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Your Excellencies,
fellow freedom-fighters
and friends,

We hail illustrious leader, Brother Moammer el Qhathafi, the members of the Libyan Revolutionary Command Council and, the heroic fraternal people of Libya who are engaged in a relentless struggle against imperialism and its zionist and racist manifestations.

We hail this historic Youth Conference which has brought together the youth, not only of Europe and the Arab world, but also the revolutionary youth from all the five continents.

This revolutionary youth is the catalyst that will not just watch developments in the world with folded arms but is a youth dedicated to changing the world itself. It is a youth that exercises revolutionary vigilance so that it must not be tarnished by the evils of imperialism. It is a youth that wants to sweep off the rancid smell of zionist and racist decadence and in its place bring in the fresh fragrance of a world without imperialism and its zionist and racist by-products. This is a revolutionary youth meeting at a time when spring has brought us the beauty of the world, beauty we cannot see because it is overshadowed by the ugliness of imperialism. Let this revolutionary youth usher in a summer of revolutionary action so that the struggle against zionism and racism may come out in full bloom.

As a representative of the Pan Africanist Congress of Azania, so-called South Africa, I must explain that we are deeply affected by what is exercising all the minds in this Conference, that is zionism. Israel and South Africa represent a new type colonialism whereby imperialism transplanted part of its population from the metropolises to these areas. Through crude terroristic methods, the indigenes of Azania and Palestine were repressed and, from London in 1909 and 1917, two decisions were arrived at, the South African Act of Union and the Balfour Declaration, which were instruments of denying the indigenes of the two areas their inalienable national rights.

We, therefore, find that the historical background of these two states is strikingly similar.

The mentality of the settler communities in these two states is also strikingly similar. The South African fascists and the Israeli fascists both preach that they are a "God-chosen" peoples. They twist the scriptures in order to suit their diabolical imperialist aims, hence, they prattle that they are a "God-chosen" people who have a covenant with God over some "promised land". This is a God of Phantoms, of murder and of destruction. This is a twilight of the tin-gods of zionism. Dr. H.F. Verwoerd, the South African Premier at the time of the Sharpeville massacres and the subsequent imprisonment of our leader, President Robert Mangaliso Sobukwe, in 1960, when the Pan Africanist Congress shook the South African regime to its foundations, was reported by the Rand Daily Mail of November 23rd, 1961, as having said:

the Jews "took Palestine from the Arabs after the Arabs had lived there for a thousand years. In that I agree with them, Israel, like South Africa, is an apartheid state".

This statement is a firm affirmation of the racist nature of Israel from the highest priest of racial discrimination. The racist nature of Israel was brought into sharp focus by Jews of a darker complexion in Israel itself who, groaning under the vicious racial discrimination there, dubbed themselves, the Black Panthers, in order to bring publicity to their sorry plight.

We find that these states came into being through clandestine secret societies: in South Africa, Die Ossewa Brandwag (the Ox-wagon Sentinel) with its para-military wing, Die Broeder Bond (Bond of Brothers). In Israel there was, and still is, the Haganah and its gangster wing, the Palmach. There is also the Stern Gang and the Irgun Zvie Leumi. These are terrorist secret societies comparable to the American Klux Klux Klan. These organisations have murdered the indigenes, murder at a grand scale. They also murder their own people who appalled by the fascistic actions of these states, speak out and are termed "recalcitrants".

In practice these mass murderers are responsible for the shocking mass murders of Dier Yassin where on the 9th of April, in 1948, the Palestinian inhabitants were surprised to hear voices in the dead of night when they were sleeping. Within hours 250 men, women and children had been murdered, Palestinian women raped and bodies mutilated. Pregnant women had their bellies slit open. Similar things have occurred in South Africa, I have already referred to the massacres at Sharpeville.

In this context let us pause in memory of those who fell down in the Sinai when a Libyan plane was gunned-down by the Israeli angels of death on February 21st, this year. These crimes cry out for punishment: Blood debts must be repaid in kind.

The Israeli zionists and the South African fascists are engaged in murder at a grand scale which is reminiscent of Nazi Germany during Hitler's reign. This brings us to the similarity between Nazism and Zionism.

The present South African Prime Minister, John Belthazar Vorster, was detained during the second world war for pro-nazi sympathies. He was a member of the opposition party at the time and was responsible for the derailment of trains that were carrying South African troops to the port of Lourenco Marques destined for the Middle East to help in the fight against Rommel's Afrika Korps. In 1942 Vorster declared:

"We stand for Christian Nationalism which is an ally of National Socialism. In Italy it is called Fascism, in Germany, National Socialism, and in South Africa, Christian Socialism".

Speaking like this then was the man who was to become the Prime Minister of South Africa today, a South Africa which is working hand-in-glove with the Israeli zionists. This, more than anything else, shows that Nazism and Zionism are jackals of the same lair small wonder that they use the same methods of mass murder.

We have heard of Israel speaking of its desire to have a "dialogue" with the Arab countries, similarly South Africa wants a "dialogue" with African states. This is in order to legitimize their criminal existence.

This question of South Africa's and Israel's existence is a question which I would like to treat so that you may know our policy clearly and not be hood-winked by those who misinterpret our policies in order to bring misunderstanding between the fighting forces. In a Reuters despatch datelined, Stockholm April 5th, Kosygin is reported to have said during his Swedish tour:

"We were amongst the sponsors of the formation of the State of Israel. We take the position today that Israel as a state should exist and have guarantees of its independent existence but that does not mean we should support the aggression of Israel".

What does this mean. In effect it means that Israel is a good state, the Palestinian must not fight, only the aggressiveness of Israel cannot be countenanced. But Israel is itself an act of aggression. Every settler going there and the one who is already there is an aggressor against the Palestinian people and the Arab people. Israel was formed as a spearhead of imperialism in the Middle East, right in the heart of the Arab nation. It was created by imperialism in its outward expansion.

This position is similar to the position of the reactionary Communist Party of South Africa which only wants modifications of the South African slave state, rip off the frills and trappings but leave the form intact. When we fight for African liberation we are called all sorts of names, we the victims of racism are even called racialisists. This is a typical case of a thief crying "Stop thief". Brezhnev is also more worried about U.S. imperialist investments in the Soviet Union and American technology, as a result, he has put the question of reaching an agreement with Nixon next month, on the Israeli question, as a matter of high priority. Clearly Palestine is about to be sold out by the two super-powers.

We are not anti-Jew or anti-white in South Africa but all those who claim to be with us must carry a gun. We have received a lot of sympathy, we now have so much that we can even export some of it. The Soviet Union is busy dividing the liberation movements and even going to the extent of trying to separate the movement from its true supporters. It wants to control movements, failing which, it must destroy them.

The length of stay of a settler in South Africa or the length of existence of the Zionist Israeli state does not ameliorate the basic injustice that has been done against the indigenes. We reject the idea that our fundamental right to be in effective control of our country is compromised by the fact that a handful of settlers have acquired living space in our country for a long time. We hold that no writ of prescription can ever run against the fundamental rights of our people.

We take this opportunity to thank the Libyan Arab Republic and its gallant people under the revolutionary leadership of President Qhathafi for the unstinted support given to the liberation movement in our country.

We also must take this opportunity to thank the Arab Republic of Egypt for its principled position on the question of the liberation of Africa and Palestine and Egypt's continued support to these struggles despite her frontline action against our common enemy.

We look with great hope at the Confederation of Arab Republics of Libya, Egypt and Syria because this is an anti-imperialist nucleus against the rampant forces of Zionism and racism.

VICTORY TO THE PALESTINE REVOLUTION!

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LONG LIVE PRESIDENT QHATHAFI!

