

ty of the claim that the Zionist entity is democratic, a claim which deceived international public opinion for forty years. The reality of Israel appears as a colonial, racist, fascist state based on the usurpation of Palestinian land, exterminating the Palestinian people, threatening and practicing aggression and expansion against the neighboring Arab countries.

It has been confirmed that the occupation cannot continue to benefit at the expense of the rights of the Palestinian people, without paying the price, whether on the ground or in the field of international public opinion.

In addition to the Israeli progressive and democratic forces which have rejected and condemned the occupation and its repressive practices, Jewish groups all over the world are no longer able to continue to defend Israel, or to keep silent about its crimes against the Palestinian people. Many from among them have raised their voices demanding a stop to these crimes, and calling for Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories, enabling the Palestinian people to exercise their right to self-determination.

The overall impact of our people's revolution and glorious uprising on the local, Arab and international levels, has confirmed the correctness and realism of the PLO's national program, the program for defeating the occupation and achieving our people's rights to repatriation, self-determination and an independent state. It has also been proven that the struggle of our people is the decisive factor guaranteeing the extraction of our national rights from the claws of the occupation. Popular authority, represented by the masses' committees, is dominating the situation in the confrontation of the occupation authority and its fragmented apparatuses.

The international community is more than ever ready to take part in achieving a political settlement for the Middle East crisis and its essence, the Palestinian question. The Israeli occupation authorities and the US administration that supports them cannot continue to ignore the international will which unanimously calls for convening an international peace conference on the Middle East and enabling the Palestinian people to attain their national rights, first and foremost their right to self-determination and national independence on their land.

In the light of all this, and supporting the steadfastness of our people and their glorious uprising, responding to the will of our masses inside and outside the occupied homeland, and in loyalty to the martyrs, wounded and detainees, the PNC decides:

FIRST: FOR ESCALATING AND CONTINUING THE UPRISING:

A. To provide all means and capacities for escalating the uprising of our people on all levels and by all means, in order to guarantee its continuity and escalation.

B. To support the mass institutions and organizations in the occupied Palestinian territories.

C. To strengthen and develop the popular committees and the specialized mass and trade union bodies, including the strike forces and the popular army, for expanding their activity and role.

D. To consolidate the national unity which has been embodied and developed in the course of the uprising.

E. To increase the work on the international level for the release of the detainees, the return of those expelled, and the end of the repression and organized state terrorism against our men, children, women, men and institutions.

F. To call on the UN to place the Palestinian occupied territories under international supervision in order to protect our masses and end Israeli occupation.

G. To call on the Palestinian masses outside the homeland to increase their support and consolidate work on the family solidarity program.

H. To call on the Arab nation - the masses, forces, institutions and governments, to increase their informational, material and political support for the uprising.

I. To call on all honest and free people in the world to stand by our masses, revolution and uprising, against the Israeli occupation and its repressive means - the fascist military terrorism practiced by the occupation troops and the fanatic armed settlers against our masses, universities, schools, institutions, national economy, and Christian and Islamic holy places.

SECONDLY: ON THE POLITICAL LEVEL:

- Based on its responsibility towards the Palestinian people, their national rights and their desire to achieve peace...

- Based on the Declaration of Independence of November 15, 1988...

- Responding to the will of humanity for international detente, nuclear disarmament, and resolving regional conflicts by peaceful means... The PNC confirms that the PLO is determined to achieve a comprehensive political settlement for the Arab-Israeli conflict and its essence, the Palestinian cause, in accordance with the UN Charter, the principles and rules of international legitimacy, international law, the UN resolutions, most recently Security Council resolutions 605, 607 and 608, and the decisions of the Arab summits, in such a way that guarantees the right of the Palestinian Arab people to repatriation, self-determination and the establishment of an independent state on their national soil, and instates security and peace arrangements for all countries in the area.

To achieve that, the PNC confirms:

1. The necessity of convening an effective international conference on the Middle East question and its essence, the Palestinian question, under UN auspices and with the participation of the five permanent members of the Security Council, and all parties to the conflict in the area, including the PLO, the sole, legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, on equal footing, on the basis of UN Security Council resolutions 242 and 338, and guaranteeing the legitimate national rights of the Palestinian people, first and foremost their right to self-determination, according to the principles and provisions of the UN Charter relating to the right of peoples to self-determination, and the inadmissibility of the acquisition of others' territory by force or military conquest, and in accordance with the UN resolutions relating to the Palestinian issue.

2. Israeli withdrawal from all Palestinian and Arab territories occupied in 1967, including Arab Jerusalem.

3. Annuling all expropriation and annexation measures and removing the settlements built by Israel in the Palestinian and Arab territories since 1967.

4. Endeavoring to place the Palestinian occupied territories, including Arab Jerusalem, under UN supervision for an interim period, to protect our people and provide the proper atmosphere for a successful international conference, in order to make a comprehensive political settlement, achieve security and peace for all with mutual acceptance, and to enable the Palestinian state to exercise real authority over these territories.