

RESOLUTION ON THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Nineteenth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 6 to 12 June, 1983,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity on the Middle East and the Palestinian Questions, Document AHG/111 (XIX);

Having heard the statements of various delegations and, in particular, that of the representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO),

Recalling the resolutions adopted by the sessions of the Council of Ministers on the Problem of the Middle East and on the Palestinian Question;

Further recalling the report of the United Nations Committee on the exercise of the inalienable rights of the people of Palestine (Document A/34/35) which reaffirms the inalienable national rights of the people of Palestine to their homeland including their rights to return to it, to self-determination, to sovereignty as well as to the establishment of an independent state on their soil,

Guided by the principles and purposes of the Charters of the Organization of African Unity and of the United Nations and by the common struggle against Zionism and racism for the cause of freedom, independence and peace,

Recalling that the Palestine Question constitutes the very core of the Middle East conflict, and the PLO is the only legitimate representative of the people of Palestine,

Reiterating the relevant decisions of the OAU making the Palestinian Question an Arab and African issue,

Conscious of the seriousness of the present situation resulting from the continued occupation of Palestinian and Arab territories by Israel, its refusal to respect the resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council of the United Nations, its

firm determination to establish settlements, in the occupied Arab territories, especially in Jerusalem, thus altering the geographical, demographical, cultural and social characteristics of Palestine,

Reaffirming the legitimacy of the struggle of the people of Palestine led by the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) to recover their land and exercise their national rights,

Further reaffirming that a just and lasting peace can only be achieved when the people of Palestine exercise their inalienable rights, particularly their right to return to their homeland, the recovery of national sovereignty, their right to self-determination without any foreign interference whatsoever and their right to create an independent state on their territory;

Considering that partial agreement and separate treaty are greatly prejudicial to the people of Palestine and constitute a violation of the principle of the right of people to self-determination and independence,

Taking into account the Resolution adopted at the Special Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations on the Palestinian Question;

Taking into account the Recommendations of the United Nations Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the People of Palestine;

Taking into account the conclusions of the African Regional Preparatory Meeting for the International Conference on the Question of Palestine held in Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania, from 29 March to 1 April 1983;

Noting with grave concern that the alliance between the Zionist regime of Israel and the racist regime of South Africa aims at intensifying acts of terrorism and genocide against the people of Palestine and South Africa:

1. **REAFFIRMS** all previous resolutions on the Palestinian Question and reiterates its unwavering support for the people of Palestine led by the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), their sole legitimate representative, and **REAFFIRMS** the right of the People of Palestine to continue their

struggle under all political and military forms as well as the use of all means to liberate their occupied territory and to recover their inalienable national rights, particularly the right to return to their homeland, the exercise of their right to self-determination and to establish an independent state in their territory;

2. **STRONGLY CODEMNS** all manoeuvres and formulae aimed at preventing the People of Palestine from exercising their rights to self-determination, to achieve their national aspirations to return to their homeland and exercise their freedom and complete sovereignty;
3. **STRONGLY CONDEMNS** any initiatives, measures or agreements which do not take into account the aspirations of the People of Palestine and of their sole legitimate representative the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO); **CONSIDERS** null and void any agreement on the Palestinian Question without the participation of the Palestine Liberation Organization;
4. **STRONGLY CONDEMNS** the expansionist policies pursued by Israel and aimed at imposing a fair accompli territories, also **CONDEMNS** the policy of expansion, establishment of settlements, expropriation of lands and the massive or individual extermination of people with a view to forcing them to emigrate, to modify the demographic characteristics of the territory, and expel the leaders of the People of Palestine thinkers and citizens as well as other Arab Peoples especially the Lebanese People;
5. **STRONGLY CONDEMNS** Israel's expansionist, colonialist racist and terrorist actions against the Palestinian people, in particular the massacres in Sabra and Shatilla as well as against the Lebanese people;
6. **FURTHER CONDEMNS** the collusion between the Zionist regime of Israel and the racist regime of South Africa and **CALLS UPON** all Member States to intensify their efforts to face the danger and to strengthen the struggle against zionism, racism and imperialism. To this end, **CALLS UPON** the African States, and Members of the League of Arab States to include in the Agenda of all sessions the following item "Collusion between South African and Israel";

- 7. CALLS UPON** the International Community to exert more pressure on Israel in all fields so as to compel it to conform to the Charter of the United Nations and with the resolution adopted on the Palestinian Question, **EMPHASIZES** the efforts deployed by the United Nations Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the People of Palestine and **CALLS UPON** the Security Council to implement the recommendation of this Committee adopted by the General Assembly;
- 8. CALLS UPON** the Security Council to take effective measures to guarantee the exercise by the people of Palestine of their national and inalienable rights recognized by the United Nations General Assembly and **CONSIDERS** that Security Council Resolution 242 of 22 November 1967 does not guarantee the future of the Palestinian People and their inalienable rights nor does it provide a basis for a just solution to the Palestinian Question;
- 9. FIRMLY SUPPORTS** the Arab Peace Plan adopted at the Twelfth Arab Summit held at Fez (Morocco) on 9 September 1962, as an important contribution to the search for a just, comprehensive and lasting settlement of the Middle East conflict;
- 10. ENDORSES** the recommendations of the African Regional Preparatory Meeting for the International Conference on the Question of Palestine held in Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania, from 29 March to 1 April, 1983;
- 11. URGENTLY CALLS UPON** all the Member States to participate actively and massively, at the highest level, in the International Conference on the Question of Palestine scheduled for 1983,
- 12. COMMENDS** the United Nations Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the People of Palestine for its efforts aimed at restoring the inalienable rights of the People of Palestine,
- 13. URGES** the international community to exert more pressure on Israel in all fields so as to compel it to release the Palestinian and Lebanese prisoners mainly those who are in the ANSAR concentration camp;

14. REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General to follow the development of the Palestinian Question and to report to the next Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity.

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