

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

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Forty-first Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 25 February to March 1985,

**Having considered** the report of the Secretary-General a.i. of the Organization of African Unity on the Middle East (Document CM/1262 (XLI),

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

**Guided** by the principles and purposes 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 fight jointly for the safeguarding of their freedom,

**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,

**Recalling** also the numerous recommendations and resolutions adopted by the various Conferences of the Non-Aligned Movement on the situation in the Middle East,

**Deploring** 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 the turning of Jerusalem into a Jewish city and its proclamation as its capital;**
- 4. STRONGLY COMMENDS the militant role of the Lebanese people in confronting the Zionist Israeli aggression and VEHEMENTLY CONDEMNS the aggressions perpetrated against Lebanon and the continued occupation of its territories;**
- 5. 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;**

- 6. 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 of 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;**
- 7. STRONGLY CONDEMNS Israel, the occupying force for not complying with the provisions of the Fourth Geneva Convention of 12 August 1949 on the protection of civilians in times of war;**
- 8. URGES Israel to put an immediate end to the illegal occupation of Southern Lebanon and CONSIDERS as null and void any measure taken by Israel in occupied Arab territories aimed at exploiting their resources and REQUESTS all States, International Organizations and Investment Agencies not to recognize Israel's authority in these territories and not to co-operate with it, under any form whatever, to exploit these resources and sources of energy;**
- 9. 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 of the Palestinian people;**
- 10. REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General to follow the situation in the Middle East Question and to report on it to the next Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity.**