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STATE AND GOVERNMENT**

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF HEADS
OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT HELD IN KAMPALA
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RESOLUTION ON THE SITUATION
IN ANGOLA

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twelfth Ordinary Session from 28 July to 1st August 1975 in Kampala,

Having noted Resolution CM/Res. 424 (XXV) on the situation in Angola,

Having heard the Statements of the Representatives of the MPLA, FNLA and UNITA and of the Acting Prime Minister of the Transitional Government of Angola on the situation in this territory,

Deploring the bloody confrontation between the principal Liberation Movements and the non-respect by the signatories of the Agreements of Kinshasa, Mombassa, Alver and Nakuru,

Convinced that it is the duty of OAU to seek, by every means to restore peace, harmony and understanding in Angola, in particular before the date of the proclamation of independence scheduled for 11 November 1975,

- 1. URGENTLY APPEALS to all Liberation Movements to lay down their arms;**
- 2. EARNESTLY REQUESTS Portugal to assume, without delay and in an impartial manner, its responsibilities in Angola;**
- 3. DECIDE to send a Fact-Finding Commission of Enquiry, and conciliation to Angola immediately;**
- 4. REQUESTS the Current Chairman of OAU, after consultation with Members of the Bureau, to appoint members of the Fact-Finding Commission of Enquiry and Conciliation;**

- 5. REQUESTS the OAU Defence Commission, assisted by the OAU Secretary-General, following the Report of the Commission of Enquiry, to consider the necessity of creating and dispatching an OAU Peace Force to Angola and to submit its recommendations to the Council of Ministers.**

- 6. CALLS UPON Liberation Movements, the Transitional Angolan Government, the Portuguese Government and neighbouring countries to co-operate with the OAU Fact-Finding Commission of Enquiry and Conciliation.**

RESOLUTION ON AFRO-ARAB CO-OPERATION

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twelfth Ordinary Session from 28 July to 1st August 1975 in Kampala,

Having considered the Report of the Committee of Twelve on Afro-Arab Co-operation, CM/662 (XXV),

Having noted the recommendations contained in the Report of the Twenty-fifth Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers CM/Plen/Rapt/Rpt. on the problem of Afro-Arab Co-operation,

1. **DECIDES** that the Report of Afro-Arab Co-operation, the Draft Declaration and the Draft Afro-Arab Action programme be sent to Member States for their consideration and comments as soon as possible;
2. **REQUESTS** OAU Member States to submit their remarks and comments to the Administrative Secretary-General within 2 to 3 months;
3. **REQUESTS** that an Afro-Arab ministerial meeting should then be convened for the adoption of the final texts and preparation for the Afro-Arab Summit which has been approved in principle.
4. **REQUESTS** the OAU Secretary-General to contact the Secretary-General of the Arab League to decide on the date for the Afro-Arab Summit.

RESOLUTION IN THE CREATION OF A SUB-REGIONAL OFFICE
OF THE LIBERATION COMMITTEE FOR THE SO-CALLED
FRENCH SOMALILAND (DJIBOUTI)

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twelfth Ordinary Session from 28 July to 1st August 1975 in Kampala,

Having considered the Report of the Twenty-fifth Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers and its recommendations on the creation of a sub-regional office of the Coordinating Committee for the Liberation of Africa, with a view to assisting the struggle for liberation of the people of the so-called French Somaliland (Djibouti),

Having taken cognizance of the Report of the Twenty-fifth Session of the Coordinating Committee for the Liberation of Africa, especially in its paragraph 83,

Having heard the Statements by Representatives of the Democratic Republic of Somalia and Ethiopia:

Seeking to obtain the fullest possible information to serve as a basis for an objective decision on this matter,

1. **REQUESTS** the Liberation Committee to continue its studies on the basis of the recommendations formulated in paragraph 83 of its report and to submit concrete proposals to the OAU Council of Ministers.

RESOLUTION ON THE SO-CALLED
SPANISH SAHARA

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twelfth Ordinary Session from 28 July to 1st August 1975 in Kampala,

Having noted the Report of the Twenty-fifth Ordinary Session of the Co-ordinating Committee for the Liberation of Africa,

Having regard for the recommendations of the Twenty-fifth Ordinary Session of the OAU Council of Ministers,

Considering that the Twenty-fifth Session of the Council of Ministers, after lengthy debate, was unable to produce an acceptable resolution or recommendation on the question of the so-called Spanish Sahara,

Considering that the International Court of Justice at the Hague has before it the question of the so-called Spanish Sahara,

1. **DECIDES** to await the opinion of the International Court of Justice;
2. **CALLS UPON** Spain, the Administering Power, until the Opinion of the International Court of Justice is known, to abstain from all acts which might prejudice the decolonization process of this territory.

RESOLUTION ON THE MIDDLE EAST AND
OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twelfth Ordinary Session from 28 July to 1st August 1975 in Kampala,

Having heard the statements delivered during the Session of the Council of Ministers by the representatives of the Arab Republic of Egypt and the PLO and other delegations,

Having received the report of the OAU Administrative Secretary-General (CM/660 and 660 Add. I (XXV)),

Recalling resolution AHG/res. 67 (IX), AHG/Res. 70 (X), CM/Res. 332 (XXIII), as well as the resolution CM/Res. 393 (XXIV), and the declaration concerning Palestine and the Middle East, CM/ST.14 (XXIV),

Guided by the principles and objectives of the Charter of the OAU and the UN and by the common destiny of the Arab and African peoples, as well as their continuous struggle, for their rights, freedom, peace and independence.

Noting with deep concern the constant deterioration of the situation in the Middle East as a result of Israel's persistent policy of aggression and refusal to abide by the United Nations resolutions together with its continued aggression on the Arab people within and outside the occupied Arab territories, and its continuous obstruction of every effort to achieve a just and durable peace, with the aim of gaining time and imposing a fait-accompli to establish aggression and occupation,

Reaffirming that just and permanent peace in Palestine and the Middle East can only be attained on the basis of complete Israeli withdrawal from all the occupied Arab territories and the exercise by the Palestinians of their full national rights to sovereignty, national independence and self-determination,

Asserting that continued Israeli occupation of Arab lands by force and violation of the national rights of Palestinian people are, in themselves, a continued aggression and a serious threat to the security, the territorial integrity and the sovereignty of Arab countries and peoples,

Deeply concerned by the invalidity and illegitimacy of the measures taken by Israel to alter the human geographical and cultural features in the occupied Arab territories with the aim of Judaization of Jerusalem and other parts of occupied Arab territories,

Convinced that owing to Israel's continued violation of the principles of the UN Charter and its continued aggression against Arab countries and the Palestinian people, it is time to apply the sanctions stipulated by the Charter of the UN against Israel,

Further convinced of the necessity for the OAU to adopt adequate and practical measures to confront the Zionist enemy's continued aggression and violation:

- 1. REAFFIRMS its total and effective support for the frontline states and the Palestinian people in their legitimate struggle to restore all the occupied territories and usurped rights by every possible means;**
- 2. CONDEMNS Israel's policy of aggression, expansion, and annexation of Arab territories by force, and its attempts to alter their demographic, geographic, economic and cultural features;**
- 3. CONDEMNS Israel's continued refusal to abide by the resolution of the United Nations and its deliberation, obstruction, by all means of maneuvering, of every effort exerted to establish a just and permanent peace in the area;**
- 4. FURTHER CONDEMNS the persistent policy of repression pursued by Israeli occupation authorities against Arab inhabitants in the occupied Arab territories, as well as its persistent violation of their human rights, and its violation of the 1949 Geneva Convention, in particular the fourth, concerning the protection of**

- civilian inhabitants, and its barbaric attacks and raids of refugee camps and bombardment of civilians targets in the towns and villages of Southern Lebanon in violation of all principles of international and human laws;**
- 5. STRONGLY CONDEMNNS the attitude of the States supplying Israel with assistance, arms and means of killing and destruction, and holds that the real purpose underlying the flooding of Israel with such enormous quantities of weaponry is to establish it as an advanced case of racism and colonialism in the heart of the Arab and African World and the Third World and further considering that any aid or support to Israel is actually an encouragement and a participation in the consolidation of Israeli occupation and persistent aggression;**
 - 6. REAFFIRMS once more its resolution CM/Res. 20 of the Eighth Extra-Ordinary Session;**
 - 7. INVITES all African States to extend all possible potentialities available in the African World to the Arab confrontation powers so as to reinforce their struggle against the Zionist aggression;**
 - 8. CALLS UPON all OAU Member States to take the most appropriate measures to intensify pressures exercised against ISRAEL at the UN and other Institutions, including the possibility of eventually depriving it of its status as member of these Institutions.**
 - 9. CONSIDERS Zionism a danger to world peace, and decides to organize an information campaign in which all African information media participate to unmask the racist aggressive nature of the Zionist entity in a continuous and planned manner, and to confront and refute all Zionist misleading propaganda campaign aimed at arousing hostility against both the Arab and African Worlds;**
 - 10. REQUEST the OAU Administrative Secretary-General to closely follow up developments in the Middle East and to report thereon to the 26th Session of the Council of Ministers and decides to keep the situation in the Middle East as one of the agenda of the next Session of the OAU Council of Ministers.**

Reservation:

Sierra-Leone, Senegal, Liberia

Opposition:

Zaire.

RESOLUTION OF THE QUESTION OF PALESTINE

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twelfth Ordinary Session from 28 July to 1st August 1975 in Kampala,

Recalling the resolution adopted by the OAU Council of Ministers at its Twenty Fourth Ordinary Session held in Addis Ababa from February 13– 21 1975,

Guided by the principles and provisions of the Charter of the OAU and the UN, and noting with appreciation the heroic sacrifices of the Palestine people in the face of the Zionist aggression for the liberation of Palestine,

Having studied the developments of the Palestine cause and the grave situation arising from the continued occupation by Israel of Arab territories, its usurpation of the legitimate rights of the Palestine people, its refusal to abide by the United Nations resolutions in this respect, particularly United Nations General Assembly Resolution No. 3236 adopted at its 29th Session, its denial of the national rights of the Palestine people in Palestine, including their return to their homeland, their right to recover their property and to self-determination without any foreign intervention, and having likewise condemned the continued Israeli usurpation of Palestine and the dispersal of its people,

Considering that this situation constitutes a flagrant violation of the United Nations Charter and Resolutions as well as of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and that its continuation represents a grave threat to international peace and security,

Considering that the Palestinian question is the root cause of the struggle against the Zionist enemy,

Reasserting the legality of the struggle of the Palestine people for the restoration of their full national rights,

Considering that the racist regime in occupied Palestine and the racist regimes in Zimbabwe and South Africa have a common imperialist origin, forming a whole and

having the same racist structure and being organically linked in their policy aimed at repression of the dignity and integrity of the human being,

Expressing its conviction that the military, economic, political and moral support of Israel by a member of states, notably the U.S., enables it to persist in its policy of aggression and to further reinforce its usurpation of Palestine and its occupation of Arab territories,

Considering that maintaining relations with Israel in the political, economic, trade, communication and other domains assists it to reinforce its usurpation of Palestine and to persist in its expansionist policy of aggression,

Considering that the continuation of the membership of Israel in the United Nations contradicts the principles and Charter of the United Nations and encourages Israel to ignore UN resolutions and to collude with various racist, expansionist and aggressive regimes,

1. DECIDES:

- a) to provide full and effective support to the Palestine people in their legitimate struggle to restore their national rights, including:
 - Their right to return to their homeland, Palestine, and to recover their property,
 - Their right to self-determination without any foreign intervention,
 - Their right to sovereignty over their territory,
 - Their right to establish their independent national authority.
- b) To work in all domains to concretise recognition of these rights and ensure respect for them, The Member States of the OAU also undertake to adopt all appropriate measures towards that end;

- c) that the OAU Liberation Committee and the Palestine Liberation Organization should jointly lay down a strategy aiming at liberating Palestine, considering that the cause of Palestine is an African cause;
2. **CALLS** upon all Member States to support the people of Palestine by every means in its Struggle against Zionist racist colonialism to restore their full national rights. Member States, moreover, assert that restitution of their rights is an essential condition for the establishment of a just and lasting peace in the Middle East;
 3. **CALLS** upon the United Nations to work for the application of Resolution 3236 adopted by the General Assembly at its 29th Session;
 4. **REASSERTS** that the Palestine Liberation Organization is the sole legal representative of the Palestine people and their legitimate struggle;
 5. **REQUESTS** Member States to implement the pertinent resolutions of previous OAU Summits and Foreign Ministers Conferences on the Palestinian Cause as soon as possible;
 6. **REITERATES** that it is desirable, in order to ensure the success of the PLO in its struggle to concretize the future of the Palestinian People's State, to provide it with all facilities and opportunities to intensify its contact with the governments of Member States;
 7. **CONDEMNS** Israel's violation of human rights in the occupied Arab territories and its refusal to implement the Geneva Convention of 1949 on the protection of civilians in times of war, its policy of judaizing the physical and cultural aspects of the occupied territories and considers that such acts and behavior are war crimes and a challenge to mankind at large;
 8. **CONSIDERS** that all the measures adopted by Israel in the occupied Arab territories and designed to alter their demographic, geographical, social, cultural

and economic aspects – including those aiming at judaizing the Holy City of Jerusalem are null and void and that under no circumstances can these measures or their consequences be recognized;

- 9. CONDEMNS all States that provide military, economic and human support to Israel, and calls upon them to desist from doing so forthwith;**
- 10. CALLS UPON all countries that have not yet done so, to sever political, cultural and economic relations with Israel;**
- 11. CALLS UPON all OAU Member States to take all appropriate measures to intensify pressure against Israel at the United Nations and the other Agencies, including the possibility of eventually depriving it of its status as a Member of these Agencies;**
- 12. DECIDES to inscribe the item of the “Question of Palestine” on the Agenda of the 26th Session of the Council;**
- 13. REQUESTS the Secretary-General to submit a report on the developments of the question of the question of Palestine to the next Session.**

Reservations:

Ghana – Sierra-Leone – Senegal – Liberia

Against:

Zaire

**RESOLUTION ON RELATIONS BETWEEN THE OAU
AND THE CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN LABOUR MINISTERS**

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twelfth Ordinary Session in Kampala (Uganda) from 28 July to 1 August 1975,

Recalling Resolution CM/Res. 444(XXV) and Resolution CM/Res.362 (XXIII), on the financial implications of instituting the Conference of African Labor Ministers as a specialized institution of OAU pursuant to Article XX, XXI and XXII of the Charter of the Organization of Africa Unity;

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the world of the Thirteenth Ordinary Session of the conference of African Labor Ministers (Libreville, 24–30 March 1975), (document CM/368 and the resolutions and annexes annexed thereto),

- 1. ADOPTS the report and resolutions attached thereto;**
- 2. DECIDES to institute the Conference of African Labor Ministers as a specialized institution of OAU pursuant to the provisions of Article XX of the Charter of the Organization of African Unity;**
- 3. REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General to make all the necessary financial and other arrangements to deal with this new situation.**