

solve the serious social and economic problems which affect the African continent,

Taking note with satisfaction of the successful co-operation between the Organization of African Unity and the United Nations in organizing the International Conference in Support of the Peoples of Zimbabwe and Namibia, held at Maputo from 16 to 21 May 1977,³⁷ and the World Conference for Action against *Apartheid*, held at Lagos from 22 to 26 August 1977,³⁸ and of the ensuing positive results,

Aware of the urgent need to give increased assistance and support to the victims of colonialism, racial discrimination and *apartheid* resulting from the intensified acts of provocation and aggression against neighbouring countries by the *apartheid* régime in South Africa and Namibia and the illegal racist minority régime in Southern Rhodesia,

Conscious of the need to take effective steps for the widest possible dissemination of information relating to the struggle of the African peoples concerned for their liberation from colonialism, racial discrimination and *apartheid*,

Reaffirming the determination of the Organization of African Unity and the United Nations to work closely towards the establishment of the new international economic order,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity³⁹ and commends his efforts in promoting such co-operation;

2. *Expresses its deep appreciation* of the outstanding contribution made by the Organization of African Unity in the relevant work of the United Nations bodies concerned;

3. *Invites* the Organization of African Unity and the United Nations to co-operate fully in the speedy implementation of the Maputo Declaration in Support of the Peoples of Zimbabwe and Namibia and the Programme of Action for the Liberation of Zimbabwe and Namibia,⁴⁰ adopted by the International Conference in Support of the Peoples of Zimbabwe and Namibia, held at Maputo from 16 to 21 May 1977, and the Lagos Declaration for Action against *Apartheid*,⁴¹ adopted by the World Conference for Action against *Apartheid*, held at Lagos from 22 to 26 August 1977;

4. *Commends* the efforts of the Organization of African Unity to find solutions to African problems of vital importance to the international community;

5. *Reaffirms* the determination of the United Nations, in co-operation with the Organization of African Unity, to intensify its efforts to put an end to the remaining vestiges of colonialism and racial discrimination and to *apartheid* in southern Africa;

6. *Recognizes* that it is important that the United Nations and the specialized agencies be closely asso-

ciated, where appropriate, with the efforts of the Organization of African Unity to promote social and economic co-operation in Africa;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to take the necessary measures to strengthen co-operation at the political, economic, cultural and administrative levels between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, particularly with regard to the provision of assistance to the victims of colonialism and *apartheid* in southern Africa, and, in this connexion, draws attention once again to the Assistance Fund for the Struggle against Colonialism and *Apartheid* established by the Organization of African Unity;

8. *Requests once again* the United Nations bodies, in particular the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council, the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, the Special Committee against *Apartheid* and the United Nations Council for Namibia, to continue to take effective measures to associate closely the Organization of African Unity regularly with all their work concerning Africa;

9. *Invites* the specialized agencies and other organizations concerned within the United Nations system to continue and intensify their co-operation with the Organization of African Unity and, through it, with the national liberation movements of Zimbabwe and Namibia, in particular within the context of General Assembly resolution 31/30 of 29 November 1976;

10. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for the efforts he is making on behalf of the international community to provide effective programmes of assistance to various African States experiencing grave economic difficulties because of special political and geo-economic circumstances;

11. *Requests* all Member States, regional and international organizations as well as the organizations of the United Nations system to give full and generous support to the programmes of assistance being organized by the Secretary-General;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session a report on the implementation of the present resolution and on the development of co-operation between the Organization of African Unity and the organizations concerned with the United Nations system.

66th plenary meeting
11 November 1977

32/20. The situation in the Middle East

The General Assembly,

Having discussed the item entitled "The situation in the Middle East",

Recalling its previous resolutions on the subject, in particular resolutions 3414 (XXX) of 5 December 1975 and 31/61 of 9 December 1976,

Taking into account the decisions of the Fifth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Colombo from 16 to 19 Au-

³⁷ For the report of the Conference, see A/32/109/Rev.1-S/12344/Rev.1 (*Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-second Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1977*).

³⁸ For the report of the Conference, see A/CONF.91/9 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.77.XIV.2 and 3 and corrigendum).

³⁹ A/32/207.

⁴⁰ A/32/109/Rev.1-S/12344/Rev.1, annex V. For the printed text, see *Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-second Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1977*.

⁴¹ A/CONF.91/9 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.77.XIV.2 and corrigendum), sect. X.

gust 1976, concerning the situation in the Middle East and the question of Palestine,⁴²

Deeply concerned that the Arab territories occupied since 1967 have continued, for more than ten years, to be under illegal Israeli occupation and that the Palestinian people, after three decades, are still deprived of the exercise of their inalienable national rights,

Reaffirming that the acquisition of territory by force is inadmissible and that all territories thus occupied must be returned,

Reaffirming also the urgent necessity of the establishment of a just and lasting peace in the region, based on full respect for the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations as well as for its resolutions concerning the problem of the Middle East including the question of Palestine,

Taking note with satisfaction of the joint statement on the Middle East issued on 1 October 1977 by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Secretary of State of the United States of America in their capacities as Co-Chairmen of the Peace Conference on the Middle East,

Reaffirming that peace is indivisible and that a just and lasting settlement of the Middle East problem must be based on a comprehensive solution, under the auspices of the United Nations, which takes into account all aspects of the Arab-Israeli conflict, in particular the attainment by the Palestinian people of all their inalienable national rights and the Israeli withdrawal from all the occupied Arab territories,

Convinced that the early convening of the Peace Conference on the Middle East with the participation of all parties concerned, including the Palestine Liberation Organization, in accordance with relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, is essential for the realization of a just and lasting settlement in the region,

1. *Condemns* Israel's continued occupation of Arab territories, in violation of the Charter of the United Nations, the principles of international law and repeated resolutions of the United Nations;

2. *Reaffirms* that a just and lasting peace in the Middle East, in which all countries and peoples in the region can live in peace and security within recognized and secure boundaries, cannot be achieved without Israel's withdrawal from all Arab territories occupied since 5 June 1967 and the attainment by the Palestinian people of their inalienable national rights;

3. *Calls anew* for the early convening of the Peace Conference on the Middle East, under the auspices of the United Nations and the co-chairmanship of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America, with the participation on an equal footing of all parties concerned, including the Palestine Liberation Organization;

4. *Urges* the parties to the conflict and all other interested parties to work towards the achievement of a comprehensive settlement covering all aspects of the problems and worked out with the participation of all parties concerned within the framework of the United Nations;

5. *Requests* the Security Council, in the exercise of its responsibilities under the Charter, to take all necessary measures in order to ensure the implementa-

tion of relevant resolutions of the United Nations and to facilitate the achievement of such a comprehensive settlement aiming at the establishment of a just and lasting peace in the region;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to follow up the implementation of the present resolution and to inform all concerned, including the Co-Chairmen of the Peace Conference on the Middle East;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Security Council periodically on the development of the situation and to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session a comprehensive report covering, in all their aspects, the developments in the Middle East.

*82nd plenary meeting
25 November 1977*

32/21. Credentials of representatives to the thirty-second session of the General Assembly

A

The General Assembly

Approves the first report of the Credentials Committee.⁴³

*83rd plenary meeting
28 November 1977*

B

The General Assembly

Approves the second report of the Credentials Committee.⁴⁴

*104th plenary meeting
16 December 1977*

32/40. Question of Palestine

A

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3236 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974, 3376 (XXX) of 10 November 1975 and 31/20 of 24 November 1976,

Having considered the report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People,⁴⁵

Having heard the statement of the Palestine Liberation Organization, the representative of the Palestinian people,⁴⁶

Deeply concerned that no just solution to the problem of Palestine has been achieved and that this problem therefore continues to aggravate the Middle East con-

⁴³ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Annexes*, agenda item 3, document A/32/336.

⁴⁴ *Ibid.*, document A/32/336/Add.1.

⁴⁵ *Ibid.*, *Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 35 (A/32/35)*.

⁴⁶ *Ibid.*, *Thirty-second Session, Plenary Meetings, 84th meeting*, paras. 46-79.

⁴² See A/31/197.