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Letter dated 10 January 1985 from the Permanent Representative of
Djibouti to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honor to request you to circulate as an official document of the General Assembly, under the item entitled "Co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity", the resolutions adopted by the twentieth ordinary session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, held in Addis Ababa.

Furthermore, I would like to refer to operative paragraph 4 of resolution AHG/Res.132 (XX) Rev.1 whereby the Assembly:

"4. REQUESTS the Secretary-General:

"(a) To transmit the Summit Declaration together with the Special Memorandum to the 39th Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations as documents of the 20th Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the OAU.

"b. To transmit the aforementioned documents to the Chairman of the Movement of the Non-Aligned Countries, Governments of Member States of the United Nations, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, multilateral financial institutions and other organizations."

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Chairman of the African Group for
the month of January

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RESOLUTION ON THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twentieth Ordinary Session held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 12 to 15 November 1984,

Having considered the report of the Secretary General a.i. of the Organization of African Unity on the Middle East (document AHG/124 (XX))

Guided by the principles and objectives 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 strive to safeguard their freedom,

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

Recalling further the previous recommendations and decisions of the United Nations General Assembly, the Security Council and the conferences of Non-Aligned Countries on the situation in the Middle East,

Gravely concerned about the plight of the People of Southern Lebanon following the illegal occupation of this part of the Lebanese territory by the Zionist régime of Israel and about the arrogance shown by the Zionist regime with respect to the decisions and resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly and of the Security Council as well as the said régime's failure to adhere to the fundamental principles of international law and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

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,

Deploing 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 régimes 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 others

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. SUPPORTS the recommendation adopted by the Al Quods Committee at its meeting in Fez, Morocco, from 19 to 21 April 1984, calling on Islamic countries which maintain diplomatic ties with Costa Rica and El Salvador to "break them off immediately" as a countermeasure against these countries which have moved their embassies from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem; and CONGRATULATES the countries which have heeded this call;
5. VEHEMENTLY CONDEMNS the aggressions perpetrated against Lebanon and the continued occupation of its territories;
6. STRONGLY CONDEMNS all the Israeli acts, which run counter to the provisions of the mandate of the United Nations peace-keeping force in Lebanon as well as Israel's aggression aimed at preventing the said force for safeguarding peace in Lebanon and fully accomplishing its peace-keeping task, including the control of the territories up to the internationally recognized frontiers;
7. 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;
8. 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 United Nations 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;
9. STRONGLY CONDEMNS Israel, the occupation force, for not complying with the provisions of the Fourth Geneva Convention of 12 August 1949 relating to the protection of civilians in times of war;
10. URGES Israel to put an immediate end to the illegal occupation of Southern Lebanon and CONSIDERS as null and void any step taken by Israel in the occupied Arab territories aimed at exploiting their resources and REQUESTS all States, international organizations and investment agencies not to recognize Israel's authority in their territories and to co-operate with it, under any form whatever, to exploit these resources and their sources of energy;
11. 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 United Nations Special Committee on the exercise of the inalienable Rights of the Palestinian people;
12. REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General to follow the Palestine and Middle East question and to report on it to the next Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity.

RESOLUTION ON THE QUESTION OF PALESTINE

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twentieth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 12 to 15 November 1984,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General a.i. of the Organization of African Unity on the Middle East and the question of Palestine, (document AHG/123 (XX))

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 on the question of Palestine,

Guided by the principles and purposes of the Charters of the Organization of African Unity and of the United Nations and by the common destiny against Zionism and racism for the cause of freedom, independence and peace,

Recalling that the question of Palestine constitutes the very core of the Middle East conflict, and that the PLO is the only legitimate representative of the Palestinian people,

Reiterating the relevant decisions of the OAU making the question of Palestine an Arab and African issue,

Conscious of the seriousness of the present situation resulting from the continued occupation of 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 the geographical, demographic, cultural and social characteristics of Palestine,

Reaffirming the legitimacy of the struggle of the people of Palestine led by the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) to recover their land and exercise their national rights,

Further reaffirming that a just and lasting peace can only be achieved when the people of Palestine exercise their inalienable rights, particularly their right to return to their homeland, the recovery of national sovereignty, their right to self-determination without any foreign interference whatsoever and their right to establish an independent state on their territory,

Considering that partial agreement and separate treaties are greatly prejudicial to the Palestinian people and constitute a violation of the principle of the right of peoples to self-determination and independence,

Taking into account the resolutions adopted at the special session of the General Assembly of the United Nations on the question of Palestine,

Taking into account the recommendations of the United Nations Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People,

Noting with grave concern that the alliance between the Zionist régime of Israel and the racist régime of South Africa aims at intensifying acts of terrorism and genocide against the peoples of Palestine and South Africa:

1. REAFFIRMS all previous resolutions on the question of Palestine and reiterates its unwavering support for the people of Palestine led by the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), their sole legitimate representative, and REAFFIRMS the right of the people of Palestine to continue their struggle under 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 the 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 CONDEMNS all maneuvers and formulae aimed at preventing the people of Palestine from exercising their rights to self-determination, to achieve their national aspirations to return to their homeland and exercise their freedom and complete sovereignty;
3. STRONGLY CONDEMNS 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 question of Palestine without the participation of the Palestine Liberation Organization;
4. STRONGLY CONDEMNS the expansionist policies pursued by Israel and aimed at imposing a fait accompli in the occupied territories, also CONDEMNS the policy of expansion, establishment of settlement, expropriation of lands and the massive or individual extermination of people with a view to forcing them to emigrate, to modify the demographic characteristics of the territory, and expel the leaders of the people of Palestine, thinkers and citizens as well as other Arab peoples, especially the Lebanese people;
5. STRONGLY CONDEMNS Israel's expansionist, colonialist, racist and terrorist actions against the Palestinian people, in particular the massacres in Sabra and Shatilla, as well as against the Lebanese people;
6. FURTHER CONDEMNS the collusion between the Zionist régime of Israel and the racist régime of South Africa and CALLS UPON all member States to intensify their efforts to face the danger and to strengthen the armed struggle against Zionism, racism and imperialism. To this end, CALLS UPON the African States, and members of the League of Arab States to include in the Agenda of all sessions the following item "Collusion between South Africa and Israel";
7. CALLS UPON the international community to exert more pressure on Israel in all fields so as to compel it to conform to the Charter of the United Nations and with the resolution adopted on the question of Palestine, EMPHASIZES the efforts deployed by the United Nations Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People and CALLS UPON the Security Council to implement the recommendation of this Committee adopted by the General Assembly;
8. CALLS UPON the Security Council to take effective measures to guarantee the exercise by the people of Palestine of their national and inalienable rights recognized by the United Nations General Assembly and CONSIDERS that Security Council resolution 242 of 22 November 1967 does not guarantee the future of the

Palestinian people and their inalienable rights nor does it provide a basis for a just solution to the question of Palestine;

9. FIRMLY SUPPORTS the Arab Peace Plan adopted at the Twelfth Arab Summit held at Fez on 9 September 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 General Assembly resolution 38/58 C on the holding of an international peace conference on the middle East;

10. 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;

11. URGES the international community to exert more pressure on Israel in all fields so as to compel it to release the Palestinian and Lebanese prisoners, mainly those who are in the Ansar concentration camp;

12. REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General to follow the development of the question of Palestine and to report to the next Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity.

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