

**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. **REITERATES** its full support to the Palestinian people for their legitimate struggle against Israeli Occupation under the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), their sole and legitimate representative, to obtain their inalienable national rights, including their right to self-determination, return to their homeland and to restore their property, and to live in peace and stability in an Independent Palestinian State with Al-Quds Al-Sharif (Jerusalem) as its capital, in accordance with the principles of the international law, all pertinent United Nations (UN) Resolutions, particularly UN Security Council (UNSC) resolution 194, which call for the return of all Palestinian Refugees to their homeland and properties, and the relevant resolutions and decisions of the OAU/AU;
3. **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 UN resolution, with an emphasis on the establishment of an independent Palestinian state existing on the borders of the fourth of June 1967, with Al-Quds Al-Sharif (Jerusalem) as its capital;
4. **CALLS UPON** the Israeli Government to cease settlements activities in the entire Palestinian territories occupied since 1967, including Al-Quds Al-Sharif (Jerusalem); **HOLDS** Israeli Government the responsibility for the failure of efforts exerted to resolve the conflict in the Middle East region, **AFFIRMS** that the resumption of direct Palestinian-Israeli negotiations requires full settlement cessation in the occupied Palestinian territory including Al-Quds Al-Sharif (Jerusalem), and **CALLS UPON** the U.S. administration, as a sponsor of the peace process, and the international community to continue to put pressure on the Israeli Government to stop immediately settlement activities in all its forms in the occupied Al-Quds Al-Sharif (Jerusalem) and the West Bank;
5. **REAFFIRMS ITS FULL SUPPORT** to the Palestinian plan of building Palestinian institutions that are based on ending the Israeli occupation, establishing an independent Palestinian State, and providing political, diplomatic, legal and international protection for its success;
6. **STRONGLY CONDEMNS** the Israeli continuous and illegal violations in the Holy City of Al-Quds Al-Sharif (Jerusalem) and the West bank; and **URGES** Israeli occupying Authorities to stop all these serious and dangerous violations

immediately, including the settlements activities and Judaization Policy of the Holy City that will influence the landmarks of Islamic and Christian shrines; and **CALLS UPON** the international community to exert pressure on Israeli Occupying Authorities to abide by International and Humanitarian Laws;

7. **EXPRESSES FURTHER** its full support to the tireless efforts made by President Mahmoud Abbas to strengthen the Palestinian national unity, in order to get rid of the Palestinian current impasse, to ensure the geographical and political unity of the Palestinian territories, and **WELCOMES** the recent efforts which took place to finish the split as well as **REITERATES** its support for the Palestinian leadership and the Palestinian National Authority (PNA);
8. **DENOUNCES AND CONDEMS ALL** Israeli inhuman practices against prisoners and detainees; and **DEMANDS** to the Israeli Government to release all prisoners and captives from the jails of the Israeli Occupying Authorities; **FOLLOWS WITH DEEP CONCERN** the worsening humanitarian situation and increasing sanitary and economic deterioration in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, due to the constant siege imposed on Gaza Strip, ongoing daily Israeli invasions, restrictions on the movement of persons and constant closures, and blockades of the Palestinian commercial crossing points with neighbouring countries **AND CALLS UPON** Israeli Occupying Authorities to remove it immediately;
9. **REITERATES** that the just and comprehensive peace can be achieved only through complete Israeli withdrawal from occupied Palestinian and Arab States territories up to the borders of 4 June 1967, including the Occupied Syrian Golan and the lands still occupied in southern Lebanon, and through the two States solution with establishing the sovereign Independent Palestinian State with Al-Quds Al-Sharif Al-Sharif (Jerusalem) as its capital, in accordance with the Arab Peace Initiative;
10. **CALLS UPON** the African Union Committee of Ten (10) Member States on Palestine to cooperate and work with other Member States in order to develop an action plan to move across the international bodies and organizations in the effort to enforce its resolutions on Palestine and the Middle East;
11. **ALSO CALLS UPON** the Security Council to convene an emergency session to address the Arab-Israeli conflict in all its dimensions in the event of failure of the ongoing negotiations.

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