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We must respond to the United Nations General Assembly action of passing a resolution designating "Zionism as a form of racism." We find this resolution to be offensive, and in our view, it will contribute significantly to the maintenance of tension and the threat of war in the Middle East.

We feel the sense of threat of survival experienced by the Jews and the State of Israel. We are sensitive to the suffering and alienation of the Palestinians. We are convinced that peace in the Middle East can be achieved if we honor both of these peoples and their experience.. We support the following objectives:

- 1-- the right of Israel to exist as a nation-state.
- 2-- the right of Palestinians to form a nation-state of their own.
- 3-- the need for a peace treaty which would recognize the rights of Jews and Palestinians to a secure existence within their own respective independent states and which would result in cooperative ventures and mutual benefits.

Israel and its people, just as a Palestinian state and its people, must be a party to a just settlement in the Middle East.

The U.N. resolution, equating Zionism with racism, is hypocritical because all peoples are not free from that attitude. The resolution diverts attention from the legitimate criticism of Israeli policies and from the pressure for Israel to accept and deal directly with the P.L.O. It also diverts the United Nations from the important task of eliminating racism where it exists in the world and it divides nations who should be united in this goal.

We therefore condemn the General Assembly action.

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see full page in Sun N.Y. Times - (week in review)  
from Black Leadership. I assume they have an  
appropriately discerning eye concerning "racism"

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