

6. To support Arab solidarity. This solidarity should be based on adhering to the national struggle against Zionism and 'Israel', confronting the imperialist and liquidationist plans, and supporting the Palestinian people's struggle for their inalienable national rights, first and foremost their rights to repatriation, self-determination and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state.

7. The PLO's relations with Arab states should be based on mutual respect and non-interference in internal affairs.

INTERNATIONAL

1. The PLO is an integral part of the Arab and international liberation movement. It is thus deeply concerned to develop and consolidate cooperation and alliance with the socialist countries, first and foremost the Soviet Union.

2. The PLO supports the convening of an international conference to solve the Middle East crisis, the essence of which is the Palestinian cause. The PLO should participate in such a conference on an independent and equal footing with the other parties. This conference will block partial and unilateral solutions. It will be based on the Soviet initiative of July 29, 1984.

3. To cooperate with the countries of the Non-Aligned Movement, the Organization of African Unity and the Organization of the Islamic Conference; to support the struggle against the forces of imperialism, Zionism and racism in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

4. Together with the armed struggle, the political and mass struggle should be escalated. In so doing, the Palestinian revolution will be able to gain broader support from the public opinion and states of the world, to the rights of the Palestinian people to repatriation, self-determination and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state, and broader support to the PLO as the sole, legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

ORGANIZATIONAL THE PNC

To end all manifestations of individualism in the PLO's decision-making; to develop the PLO into a real national front led by a collective leadership which is honest and committed to the national political line. This front should abide by democracy in principle. The following changes are to be made:

1. To expand the presidium of the PNC.

2. All organizations have the right to membership in the PNC, including the Uprising Movement, Fatah - Revolutionary Council and the Palestinian Communist Party. Those organizations with the same names should change their names. If possible, these organizations should unite. Any attempt to unite one or more organizations should be encouraged. The different organizations' representatives in the national dialogue will be named later on.

3. To amend the basic statute of the PLO to include all reforms agreed upon.

CENTRAL COUNCIL

1. The Central Council shall be elected directly by the PNC and from among its members, according to the PNC's internal regulations.

2. The Central Council shall have decision-making power.

3. The Central Council shall be empowered to hold the members of the Executive Committee accountable for implementing its decisions. It has the right to suspend Executive Com-

mittee members, not to exceed one-third of the committee's membership.

4. The council shall form ad hoc committees from among its own members. These committees should play an effective role and be formed on the basis of front work.

5. A set of internal regulations should govern the work of the Central Council. They will be considered part and parcel of the basic statute.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. All organizations and forces who are members of the PNC have the right to membership in the Executive Committee.

2. The Executive Committee shall elect vice-chairmen whose responsibilities and tasks shall be detailed in the Executive Committee's internal regulations.

3. A general secretariat shall be formed to serve as a collective leadership responsible for implementing decisions on a daily basis on all organizational, political, financial and military questions, between two meetings of the Executive Committee. The number of the secretariat's members should not exceed one-third of the Executive Committee's membership.

4. The Executive Committee shall form ad hoc committees from among its own members. These committees shall supervise political affairs, the affairs of the occupied territories and the policy for supporting steadfastness and Lebanon.

5. The PNC shall agree upon a set of internal regulations for the Executive Committee, which will become part of the PLO's statute.

MASS ORGANIZATIONS

1. To preserve the unity of the mass organizations, to activate their role among the masses and consolidate democratic procedures in their work.

2. To reunite the mass organizations according to their statutes and internal regulations.

PLO DEPARTMENTS AND INSTITUTIONS

1. To reorganize the PLO's departments, institutions and missions on a democratic basis, taking into consideration qualifications and adherence to the national cause.

2. The Executive Committee shall form an ad hoc committee to study the conditions of the PLO's departments, offices, missions and institutions. The work of this committee should guarantee the efficiency of the work in accordance with clause (1). This committee shall present its recommendations to the Executive Committee.

OTHER MATTERS

A. The next session of the PNC shall be considered a unification session. Its membership shall be based on the membership of the 16th session. Some members shall be changed. Others shall be added provided that they are accepted by the representatives of the organizations, mass organizations and nationalist personalities who participate in the national dialogue. Democracy shall govern the mass organizations' representation in the PNC.

B. This formation shall be considered the formation of the 17th PNC, the first session of which shall be called the unification session.