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PEOPLE**

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Excellences, Ladies and Gentlemen

It gives me great pleasure to be with you today, for this annual observance day when the African Union Commission (AUC) renews its shared solidarity with the people of Palestine. The continent and its people, like all peace-loving people in the world, salute the courage and determination of the Palestinian people and support their yearnings for statehood, freedom, and justice.

The Commission calls for the end to the suffering of the Palestine people. We call for the immediate implementation of all UN Security Council resolutions on Palestine, adopted since 1947 to date, including Security Council resolutions 242 (1967) and 338 (1973), on ending all armed conflicts and the Israeli occupation of Palestinian territories as well as those upholding the human rights of Palestinian refugees and prisoners, to humanitarian assistance.

The Commission calls on all parties involved in the Arab-Israeli conflict, to desist from unilateral policies, actions and provocations that could further exacerbate the security situation and tense atmosphere in the Middle East and to adhere to the spirit of the Arab Peace Initiative of 2002.

The Commission further condemns the incessant attacks on and violations of human rights of innocent people under any guise, and calls on the international community to fully assume its responsibilities of protection of innocent people by compelling Israel to comply with the international law.

All parties must recognize that there is no military solution to this long standing conflict. A just and peaceful lasting solution to the conflict can only be achieved through already established principles, "based on the existence of two States, Israel and Palestine, living side-by-side in peace and harmony, within the framework of the relevant United Nations Resolutions."

The African Union Commission wishes to reiterate its commitment to work jointly with the international community to reach a peaceful settlement of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

I thank you.

