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1. To continue the battle and the armed struggle for the total liberation of the soil of the Palestinian homeland and for the establishment of the democratic Palestinian society in which all citizens will enjoy the right to work and to a decent life, so that they may live in equality, justice and brotherhood, and which will be opposed to all kinds of ethnic, racial and religious fanaticism. This society will also ensure freedom of opinion, assembly, demonstration, and the freedom to strike and form political and trade union institutions and to practice all religions, inasmuch as this Palestinian society will be part of the comprehensive unified Arab democratic society.
2. To struggle against the settlement mentality and the projects it harbours either for the liquidation of our people's cause as far as the liberation of our homeland is concerned or for the distortion of this cause by proposals for entities and for the establishment of a Palestinian State - in part of the territory of Palestine; and to resist these proposals through armed struggle and through mass political conflict linked with it.
3. To strengthen the links of national unity and unity in struggle between the masses of our countrymen in the territory occupied in 1948 and those in the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and outside the occupied territory.
4. To oppose the policy of evacuating the Arab population of the occupied territory, and to resist with violence the building of settlements and the Judaisation for parts of the occupied homeland.
5. To mobilise the masses in the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and the whole of Palestinian territory, to arm them to continue the struggle, and to increase their ability to struggle against Zionist settler colonialism.
6. To assist the organisations of the masses to resist the attempts by the Histadrut to attract Arab workers to join it and strengthen it, and with this end in view to support the trade unions of Palestine and Jordan and to resist the effort of the Zionist parties to establish Arab branches in the occupied territories.
7. To support the endurance of workers working in Arab territory and institutions, to provide safe-guards to protect them against the temptation to work in enemy projects, and to resist the enemy's attempts to take over or smash Arab production projects.

8. To support the peasant masses and to promote national economic and cultural institutions in the occupied homeland, so as to attach Arab citizens to the land and check the trend to emigrate, and to resist Zionist economic and cultural aggression.
9. To show concern for the situation of our countrymen in the territory occupied in 1948 and to support their struggle to maintain their Arab national identity, to take up their problems, and to assist them to join the struggle for liberation.
10. To show concern for the interests of the masses of our people working in different parts of the Arab homeland, and to make every effort to ensure that they obtain economic and legal rights equal to those of the citizens of the societies they live in, especially as regards the right to work, compensation, indemnities, freedom for Palestinian action, both political and cultural, and freedom for travel and movement within the framework of maintaining their Palestinian personality.
11. To promote and develop the role of the Palestinian woman in the struggle at social, cultural and economic levels and to ensure that she plays her part in all fields of the struggle.
12. To show concern for the situation of our countrymen in the camps and to make every effort to raise their economic, social and civilisational levels, and to train them to manage their own affairs.
13. To regard anyone who cooperates with the enemy, joins him in his crimes against the people and the homeland, or neglects the established historical and natural rights of the people and the homeland, as a fit object for attack by the revolution, as regards both his person and his possessions, whether these be money, immovable property or land.
14. To show concern for the situation of our masses who live abroad as emigrants, and to make every effort to link them with their cause and their revolution.
15. In its official Arab relations the Liberation Organisation concentrates on protecting the interests of Palestinian citizens in the Arab homeland and expressing the political will of the Palestinian people, and the Palestinian revolution, within the framework of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, will continue to be the highest command of the Palestinian people; it alone speaks on their behalf on all problems related to their destiny, and it alone, through its organisations for struggle, is responsible for everything related to the Palestinian people's right to self-determination.

16. Therefore the Palestine Liberation Organisation consists of all the sections of the armed Palestinian revolution, of the Palestinian mass organisations, both trade union and cultural, and of all nationalist groups and personalities that believe that armed struggle is the principal and fundamental course to the liberation of Palestine, and that adhere to the Palestinian National Charter.