

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON
THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND PALESTINE
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The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report on the Situation in the Middle East and Palestine, and **RECALLS** all resolutions and decisions of the Organization of African Unity/African Union on the Situation in Palestine towards achieving lasting peace and security in the Middle East;
2. **REAFFIRMS** its full support to the Palestinian people in their quest for the restoration of their legitimate rights to establish an independent State coexisting peacefully with the State of Israel;
3. **REITERATES** its support for the peaceful resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict in accordance with the principles of international law and all relevant United Nations resolutions; and **EXPRESSES** support for the two-state solution;
4. **RENEWS** its support for the resumption of negotiations between the two sides in order to reach a just, comprehensive and lasting peace in the Middle East;
5. **CONDEMNS:**
 - i) The continued occupation of Palestinian lands and the Judaization campaign aimed at changing all Islamic and Christian features of the Holy City and reducing the Palestinian population to the fullest extent through the confiscation of their lands and the destruction of their homes, a sectarian concept which undermines the foundation of the peace process;
 - ii) The Israelis violations and continuation of the excavations in the city of Quds El-Sharif (Jerusalem) and its environs aiming at changing the culture and historical monuments of the city, which could end any chance of achieving the two-state solution;
 - iii) The Israeli practices against the Palestinian prisoners and detainees, which are contrary to the international law and international humanitarian law, and **CALLS ON** the Israeli government to release all Palestinian and Arab political prisoners and detainees in the Israeli jails **EQUALLY DEMANDS** that Israel refrains from arbitrary arrests of Palestinians including children and women which is an act of violation of international laws and human rights norms including the Geneva Convention on the Rights of Women and Children;
 - iv) The continuation of the Israeli government in expanding its settlements in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967 in violation of international norms and standards, and **CALLS FOR** the immediate cession of these illegal acts.

6. **CALLS ON** the international community to exert pressure on Israel to stop all settlement activities, release Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails and support the efforts of the Palestine for membership in international agencies and to join international conventions and protocols;
7. **REJECTS** the land and sea blockage imposed on the Gaza Strip, which led to the deterioration of the economic and humanitarian situation, and **DEMANDS** an immediate lifting of all restrictions on Gaza Strip;
8. **COMMENDS** the reconciliation between Fatah and Hamas, as well as the establishment of the Government;
9. **REQUESTS:**
 - i) Member States to boycott goods and products that are produced and exported from the settlements in the Palestinian territories including East Jerusalem;
 - ii) The United Nations and the Quartet to move immediately to shoulder their responsibilities and pressure Israel to commit to the process of serious peace process negotiations;
 - iii) Member States to continue to support the Palestinian people in their struggle to establish a sovereign state over its national territory with Quds El-Sharif (Jerusalem) as its capital.
10. **REAFFIRMS** the right of the Palestinian people to establish their own Palestinian Independent State with Quds El-Sharif (Jerusalem) as its capital on its borders of June 1967, and supports the Palestinian approach to obtain full membership of the State of Palestine at the United Nations;
11. **URGES** the UN Security Council to shoulder its responsibilities in maintaining international peace and security, and to take the necessary steps to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict in all its aspects, to achieve a just, comprehensive and lasting peace in the region based on the principle of two-state solution, according to the 1967 borders, and apply the provisions of relevant international law and previous decisions of the Council in this regard;
12. **REITERATES** that a just, comprehensive and lasting peace in the Middle East, demands a full withdrawal of Israel from the occupied Arab and Palestinian territories to the line of June 1967, including the Syrian Golan Heights and territories still occupied in southern Lebanon;
13. **EXPRESSES ITS FULL SUPPORT** for the position of solidarity with Palestine adopted by the Conference of Non-Aligned States held in Algiers Algeria in May 2014.