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**Reject Israel's Observer Status at the AU – Expel Israel from Africa!**

**KenyanforPalestine** categorically rejects the 'Observer Status' granted to Israel last week by the African Union and calls for the expulsion of Israel from Africa in total. We shall not be seen as collaborators with Israel against our brothers and sisters in Palestine. We shall continue to agitate for the freedom of Palestine and believe in Madiba who said that as Africans we shall not be free until Palestine is free.

Africa has borne the brunt of settler colonialism and imperialism over 400 years and now is being seen as blessing a Zionist regime to be an 'Observer' into our internal African affairs. How dare the AU commit such an atrocity in the name of peoples of Africa? What an indictment and betrayal by the AU of the African people! Kenya was once touted as being the future 'Israel' by the murderous Zionist schemers who were in league with British Colonialism. We paid dearly in our liberation struggle to overthrow British Colonialism and refuse to associate ourselves in any way with Israel and its murderous regime.

The Chairperson of the African Union (AU) Commission, H.E. Moussa Faki Mahamat, has committed an act of treason by unilaterally announcing the granting of 'Observer Status' to Israel, without any prior consultation with other member states and in clear violation of the Constitutive Act of the African Union; relevant decisions of the AU organs; the known views and concerns of member states; and the supreme interest of the AU.

Israel has consistently armed and aided the most murderous regimes on the continent, including the apartheid South African regime as well as military and paramilitary forces in Rwanda in the years leading up to the genocide in that country. Israel violated an international arms embargo by arming South Sudanese forces. Israel is currently training units protecting oppressive presidential regimes in Equatorial Guinea, Cameroon, and Togo.

Israel has also supplied governments in Botswana, Equatorial Guinea, Kenya, Morocco, Nigeria, Rwanda, Togo, Zambia and Zimbabwe with spyware and surveillance technology to snoop on the personal communications of opposition politicians, human rights activists and journalists in those countries. There have also been reports of the involvement of Israeli technology interfering in elections in Botswana, Ghana, Malawi, Nigeria, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

We urge all African nations to rise up in unison and reject this act of treason and betrayal because that is what it is. We salute Algeria which has already rejected this dastardly move by the Chairperson of the African Union.

In solidarity with Palestine and its peoples.

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