

RESOLUTION ON SITUATION
IN THE MIDDLE EAST

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Forty-seventh Ordinary Session, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 22 to 27 February 1988,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity on the Middle East as contained in Document CM/1472 (XLVII) Rev. 1,

Guided by the principles and purposes of the Charters of the OAU and the United Nations and by the common determination of the African and Arab peoples to fight jointly to safeguard their freedom,

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,

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 expansionist and occupation policy,

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

Noting with concern that the alliance between the Zionist regime of Israel and the apartheid regime of South Africa is aimed at promoting the policy of terrorism and liquidation of the Palestinians and the 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 and the Council of Ministers of the OAU and its total and effective support for the Palestinian people under the dynamic leadership of its sole and legitimate representative, the Palestine Liberation Organization;**
- 2. FURTHER REAFFIRMS its total support for the Arab countries, victims of Israel aggression, and its support for the Palestinian people in their just struggle to recover their usurped “inalienable” rights and their occupied territories;**
- 3. 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 time of war;**
- 4. CONDEMNS VIGOROUSLY the establishment of settlement by Israel in Palestine and in the other occupied territories and the Judaisation of the city of Jerusalem and its proclamation as its capital;**
- 5. MAKES AN URGENT APPEAL to the international community to exert effective pressure on Israel in all fields so as to force it to comply with the decisions of the international community and REITERATES ITS REQUEST to the Security Council to take the necessary measures to secure international protection to the Palestinian people in the occupied territories and to compel Israel to end its occupation of the Arab and Palestinian territories and to help the Palestinian people to exercise their national rights, in accordance with the recommendations adopted by the UN Special Committee on the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people;**
- 6. STRONGLY CONDEMNS all agreements concluded separately and all commitments made individually which constitute a flagrant violation of the rights of the Palestinian people and which hinder the fulfillment of the aspirations of that people such as the return to their homeland, the exercise of its right of self-determination and its full sovereignty over its territory;**

7. **STRONGLY SUPPORT** the convening of the International Conference on the Situation in the Middle East with the participation of the permanent members of the Security Council of the United Nations, and the participation on equal footing of all the concerned parties including the Palestine Liberation Organization, the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people;
 8. **STRONGLY COMMENDS** the heroic role of the Lebanese people in confronting Israel's aggression and **VEHEMENTLY CONDEMNS** the aggressions perpetrated against Lebanon and the continued occupation of its territories;
 9. **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;
 10. **DEMANDS ISRAEL** to put an immediate end to the illegal occupation of Southern Lebanon and considers null and void any measures taken by Israel in the occupied Arab territories aimed at exploiting their resources and **REQUESTS** all States, International Organizations and Investment Agencies not to co-operate with it, in any form whatsoever, in its exploitation of these resources and sources of energy;
 11. **STRONGLY CONDEMNS** the unholy alliance between racist South African regime, and Israel and their co-operation in atomic field which threatened security and peace in Africa and the Middle East and their similarity of oppression, aggression and destabilization of neighboring states in Southern Africa and middle East respectively;
 12. **REQUESTS** the OAU Secretary-General to monitor the developments in the Middle East question and to report to the next Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity.
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Reservations expressed by :

Cameroon: Preambular Para 6

Libya: Operative para 7

Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Liberia, Togo, Zaire: Operative Para 9

Cameroon: Operative Para 11