place in the Middle East and EXPRESSES ITS FULL SUPPORT for the efforts being deployed at various levels to find a comprehensive and just solution for the Palestinian Question and the Arab/Israeli conflict in accordance with Resolutions 242, 338, 425 and 478 of the UN Security Council and based on the principle of land for peace;
2. EXPRESSES ITS FULL SUPPORT for the Arab countries in their efforts to end the Israeli occupation and find a lasting, just and comprehensive solution to the problem in the Middle East;
3. REAFFIRMS that the Palestinian Question and the issue of Jerusalem are the core of the Arab/Israeli conflict and that no comprehensive, just and lasting solution could be found in the Middle East as long as Israel does not withdraw from all the occupied Palestinian and Arab territories including Jerusalem, the Golan Heights and Southern Lebanon and as long as the Palestinian people are not allowed to exercise their inalienable national rights;
4. REAFFIRMS ITS SUPPORT for resolution 681 of the UN Security Council, calling for the implementation of all the provisions of the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949 on the protection of the rights of the civilian population during wars in the case of the Palestinians in the occupied territories, including Jerusalem;
5. STRONGLY URGES the United Nations and the International Community to

ensure Israel's compliance with the relevant resolutions adopted by the United Nations and the International Atomic Energy Agency concerning the use of its nuclear facilities for peaceful means and persuade it to open these for international inspection and facilities to submit to the Security Council and the International Atomic Energy Agency a comprehensive report stockpile of nuclear weapons;

6. REAFFIRMS ITS SUPPORT for the proposal made by H.E. Mohamed Hosni Mubarak, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt to declare the Middle East a nuclear weapons free zone;

7. REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General to monitor the situation in the Middle East and submit a report thereon to the next Session of the Council of Ministers.