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QUESTION OF PALESTINE
THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST
REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO
INVESTIGATE ISRAELI PRACTICES
AFFECTING THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE
POPULATION OF THE OCCUPIED
TERRITORIES

Letter dated 30 March 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Jordan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, which has just hosted the Seventeenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers - "session of Islamic solidarity with the uprising of the Palestinian people" - held in Amman, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, from 21 to 25 March 1988, I have the honour to transit herewith the text of the resolution on the uprising of the Palestinian people in the occupied Arab territories adopted by the Seventeenth Conference of Foreign Ministers.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under items 37, 40 and 77 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(<u>Signed</u>) Abdullah SALAH Ambassador Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Resolution on the uprising of the Palestinian Arab people in occupied Palestine

The Seventeenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Amman, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan from 3 to 7 Sha'ban 1408H (21-25 March 1988),

<u>Proceeding</u> from the principles and objectives of the Charter of the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the relevant resolutions adopted by Islamic Summit and Ministerial Conferences,

Stressing anew the principle of enhancing Islamic solidarity with the people of Palestine by supporting their cause and their blessed heroic uprising,

Noting that the convening of the Seventeenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers coincides with the twentieth anniversay of the battle of Karama,

Referring to the resolutions adopted by the United Nations General Assembly and Security Council on the situation prevailing in the occupied Palestinian and Arab territories, including Al-Quds Al-Sharif, particularly Security Council resolutions 605 (1987), 607 (1988) and 608 (1988),

Taking into consideration that the provisions of the Geneva Convention Relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, concluded in August 1949, apply to the Palestinian people in the Palestinian and Arab territories occupied since 1967, including Al-Quds Al-Sharif,

Expressing its deep concern over the serious condition currently prevailing in the Palestinian and Arab territories due to the continued Israeli occupation, Israel's arbitrary practices, coercive measures, the perpetual confiscation of Arab land and property on which new settlements are built, the imposition of collective sanctions on the population, the desecration of the sanctity of Islamic and Christian Holy places and attacks, with toxic gas bombs, against people at prayer,

Expressing its total solidarity with the uprising of the Palestinian Arab people in the occupied Palestinian and Arab territories and with their heroic countering of and resistance to the Israeli occupation authorities and the illegal measures and violations perpetrated by these authorities,

Hailing the increasing international support to the uprising of Palestinian Arab people in their homeland, Palestine, and commending the Secretary-General of the United Nations for his report contained in document S/19444, issued on 21 January 1988 and submitted to the Security Council in accordance with resolution 605 (1987),

1. Decides to call this session of the Seventeenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers "the Session of Islamic Solidarity with the Palestinian people", as a tribute to their uprising in occupied Palestine;

- 2. Hails with great pride and esteem the Palestinian Arab people and their sweeping heroic uprising, which they are still waging against the heinous Israeli occupation forces, on every inch of the hallowed Palestinian soil, in defence of their homeland, Palestine, and their inalienable national rights, and commend their national unity;
- 3. Affirms the unflinching stand of the Islamic States by the side of the Palestinian people in their ongoing Jihad and blessed uprising, until the total withdrawal of the Israeli enemy forces from all the Palestinian territories, including the city of Al-Quds Al-Sharif, is secured, and the Palestinian people can exercise their inalienable national rights through an international conference; urges member States to commit themselves to the consolidation of the uprising of the Palestinian Arab people in the occupied Palestinian territories, materially, morally and politically, so that they may pursue their uprising and struggle, until an end is put to the tyrannical Israeli occupation, and they recover their homeland, Palestine, primarily Al-Quds Al-Sharif and exercise their national rights;
- 4. Affirms its rejection of any partial or individual solution that disregards the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people and seeks to abort their uprising and ignore the Palestine Liberation Organization, their sole legitimate representative;
- 5. Condemns Israel's expansionist policy and continued occupation, and denounces its coercive practices, its violation of human rights and international humanitarian norms, the confiscation of land and property and the establishment of settlers' colonies, as well as its imposition of an "economic stranglehold" on the population to force them to end their courageous uprising and accept the policy of fait accompli founded on occupation, annexation and denial of the national rights of the Palestinian people;
- Denounces the United States of America for disregarding the Palestine Liberation Organization, the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people and refusing to deal with it as a basic party to the Arab-Israeli conflict and for providing sustained support to Israel; urges all nations to see to it that the United States of America refrains from providing any support to Israel that can entrench its repressive policies and practices against the Palestinian people in the Palestine occupied territories; warns the United States of America not to disregard the real significance of the uprising of the Palestinian Arab people who firmly adhere to their inalienable national rights and to adopt just and balanced policies that can lead to a just and comprehensive solution in the Middle East;
- 7. Mandates the Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference to maintain his contacts with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the regional and international organizations and all other international groups and co-ordinate with them with a view to implementing Security Council resolutions 605 (1987), 607 (1988) and 608 (1988) in order to secure to the Palestinian people an international protection and the application of the provisions of the Fourth Geneva Convention Relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War of 1949;