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**Letter dated 14 July 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Mozambique to the United Nations  
addressed to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to request that you arrange for the distribution as a document of the General Assembly, under item 35 of the provisional agenda, of the decisions and resolution adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity at its sixty-eighth ordinary session, held at Ouagadougou from 4 to 7 June 1998, and the declarations and decisions adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its thirty-fourth ordinary session, held at Ouagadougou from 8 to 10 June 1998 (see annexes).\*\*

(Signed) Carlos Dos Santos  
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary  
Permanent Representative of the Republic of Mozambique  
and Chairman of the African Group for the month of July

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\*\*The annexes are being circulated in the languages of submission only (Arabic, English and French).

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**CM/Dec. 413 (LXVIII) Report of the Secretary-General on the Question of**  
**(Doc. CM/2068 (LXVIII))**

**Palestine**

Council:

1. TAKES NOTE of the Report of the Secretary General;
2. REAFFIRMS the right of the Palestinian people under the leadership of the PLO to exercise their inalienable national rights, their right to return to their homeland, restoration of their properties, self-determination and the establishment of an independent state on their national soil with East Jerusalem as its capital in accordance with international law;
3. EXPRESSES ITS DEEP CONCERN and CONDEMNATION of Israel's violation of the principles of peace and peaceful co-existence and its disregard for the principles on which the peace process is based. EXPRESSES ITS DEEP CONCERN ALSO over the continued Israeli government policy aimed at undermining the peace process and throwing the security of the region into chaos and violence;
4. EMPHASIZES the need to implement the three stages of redeployment process in accordance with the agreement signed and the timetable set so as to ensure the extension of Palestinian authority to all the territories of the Western Bank and Gaza Strip which constitute one geographical unit, put an end to all the unilateral steps especially the policy of settlement and to consider all the issues pertaining to the final

negotiations upon Israelis completion of the requirements of the transitional stage;

5. EXPRESSES ITS SERIOUS CONCERN over the stall of the peace process especially after the failure of the London meetings and the postponement of the Washington Summit which was scheduled to take place on 11 May 1998 because of Israeli Government's intransigence and lack of seriousness in achieving a just and comprehensive peace that will guarantee security and stability for all the peoples of the region and to enable the Palestinian people to regain their occupied land, their national and historical inalienable rights;

6. TAKES NOTE WITH APPRECIATION of the initiative recently proposed by Presidents Hosni Mubarak of Egypt and Jacques Chirac of France on the convening of an international conference on the Middle East in view of the current crisis of the peace-process;

7. CALLS UPON Israel to immediately stop the practice of confiscating Palestinian lands, especially those in East Jerusalem and its environs and the expansion of settlements in violation of Security Council Resolutions 242, 338, 465 and 478 which threatens to lead to the collapse of the peace process; REAFFIRMS that part of the Jerusalem occupied in 1967 is part and parcel of the Palestinian territories and is, therefore, subjected to the same provision of the relevant resolutions of the UN General Assembly and Security Council;

8. EMPHASIZES the need to implement the General Assembly Resolution ES-10/3 adopted by its Special Emergency Session held on 15 June 1997 on the status of Jerusalem and the illegal measures being taken in other occupied Palestinian territories and ALSO EMPHASIZES the urgent need, as soon as possible, the UN General Assembly Resolution ES-10/4 adopted by its Special Emergency Session held on 13 November 1997 on the convening of a conference as soon as possible, to implement the Geneva convention in the occupied territories including Jerusalem;

9. CALLS UPON Israel to immediately put and end to the on-going construction work on the Abu Ghunaym Mountain and URGES the co-sponsors of the peace process, the parties concerned and the international community to end all forms of assistance and support to Israel in its illegal activities in the occupied lands;

10. EMPHASIZES the need to preserve the territorial integrity of all the occupied Palestinian lands, ensure freedom of movement of persons and goods in the region, including the removal of restrictions on entry to and exit from Jerusalem as well as freedom of movement in other occupied Palestinian lands;

11. REAFFIRMS the rights of Palestinian refugees to return to their homes and regain their property in accordance with the fundamental principles of human rights and the relevant UN Resolutions particularly resolution 194 of the General Assembly and 237 of the Security Council which consider the right to return as one of the basic principles for comprehensive and just peace in the region;

12. REAFFIRMS in view of the critical and serious nature of the situation, the freezing of all relations with Israel at their present level;

13. CALLS for the initiation of all possible measures to ensure Israel's adherence to the terms of reference of the Madrid Conference and the Principle of Land for Peace and its full implementation of all agreements and commitments entered into by the parties concerned during the peace talks;

14. EMPHASIZES the urgent need for Israel, the occupying power, to respect all international humanitarian laws as provided by the 4th Geneva Convention of 1949 in the occupied Palestinian lands since 1967, including Jerusalem;

15. EMPHASIZES ALSO the need to respect the agreements entered into and other international laws which are necessary for the maintenance of international peace and security. It also CALLS for strict implementation of the peace agreements which were concluded and URGES the sponsors of the peace process, the parties concerned and the international community at large to revamp the peace process and guarantee its success;

16. EXPRESSES SATISFACTION with the appeal made by the Palestinian National Authorities to celebrate Bethlehem 2000 in commemoration of the Birth of Christ and CALLS ON Member States to accord the celebrations the necessary importance to ensure their success leading to peace and hope in the Middle East.

**CM/Dec.414 (LXVIII)      Report of the Secretary-General on the Situation in the Middle East (Doc. CM/2069 (LXVIII))**

Council:

1. TAKES NOTE of the Report of the Secretary-General;

2. RECALLS all the previous resolutions adopted by the Assembly of OAU Heads of State and Government and the OAU Council of Ministers; REAFFIRMS that the Question of Palestine is the core of the struggle in the Middle East and that there can be no just, lasting and comprehensive peace in the Middle East unless Israel withdraws from all occupied Palestinian and Arab lands, including East Jerusalem, the Syrian Golan Heights and Southern Lebanon and unless the Palestinian people are allowed to exercise their inalienable national rights in accordance with the relevant resolutions, especially resolutions 242, 338, 465, 478 and 425 based on the Principle of Land for Peace;

3. CALLS for the initiation of all possible measures to ensure Israel's adherence to the terms of reference of the Madrid Conference and the Principle of Land for Peace and its full implementation of all the

agreements and commitments entered into by the parties on all tracks during the peace talks;

4. REITERATES ITS PRINCIPLED SUPPORT for the Palestinian cause and decries the intransigence of the Israeli Government in the peace negotiation and CALLS UPON Israel to immediately desist from all actions that jeopardize the peace process;

5. URGES the United Nations General Assembly and the international community to ensure complete Israeli Compliance with UN and International Atomic Energy Agency resolutions on the use of nuclear installations only for peaceful purposes - persuade that country to allow international inspection of its nuclear installations and draw the attention of the Security Council and International Atomic Energy Agency to the actual and potential threat posed by radiation leakage from the Dimona reactors in the absence of any international inspection;

6. REAFFIRMS ITS SUPPORT for the proposal of H.E. President Hosni Mubarak to declare the Middle East a region free of nuclear weapon and all weapons of mass destruction;

7. URGES all the countries in the region which have not yet acceded to the Treaty of Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons to do so by putting their nuclear installations under the inspection of the International Atomic Energy Agency and to refrain from manufacturing, producing, testing and possessing nuclear weapons.

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