

demand complete adherence to the resolutions and would intensify our struggle within the PLO to ensure adherence. For you to ask such a question, however, means that you overestimate Yasir Arafat's influence, because despite his apparent dissatisfaction with some of the resolutions, these resolutions were passed...»

In another question Comrade Habash was asked about statements

made by some PLO leaderships, especially those made by Arafat, which clearly reflect regret at adopting the resolution to sever relations with Egypt and whether this means that relations will eventually be restored if such overtures continue. In answer, Comrade Habash replied:

«We entered the PNC fully aware that such a problem would arise. We know that within this unity conflict will

continue between two political lines—therefore such statements following the PNC did not come as a surprise but were expected rather. However, we will confront this political trend from within the PLO. As for restoring relations with Egypt, such a decision is subject only to the resolutions of the PNC, especially those of the 16th session and not to statements made by anyone.»

Document—Basis for Unity

This document, agreed on by six Palestinian organizations, formed part of the basis for the Palestinian national dialogue and the resulting PNC's decisions.

POLITICAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL AGREEMENT SIGNED BY SIX PALESTINIAN ORGANIZATIONS IN TRIPOLI, LIBYA, CONCERNING THE UNITY OF THE PLO

After talks which took place from March 16th to 23rd, 1987, in Tripoli, Libya, six Palestinian organizations signed an agreement intended to be the basis for uniting the PLO. The six organizations are: the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP), Fatah - Revolutionary Council, PFLP -General Command, the Palestinian Liberation Front (PLF) and the Popular Struggle Front (PSF). Brother Muamer Qaddafi played a positive role in achieving this agreement. Following is the text of the agreement:

POLITICAL ON THE PALESTINIAN LEVEL

1. To adhere to the Palestinian National Charter and the decisions of the legitimate sessions of the Palestine National Council (PNC), up to and including the 16th session.

2. To adhere to the political program of the PLO - the program of the right to repatriation, self-determination and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state on the Palestinian land.

3. To consider the PLO the sole, legitimate representative of the Palestinian people without delegating, mandating or sharing this representation; to continue the struggle by all methods, first and foremost the armed struggle; to denounce the Cairo declaration and work to open the Arab borders for the Palestinian resistance movement.

4. To reject all liquidationist plans such as the Camp David accords, the Reagan plan, self-rule (autonomy) and the joint administration plan.

5. To cancel the Amman accord of February 11, 1985, publicly and officially.

6. To adhere to the resolutions of the Arab summits, which were adopted by consensus, particularly the resolutions of the 1974 Rabat Summit and the 1978 Baghdad Summit.

7. To reject Security Council resolutions 242 and 338, because they ignore the rights of the Palestinian Arab people to repatriation, self-determination and the establishment of an

independent Palestinian state. They moreover consider the Palestinian cause to be only a refugee problem.

8. To stop political relations with the Egyptian regime as long as it abides by the Camp David accords. To consolidate relations with the Egyptian people and nationalist forces who are struggling against the normalization of relations and the treaty of conciliation with the Zionist enemy.

9. To develop all forms of coordination and joint action in the occupied territories, to close the ranks of the masses of our people and strengthen the nationalist institutions. By so doing, our masses will be more able to confront the Zionist occupation and acts of repression. They will be able to confront all attempts to create artificial, collaborationist alternatives to the PLO.

10. All Palestinian nationalist forces should act jointly to improve the organization of our camps in Lebanon, protect the unity of the fighters and defend these camps and their existence.

ON THE ARAB LEVEL

1. To consolidate the militant Palestinian-Syrian alliance, to develop the fraternal relations and alliance between the PLO and Syria. These relations should be based on joint struggle against the imperialist-Zionist plans and the liquidationist solutions.

2. To strengthen the relations of alliance with the forces and organizations of the Arab national liberation movement.

3. To consolidate the alliance between the PLO and the Arab nationalist and progressive regimes (Libya, Algeria, Democratic Yemen and Syria).

4. To consolidate the Palestinian-Lebanese alliance. To develop this alliance with the Lebanese nationalists' struggle to liberate occupied Lebanese land, to defeat the hegemonic plans of the Phalangists, to guarantee the liberty, independence and Arab identity of Lebanon, and to guarantee the victory of the nationalist project.

5. To regulate the relations between the Palestinian revolution and the Lebanese nationalist forces, aimed at safeguarding the security and safety of our masses and camps, protecting their civil and social rights, and guaranteeing their organizational and political rights; to protect the masses' right to carry arms and join the ranks of the Palestinian revolution.