

**DECISION ON THE SITUATION IN PALESTINE
AND THE MIDDLE EAST
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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 adopted by the OAU/AU on the Situation in Palestine and the Middle East;
2. **COMMENDS** all Member States for re-affirming their solidarity with Palestinian people and **INVITES** them to continue supporting the Palestine to obtain full membership at the United Nations as an independent sovereign state;
3. **WELCOMES** the granting of “observer non-member state” status by the United Nations General Assembly to Palestine;
4. **URGES** the countries that have suspended their contribution to UNESCO, which has granted full membership status to Palestine to revisit their decision with the view to reinstate their contributions.
5. **RECOMMENDS** the Assembly adopt a declaration on the basis of the proposal by the Arab Republic of Egypt;
6. **REAFFIRMS** its full support to the Palestinian people and peaceful resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict in accordance with the principles of international law and all relevant United Nations resolutions calling for the establishment of an independent Palestinian state based on the borders of the fourth of June 1967, with Al-Quds Al-Sharif (East Jerusalem) as its capital;
7. **CALLS FOR** compliance with the ceasefire agreement concluded on 21 November 2012 between Israel and Palestine, and for support to the efforts of Egypt in achieving a truce;
8. **REQUESTS** the Israeli Government to lift the blockade it has imposed on Palestine, halt settlement activities in the entire Palestinian territories occupied since 1967, including Al-Quds Al-Sharif (East Jerusalem) and the release of Palestinian political prisoners;
9. **DENOUNCES** Israeli inhuman practices against prisoners and detainees;
10. **EXPRESSES DEEP CONCERN** about the worsening humanitarian situation and economic deterioration in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, due to Israel illegal occupation and activities, as well as continued expansion of settlements;
11. **REQUESTS** the immediate cessation of the construction of illegal settlements in the Palestinian territories;

12. **URGES** the resumption of talks between Palestinians and Israelis, with an agreed timetable which would lead to the creation of a viable Palestinian State existing side by side with the State of Israel.