

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** the Egyptian authorities for opening the Rafah border cross thus easing a four-year blockade on the Gaza Strip;
3. **WELCOMES** the signing of the agreement that sealed the reconciliation between Hamas and Fatah, in Cairo, Egypt on 4 May 2011, and **COMMENDS** Egypt in facilitating this Agreement;
4. **REGRETS** the lack of progress in the peace process and the stalling in of talks between Palestinians and Israelis, under the auspices of the United States;
5. **REITERATES** its unflinching solidarity with the Palestinian people and **CONDEMNS** the Israeli policy of occupation and aggression;
6. **URGES** the Israeli Government to cease settlements activities in the entire Palestinian territories occupied since 1967, including Al-Quds Al-Sharif (Jerusalem); **DENOUNCES** Israeli inhuman practices against Palestinian prisoners and detainees; and **EXPRESSES DEEP CONCERN** about the worsening humanitarian situation and economic deterioration in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, due to Israel illegal activities;
7. **REQUESTS** the resumption of peace talks between the Palestinians and Israelis and **REAFFIRMS** its support for a peaceful solution of the Arab-Israeli conflict on the basis of the principles of the international law and all relevant United Nations (UN) resolution, with an emphasis on the establishment of an independent Palestinian state existing on the borders of 4 June 1967, with Al-Quds Al-Sharif (Jerusalem) as its capital;
8. **CALLS UPON** all Members States, especially those Members of the United Nations Security Council, to support the Palestinian efforts during the next session of the UN General Assembly to obtain full membership to the UN for the State of Palestine based on the 1967 lines with East Jerusalem as its capital, and **URGES** all Member States which have not yet done so to recognize the State of Palestine to do so as soon as possible;
9. **CALLS UPON** the UN Security Council to convene an emergency session to address the status of the Palestinian State.

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