

**"Draft Resolution Submitted by the Popular Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine at the Sixth Session of the Palestine National Council Concerning a Popular Democratic Solution for the Palestine Problem" [Excerpt]. *Al-Hurriya* (Beirut), 9 September 1969: 12.<sup>1</sup>**

*Draft Proposals:*

In accordance with the desire of the Palestinian people for a democratic solution to the Palestine problem, the Palestine National Council has decided on the following:

1. All chauvinistic, reactionary, Zionist and imperialist solutions based on the recognition of the State of Israel as an established fact within the Middle East are hereby rejected, for not only do such solutions conflict with the right of the Palestinian people to self determination in their own land, but they also entrench the existence of the expansionist Zionist entity which is affiliated with imperialism and is hostile to the Palestinian and Arab national liberation movements and to all the forces of progress and socialism in the world.
2. All chauvinistic solutions of Palestinian or Arab origin, whether predating or subsequent to the June 1967 war, that depend on massacring the Jews or driving them into the sea are hereby rejected. Furthermore, all reactionary solutions which presuppose the acknowledgement of the existence of the State of Israel within secure and recognized boundaries, as in the case of the ill-reputed Security Council resolution, are also rejected, for such solutions would be implemented at the expense of the right of the Palestinian people to self determination in their own land and would install a racist, capitalist and expansionist state in the Middle East, one that has controversial links with world capitalism which is hostile to the Palestinian, Arab and world liberation movements and to all the forces of progress and socialism in this world.
3. The Council is resolved to work for a popular democratic solution to the Palestine and Israeli problems. Such a solution would mean doing away with the Zionist entity, as embodied in all governmental institutions, i.e., the army, the administration and the police force, and in all other chauvinistic Zionist political institutions and unions. Such a solution would mean setting up a popular democratic Palestinian state

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for Arabs and Jews alike in which there would be no discrimination and no room for class or national subjugation and in which the right of both Arabs and Jews to perpetuate and develop their indigenous cultures would be respected.

4. In view of the fateful and historical affiliation of Palestine with the Arab nation, the popular democratic state of Palestine shall form an inseparable part of a federal Arab state in this area. That state shall be democratic by nature and shall be opposed to colonialism, imperialism, and the forces of Arab and Palestinian reaction.
5. The proposed democratic solution is capable of liberating every Arab and Jew from all chauvinistic or racist trends in their culture. It would emancipate the Arabs from any reactionary orientation in their culture and the Jews from Zionist culture.
6. That democratic solution, which is opposed to class or national subjugation, would free Palestine from its ties with imperialism and would transform it into a bulwark for revolution and progress so that it might take its place at the side of all anti-imperialist forces and world counter-revolution.
7. The only way for the national liberation movement to set up a popular democratic state of Palestine is through armed struggle and a popular war of liberation against Zionism, imperialism and reaction. It must succeed in doing away with the Israeli state and liberating the Jews from Zionism. This involves incessant daily armed struggle against all the proposed chauvinistic, reactionary and imperialist solutions until the total liberation of Palestine becomes a fact; it involves, furthermore, the establishment of a democratic state in which Arabs and Jews shall enjoy equal national rights and responsibilities. That state shall be at the service of all forces engaged in the struggle for national liberation and progress.

In putting forward this democratic solution, the Sixth Palestine National Council calls on all anti-Zionist and anti-imperialist elements or groupings within Israel and among the Jews to support this solution and rally to the cause of joint Palestine armed and popular struggle for the implementation of this democratic and revolutionary solution.

The Sixth Palestine National Council furthermore calls on all the forces of national liberation and socialism in the world to adopt this democratic

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solution and to join the struggle of the Palestinian people for its implementation, so as to enable that people to exercise the right of self-determination.