

RESOLUTION
ON THE CONTINUED OCCUPATION BY ISRAEL OF PART OF
THE TERRITORY OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT

The OAU Assembly of Heads of State and Government meeting in its Tenth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa from 27 – 28 May 1973,

Having heard the statement of His Excellency Al Shafei Vice President of the Arab Republic of Egypt on the situation in the Middle East in general, and in particular on that resulting from the continued occupation of part of the territory of Egypt since the Israeli aggression of 5 June 1967,

Recalling all OAU resolutions adopted in this respect and especially Resolution AHG/Res.67 (IX) of the Rabat Summit Conference,

Reaffirming Resolution 2949 (XXVII) of the UN General Assembly passed in December 1972,

Aware of the danger emanating from the deterioration of the situation in the North-East of Africa as a result of the continued aggression perpetrated against the territory of Egypt and other Arab territories – a danger which threatens the security, territorial integrity and unity of our continent,

Noting with deep concern that despite the numerous resolutions of the OAU and UN, calling upon it to withdraw from all occupied African and Arab territories, Israel not only persists in refusing to implement these resolutions, but also continues to practice a policy with a view to creating in the said territories a state of **fait accompli** aimed at serving its expansionist designs,

Deploring the systematic obstruction by Israel of all the efforts exerted to reach a peaceful solution to the problem at both the international and African levels,

Recalling in this respect the negative attitude of Israel towards the mission of the ten African Heads of State mandated by the OAU to work for the implementation of Security Council resolution 242 of 22 November 1967, which stipulated in particular, the withdrawal of Israeli forces from all the occupied territories, in conformity with the principle of the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territories by force.

Noting with satisfaction that the Arab Republic of Egypt has spared no effort to reach a just and durable solution of the problem, and that these efforts have been characterised by the constructive co-operation of Egypt with international as well as African forums,

Noting further that the intransigence of Israel and its systematic refusal to abide by the will of the international community, constitutes a threat to the security of the Continent,

Fully aware that the massive military, economic and other aids, as well as the political and moral support granted to Israel by certain powers enable it to pursue its aggression and encourage it to commit acts of terrorism especially the tragic act of shooting down the Libyan civilian aircraft which resulted in the loss of innocent lives,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the statement of His excellency H. El Shafei, Vice President of the Arab Republic of Egypt,
2. **STRONGLY CONDEMNS** the negative attitude of Israel, its acts of terrorism and its obstruction of all efforts aimed at a just and equitable solution of the problem in accordance with the Security Council Resolution 242 of 22 November 1967;
3. **CALLS ONCE MORE** for the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of Israeli forces from all occupied African and Arab territories;
4. **DECLARES** that all changes effected by Israel in the occupied territories are null and void, **and pledges** not to recognize any changes leading to a **fait**

accompli or likely to jeopardize the territorial integrity of the countries which are victims of the Israeli aggression;

5. **RECOGNIZES** that the respect of the inalienable rights of the people of Palestine is an essential element in any just and equitable solution, besides being an indispensable factor for the establishment of permanent peace in the region;
6. **REAFFIRMS** in the name of African solidarity and by virtue of Article II, paragraph 1(c) of the OAU Charter its active and total support for the Arab Republic of Egypt in her legitimate struggle to recover entirely and by all means her territorial integrity;
7. **DRAWS THE ATTENTION** of Israel to the danger threatening the security and unity of the African continent as a result of its continued aggression and refusal to evacuate the territories of the State victims of that aggression and declares that the attitude of Israel might lead OAU Member States to take, at the African level, individually or collectively, political and economic measures against it, in conformity with the principles contained in the OAU and UN Charters;
8. **EARNESTLY CALLS** upon the big Powers supplying Israel with arms and military equipment of all kinds and granting it moral and political support that enables it to strengthen its military potential, to refrain from doing so;
9. **STRONGLY SUPPORTS** the Egyptian initiative requesting the UN Secretary-General to report to the Security Council on the explosive situation prevailing in the Middle East, and expresses the hope that the Security Council shall take every appropriate measure to implement immediately the relevant resolutions adopted by the UN, so that a just and durable peace may be established in the region;
10. **DESIGNATES** the Foreign Ministers of Nigeria, Chad, Tanzania, Guinea, Algeria, Kenya and the Sudan to be the spokesmen to the OAU on this matter at the Security Council of the UN on the 4th and 5th June 1973;

- 11. ENTRUSTS the Current Chairman of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government to present the views of the OAU on the matter at the next session of the General assembly of the UN.**

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