

**RESOLUTION ON THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION**

**The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Forty-fourth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 21 to 26 July, 1986,**

**Having examined the Report of the Secretary-General on the question of Palestine contained in Document CM/1339 (XLIV),**

**Recalling the resolutions adopted by the previous sessions of the Council of Ministers and the Assembly of Heads of State and Government on the problem of the Middle East and the Palestinian Question,**

**Guided by the principles and purposes of the Charter of the Organization of African Unity and of the United Nations Organization and by the common struggle against Zionism and Racism, and for freedom, independence and peace,**

**Recalling that the Palestinian question constitutes the core of the Middle East Conflict, and that PLO is the only legitimate representative of the Palestinian people,**

**Reiterates 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 the 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 geographical, demographic, cultural and social characteristics of Palestine,**

1. **REAFFIRMS** all previous resolutions on the Palestinian question and reiterates its unwavering support for the people of Palestine led by the PLO, the sole legitimate representative, and **REAFFIRMS** the right of the people of Palestine to continue their struggle in 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, their 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 CONDEMNNS** all maneuvers and formula aimed at preventing the people of Palestine from exercising their right to selfdetermination, to achieve their national aspirations to return to their homeland and exercise their freedom and complete sovereignty;
3. **STRONGLY CONDEMNNS** 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 which excludes the Palestine Liberation Organization;
4. **STRONGLY CONDEMNNS** the expansionist policies pursued by Israel and aimed at imposing a fait accompli in the occupied territories and **FURTHER CONDEMNNS** the Israeli policy of expansionism, establishment of settlements, expropriation of lands and the forced emigration of the indigenous population as well as the massive or individual extermination of people all aimed at modifying the demographical characteristics of the territory;
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future of the Palestinian people and their imprescriptible rights nor does it provide a basis for a just solution to the Palestinian Question;

- 10. FIRMLY SUPPORTS the Arab Peace Plan adopted at the Twelfth Arab Summit held in Fez on 9 December 1982 as an important contribution to the search for a just, comprehensive and lasting settlement of the Middle East conflict; and calls for the implementation of the General Assembly Resolution 39/49 of 11 December 1984, on the holding of an International Peace Conference on the Middle East and CALLS UPON all the Member States to ensure the implementation of the aforesaid resolution (Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya expressed reservation on this paragraph);**
  
- 11. COMMENDS the United Nations Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian people for its efforts aimed at restoring the inalienable rights of the people of Palestine;**
  
- 12. REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General to monitor the developments in the Palestinian question and to report to the next Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity.**