

DECISION 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;
2. **RECALLS** all relevant Resolutions and Decisions adopted by the OAU/AU on the situation in Palestine and the Middle East;
3. **REITERATES** its continued full support to and solidarity with the Palestinian people and the Authority of the Palestine Liberation Organization the sole representative in their just and legitimate struggle for the exercise of their inalienable national rights including their right to self-determination, return to their land, recovery of their properties and the establishment of an independent State on their national soil with Al-Quds as its capital in accordance with the principle of international law and all the UN resolutions and other pertinent resolutions of the OAU/AU;
4. **REAFFIRMS ITS SUPPORT** for the peaceful solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in accordance with the principles of international law, all pertinent resolutions of the UN Security Council and General Assembly and the Arab Peace Initiative to end the Israeli occupation that began on 5 June 1967, with the achievement of the vision of two States, Israel and an independent, sovereign and territorially contiguous Palestine, living side by side, in peace and security;
5. **CALLS UPON** the United Nations to take concrete measures to protect the people of Palestine by providing international protection forces to the Occupied Palestinian Territories and to compel Israel to allow the UN fact-finding missions charged with investigating war crimes and atrocities perpetrated against Palestinian Peoples to discharge its duties within the Occupied Territories;
6. **EXPRESSES GRAVE CONCERN** over the deterioration of the economic, social and health conditions resulting from continued Israeli occupation, siege, restriction of movement of goods and persons;
7. **STRONGLY CONDEMNS** the Israeli repressive measures, aggressions and all acts perpetrated by Israel against harmless innocent people; the policies of assassinations; ongoing invasions in the cities; villages and Palestinian camps; as well as the heinous crimes and massacres, especially the latest atrocious assault committed by the Israeli forces on 17 May over different public institutions in the Gaza strip; and **URGES** the Israeli Government to put an end to all these indiscriminate measures and retaliatory actions that violate International Law and the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949;

8. **STRONGLY CONDEMNNS** the continued Israeli policy of arresting and detaining the Palestinians, especially the kidnapping and detention without trial of Ministers, Members of the Legislative Council and the Municipal Council, which constitute a grave violation of International Humanitarian Law;
9. **STRONGLY CONDEMNNS** the construction by Israel of the Separation Wall and the expansion of the Colonial Settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, around Al-Quds town, especially the recent Israeli decision to build 20000 housing units which violate International Humanitarian Law, in particular the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949, and **URGES** Israel to comply with the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice and General Assembly Decision ES-10/15;
10. **CALLS UPON** the International Community and the Members of the Quartet Committee to spare no efforts to reinvigorate the negotiations and to salvage the peace process, and **EXPRESSES** the AU support for the organization of an International Peace Conference on the Middle East conflict;
11. **CONSIDERS** the establishment of the government of Palestinian National Unity as a symbol of the unity of the Palestinian people in face of Israeli occupation; and **EXPRESSES ITS GRAVE CONCERN** over the deteriorating situation between the two main components of the Government of National Unity, namely, Fatah and Hamas, resulting in the dissolution of the Government;
12. **AFFIRMS** that such a situation is detrimental to the cause of the Palestinian people, and **REMINDS** the Palestinian factions that their unity is the only guarantee to preserve their gains and move towards their national objectives;
13. **SUPPORTS** the decision related to the Arab Peace Initiative adopted in Beirut in 2002 and reaffirmed at the last Arab Summit in Riyadh and regard it as an important and appropriate framework to put an end to the conflict in the Middle East and as the way to a just, comprehensive and durable solution on all the fronts;
14. **URGES** the Government of Israel to accept the Arab Peace Initiative as an Arab effort towards putting an end to the conflict in the Middle East, and also providing a chance for mutual recognition between Israel and Arab countries;
15. **CALLS UPON** the International Community to lift the siege, boycott and blockade against the Government so as to ease the difficult living conditions of Palestinian People which stirs up tension and violence;
16. **EXPRESSES GRAVE CONCERN** regarding the tension and violence in Lebanon, and **CALLS UPON** all Lebanese parties to resolve their differences through negotiations;

17. URGES the Government of Israel to put an end to its occupation of the Syrian Golan Heights and all Arab Territories occupied during the June 1967 war in accordance with the relevant UN Security Council resolutions, including Resolutions No. 242 and 338.



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