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Letter dated 10 August 1993 from the Permanent Representative of the United Republic of Tanzania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to request that you arrange for the distribution as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 43 of the provisional agenda, the resolutions adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity at its fifty-eighth ordinary session, held at Cairo from 21 to 26 June 1993 (annex I), and the declarations and resolutions adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its twenty-ninth ordinary session, held at Cairo from 28 to 30 June 1993 (annex II).

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ANNEX I

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RESOLUTION ON THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African unity, meeting in its Fifty-eighth ordinary Session in Cairo, Egypt, from 21 to 26 June, 1993,

Having considered the report of the OAU Secretary-General on the Situation in the Middle East as contained in Document CM/1773 (LVIII),

Guided by the principles and objectives of the OAU and UN Charters and the common determination of the African and Arab peoples to pool their resources in order to safeguard their sovereignty and recover their legitimate fundamental rights,

Recalling that the Palestinian question constitutes the basic aspect of the Arab-Israeli conflict in the Middle East:

1. **REAFFIRMS** all the previous resolutions of the OAU Assembly of Heads of State and Government and Council of Ministers and **EXPRESSES ITS TOTAL SUPPORT** to the Palestinian people and the Arab countries victims of Israeli aggression;
2. **STRONGLY CONDEMNS** the Israeli occupation forces for expelling from their homes over 400 Palestinian citizens who were stranded, in disastrous conditions, in the occupied Lebanese territories. Such act is a flagrant violation of the principles of human rights of the provisions of international law and of international agreements and characters, notably the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949, as well as a violation of the sovereignty of Lebanon and its unity and territorial integrity. It also poses a threat to international peace and security and to the pursuance of peace negotiations in the Middle East;
3. **SUPPORTS** the position of the Lebanese government in rejecting the Israeli policy aimed at using the Lebanese territory as a deportation location for Palestinians;
4. **REAFFIRMS** that the question of Jerusalem and Palestine constitutes the basic element of the Arab-Israeli conflict and that a just and global peace cannot be established in the region unless Israel totally withdraws from all the occupied Palestinian and Arab territories, including Jerusalem, the Syrian Golan and South Lebanon, while enabling the Palestinian people to exercise their intangible and inalienable national rights;
5. **EXPRESSES ITS SUPPORT** to the negotiation process and to the efforts made to bring about a just and global solution to the Palestinian question and the Arab-Israeli conflict, in accordance with international resolutions, notably Security Council Resolutions 242, 338 and 425 and on the basis of the principles of peace for land, the granting of national and political rights to the Palestinian people and the solution of the Palestinian refugee problem,, in compliance with United Nations resolutions, namely General Assembly resolution 194 and Security Council resolution 237;
6. **CALLS ON** all States, international organizations as well as investment enterprises to refrain from providing any assistance to Israel for whatever activity it carries out in the occupied Palestinian and Arab territories and engaging in any cooperation relation that will enable Israel to exploit the resources of the occupied. Palestinian and Arab territories. It **CALLS ON** Israel to put an end to its acts of violation in the occupied Palestinian and Arab territories;
7. **INVITES** the United Nations organization and its institutions to play a more active and effective role, notably in the field of economic development of the occupied territories, bearing in mind the responsibility that the UN should continue to assume with regard to the Palestinian question;
8. **DEMANDS** the implementation of the resolutions adopted by international organs on Israel which still violate the UN resolutions, namely those of the Security Council and all international rules, including the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949 and Security Council Resolution 299 to avoid a double standard in the implementation of international resolutions;
9. **CONDEMNS** Israel for its constant refusal to abide by the resolutions adopted by the United Nations and the International Atomic Energy Agency that subjects all the atomic installations to its system of guarantees. It **URGES**, Member States to continue their cooperation within the framework of the United Nations, the International Atomic Energy Agency and other concerned international fora so as to compel Israel to abide by international resolutions, open its atomic installations to international control and present a full report of its stockpile of atomic material to the Security Council and the international Atomic Energy Agency;
10. **APPROVES ONCE AGAIN** the proposal made by President Hosni Mubarak, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt to eliminate all mass destruction arms in the Middle East. It **CONDEMNS** Israel which flouts the prohibition against the production and stockpiling of atomic armament. It **ALSO CALLS ON** the UN Secretary-General to make all the necessary provisions for the destruction of this armament;
11. **REITERATES** its former request to the two States sponsoring the peace conference to invite the OAU Secretary-General to take part in the peace conference, in view of the importance the OAU attaches to the establishment of peace in the Middle East and the pursuit of a just and global solution to the Palestinian problem;
12. **REQUESTS** the OAU Secretary-General to follow the developments in the Middle East situation and report thereon to the next Session of the Council of Ministers.

RESOLUTION ON THE QUESTION OF PALESTINE

The Council of Ministers of the organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-eighth ordinary Session in Cairo, Egypt, from 21 to 26 June 1993,

Having considered the Report of the OAU Secretary General on the Question of Palestine contained in Document CM/1774 (LVIII),

Recalling the relevant resolutions adopted by the previous sessions of the Council of Ministers and the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the OAU, on the Question of Palestine,

Reaffirming the legitimacy of the struggle waged, by the Palestinian people under the leadership of the PLO their sole and legitimate representative, aimed at recovering their occupied territories and exercising their imprescriptible and unalienable national rights:

Further reaffirming its support for the Middle East Peace Conference and expressing its concern at the slow pace of progress as a result of the obstacles placed by Israel:

1. **REAFFIRMS** all previous resolutions and recommendations adopted by the Sessions of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government, and the Council of Ministers of the OAU, on the Question of Palestine;
2. **REAFFIRMING** that the Palestinian question constitutes the fundamental aspect of the Middle East conflict, and that the establishment of a just and global peace in the region implies the withdrawal of Israel from all the occupied Palestinian and Arab territories as well as the establishment of a Palestinian State with Jerusalem as its capital;
3. **STRESSES** the importance of the initiatives of the UNDP in the fields of National Long Term Perspective Studies (NLTPS), African Capacity Building Initiative, and the African Project Development Facility for sustainable development in Africa;
4. **CALLS ON UNDP** in close cooperation with the OAU, the ECA, and the ADB, to ensure that these initiatives also contribute to the strengthening of sub-regional and regional economic cooperation;
5. **NOTES** with great concern, the sharp decline in the financial resources of UNDP during its 5th program cycle, and its negative impact on Africa, especially for the regional program;
6. **URGES** all Member States of the UNDP, especially the major developed countries, to raise substantially the levels of their contributions to UNDP, that are earmarked for Africa, in order to forestall the decline in its activities in Africa, at national, sub-regional and regional levels, and to complement the efforts of OAU Member States of the OAU to increase the mobilization of domestic resources for the implementation of technical cooperation programs;
7. **CALLS** on the UNDP Administrator to continue to provide adequate resources for the implementation of the Treaty establishing the African Economic Community, and to the organizations of the Joint OAU/ECA/ADB Secretariat in this regard, including the strengthening of existing Regional Economic Communities (RECs), and the harmonization of sub-regional and regional institutions;
8. **FURTHER CALLS** on the Administrator of UNDP to provide the necessary support to the implementation of UN-NADAF in accordance with the provisions contained in UN General Assembly resolution 46/151, including the United Nations Inter Agency Task Force on African economic recovery and development (UN-IATF) under the chairmanship of UNECA, in its efforts to ensure a more efficient and coordinated impact of the United Nations system on African development.

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