

**RESOLUTION ON THE SITUATION IN THE
MIDDLE EAST**

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twentieth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 12 – 15 November, 1984,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General a.i. of the Organization of African Unity on the Middle East (Document AHG/124 (XX)),

Guided by the principles and objectives of the Charters of the Organization of African Unity and of the United Nations and by the common determination of the African and Arab Peoples to strive to safeguard their freedom,

Recalling the successive resolution adopted by previous sessions of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the OAU on the situation in the Middle East,

Recalling further the previous recommendations and decisions of the United Nations General Assembly, the Security Council and the Conference of Non-Aligned Countries on the situation in the Middle East,

Gravely concerned about the plight of the people of Southern Lebanon following the illegal occupation of this part of the Lebanese territory by the Zionist regime of Israel and about the arrogance shown by the Zionist regime with respect to the decisions and resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly and of the Security Council as well as the said regime's failure to adhere to the fundamental principles of International Law and Universal Declaration on Human Rights,

Noting with deep concern that in spite of the many resolutions adopted by the United Nations General Assembly, the Security Council and the organization of African Unity urging Israel to withdraw from Arab territories occupied since 1967, including Jerusalem, not only has Israel persistently refused to comply with these resolutions but continues to pursue its policy of expansionism and occupation,

Deploing the systematic obstruction by Israel of all efforts made towards reaching a peaceful solution to the problem,

Fully conscious of the fact that the massive military, economic and other assistance as well as the political and moral support given to Israel by some powers, the United States of America in particular, enables it to pursue its aggression and encourages it to perpetrate acts of terrorism and illegal occupation of part of the territories in the region,

Noting with concern that the alliance between the racist regimes of Israel and of South Africa is aimed at promoting the policy of terrorism and liquidation of the Palestinians and Arabs in the occupied territories on the one hand, and of the majority black population of South Africa and Namibia on the other:

1. **REAFFIRMS** all previous resolutions adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the OAU and its total and effective support for the Palestinian people under the dynamic leadership of its sole and authentic representative, the Palestinian Liberation Organization
2. **FURTHER REAFFIRMS** its total support for the Arab countries, victims of Israeli aggression, and its support for the Palestinian people in their just struggle to recover their usurped rights and their occupied territories;
3. **CONDEMNS VIGOROUSLY** the establishment of settlements by Israel in Palestine and in the other occupied territories and in the turning of Jerusalem into a Jewish city and its proclamation as its capital;
4. **SUPPORTS** the recommendation adopted by the “Al Quods Committee” at its meeting in FEZ (Morocco) from 19 –21 April 1984, calling on Islamic countries which maintain diplomatic ties with Costa-Rica and El-Salvador to “break them off immediately” as a counter-measure against these countries which have moved their Embassies from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, and **CONGRATULATES** the countries which have heeded this call;
5. **VEHEMENTLY CONDEMNS** the aggression perpetrated against Lebanon and the continued occupation of its territories.

6. **STRONGLY CONDEMNS** all the Israeli acts, which run counter to the provisions of the mandate of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Lebanon as well as Israel's aggression aimed at preventing the said Force from safeguarding peace in Lebanon and fully accomplishing its peace-keeping task, including the control of the territories up to the internationally recognized frontiers;
7. **RECOMMENDS** that Member States renew their firm determination not to establish or re-establish diplomatic ties with Israel, a natural and unconditional accomplice of racist South Africa;
8. **FURTHER STRONGLY CONDEMNS** all partial agreements and separate treaties which constitute a flagrant violation of the rights of the Palestinian people, the principles of the Charters of the OAU and the UN as well as the resolutions adopted during the various international meetings on the Palestinian Question, and which makes it impossible for the Palestinian people to realize their aspirations, namely, to return to their Fatherland, to have self-determination and to exercise total sovereignty over their territory;
9. **STRONGLY CONDEMNS** Israel, the occupation force for not complying with the provisions of the Fourth Geneva Convention of 12 August 1949 relating to the protection of civilians in times of war;
10. **URGES** Israel to put an immediate end to the illegal occupation of Southern Lebanon and **CONSIDERS** as null and void any step taken by Israel in the occupied Arab territories aimed at exploiting their resources and **REQUESTS** all States, International Organizations and Investment Agencies not to recognize Israel's authority in their territories and to co-operate with it, under any form whatever to exploit these resources and their sources of energy;
11. **LAUNCHES AN URGENT APPEAL** to the International Community to exert on Israel a really effective pressure in all fields in order to compel it to comply with the decisions of the International Community and **REITERATES** its request to the Security Council to take the necessary

measures to compel Israel to put an end to its occupation of the Arab and Palestinian territories and to enable the Palestinian people to exercise their national rights in conformity with the recommendations adopted by the UN Special Committee on the exercise of inalienable rights by the Palestinian people;

- 12. REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General to follow the Palestine and Middle East Questions and to report on it to the next Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity.**

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