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Dec.1 (LV)

DECISION ON SOUTH AFRICA

It is evident that, in the light of the evolution of the situation in South Africa, the question of a phased approach to sanctions has now become a reality. At the same time, however, there is a need for international pressure. That pressure can, in the present circumstances, be best achieved with the scrupulous maintenance of financial sanctions. Clearly, the issue of military sanctions should be maintained, in accordance with, mandatory arms embargo by the Security Council.

The relaxation of economic pressures on South Africa to impose on the international community and in particular those countries with influence on South Africa, a special responsibility to maintain diplomatic pressure and guard against retrogression. African Member States should likewise be in the forefront in exerting this pressure.

OAU should support the negotiating process leading to the ending of Apartheid. One such important framework is the CODESA Process. In this respect, the Council mandates the Secretary-General to establish and pursue whatever contacts are essential in support of the process of negotiations, both outside and inside South Africa. In the pursuit of this objective, the Secretary-General would work in close consultation and cooperation with the National Liberation Movements.

Considering the value of having a monitoring group at this stage of the struggle, the Council invites the ANC and PAC to submit urgently to the Secretary-General, their views on the nature, scope, functioning and location of the monitoring group which will be reconstituted pursuant to the decision of the OAU Ad-Hoc Committee on Southern Africa held in Abuja, Nigeria, in July 1991.

The Council urges all Member States to strengthen the negotiating capacity of the National Liberation Movements.

During this phase of the struggle and taking into consideration that with the decision to lift people to people contacts, there is bound to be frequent visits to South Africa by South Africans to independent African States, the Council considers that these contacts be fully utilized to promote the goal of ending the system of Apartheid.

Finally, the Council requests the Heads of State on Frontline States, as well as the Heads of State of the OAU Ad-Hoc Committee to do the utmost to bring about the understanding, unity and cohesion of Liberation Movements. This unity, especially between ANC and PAC, is all the more urgent at this phase of the negotiating process.

Dec.2 (LV)

**DECISION OF THE OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ON THE SITUATION IN
SOMALIA**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity calls upon the belligerent factions in Mogadiscio to honor fully, the pledges they made in New York on 14 February 1992, to cease hostilities immediately and to maintain a cease-fire. It urges them to cooperate with the Joint Mission to Somalia comprised of the OAU, UN, the Arab League and the IOC, in its efforts to conclude a cease-fire agreement aimed at the restoration of peace and stability in Somalia without further delay in accordance with Security Council Resolution 733 (1992) of 23 January 1992. The Council of Ministers stresses that the Joint Mission commands the full support of the OAU, as well as the international community as a whole. The Council also mandated its Bureau in cooperation with the Secretary-General for the follow-up of the situation and to report to the next Council of Ministers.

RESOLUTION ON THE PROGRAM BUDGET FOR THE 1992/1993 FINANCIAL YEAR

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-fifth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 24 to 28 February 1992,

Having considered the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative, Budgetary and Financial Matters on the Proposed Program Budget for the 1992/1993 Financial Year (Doc.CM/1688 (LV)),

Having considered the report of the Board of External Auditors on the Financial Management of the Organization during the 1990/1991 Financial Year (Doc.CM/1687 LV)) Add.1 –15 Rev.1,

Having examined the Draft Program Budget as recommend by the Fifty-fifth Session of the Advisory Committee for the 1992/1993 Financial Year (Doc.CM/1687 (LV) Rev.2),

Desirous of pursuing the objectives of the Organization as translated into operational programs aiming at furthering the political and socio-economic integration of the African continent:

1. APPROVES the 1992/1993 Program Budget and ADOPTS the budget of US\$27,900,894.00 for the activity programs of the Organization for the 1992/1993 Financial Year;
2. ENDORSES recommendations in the report of the Board of the External Auditors as approved by the Advisory Committee, ENDORSES FURTHER the latter's recommendations as contained in the report of its Fifty-fifth Session (Doc.CM/1688 (LV));
3. REQUESTS the Secretary-General to pursue, in consultation with the Advisory Committee, his efforts to rationalize and to improve the Administrative and financial management of the Organization;
4. ENDORSES the proposal made by the Advisory Committee regarding deficit financing by arrears, on experimental basis for a period of 2 years, starting from June 1992, and decides to fix the amount of arrears to be involved at 15 % for the first year, and 20% for the second year, the proposed rate will be calculated on the basis of the actual amount of arrears collected during the Financial Year of reference in determining the ceiling of the proposed budget;

5. URGES all Member States with arrears to extend their full cooperation to the General Secretariat in paying their assessed contribution so as to make the Proposed budget financing by arrears meaningful and successful;
6. REQUESTS the Secretary-General to make a study on comparative advantage of introducing bi-annual program budgeting within the framework of medium-term planning of the activities of the Organization and submit a report to the Fifty-seventh Ordinary Session of the Committee in November 1992.

RESOLUTION ON ARREARS OF CONTRIBUTION

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-fifth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 24 to 28 February 1992,

Considering the provisions of Article XXIII of the Charter,

Considering the provisions of Articles 96 and 97 of the Financial Rules and Regulations of the Organizations,

Aware of the fact that the increasing amount of arrears of contributions due from Member States is severely affecting the normal functioning of the Organization and the execution of its programs,

Recalling its Resolutions CM/Res.1279 (LII) and CM/Res.1311 (LIII) on arrears of contribution,

Having considered Document CM/1686 (LV) Rev.1 on Statements of Outstanding Contributions to the OAU Regular Budget:

1. EXPRESSES DEEP CONCERN over the situation of the increasing amount of arrears of contribution due from Member States;
2. APPEALS to those Member States which have not yet done so, to make the required arrangements to settle their arrears and to communicate to the General Secretariat their payment schedule in conformity with Resolution CM/Res.1279 (LII) in its Paragraph 2, h;
3. COMMENDS Member States which have fully paid their assessed contributions;
4. REQUESTS the Advisory Committee on Administrative, Budgetary and Financial Matters to study and formulate concrete proposals on positive Measures and incentives which may be given to Member States which Regularly honor their financial obligations;
5. REAFFIRMS the measures contained in its Resolutions CM/Res.1279 (LII) and CM/Res.1311 (LIII) and CALLS UPON the General Secretariat to submit to Council appropriate recommendations for full implementation;
6. REQUESTS the Secretary-General to put the issue of the arrears as a regular item on the Agenda of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government;

7. REQUESTS FURTHER the Secretary-General to report periodically to Council on the implementation of Resolutions CM/Res.1279 (LII) and CM/Res.1311 (LIII) regarding the measures for the improvement of the Situation of arrears.

CM/Res.1365 (LV)

**RESOLUTION ON THE IMPROVEMENT OF CONDITIONS OF SERVICE FOR
STAFF OF THE ORGANIZATION**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-fifth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 24 to 28 February 1992,

Recalling the terms of reference of the Ad-Hoc Committee of Fourteen on the Structural Reform of the OAU set-up in February 1984 by its Forty-first Ordinary Session,

Bearing in mind the report of the Ad-Hoc Committee of Fourteen presented to its Fifty-First Ordinary Session (Doc.CM/1571 (LI) Rev.1),

Recalling its decisions on the report of the Ad-Hoc Committee as contained in the Plenary Report of the Committee's Fifty-First Ordinary Session, which have no financial implications especially with regard to the systems and procedures of recruitment Doc.CM/Plen/Rapt.Rpt (LI) paragraphs 92 and 93,

Conscious of the need to improve the conditions of service of the staff of the Organization:

1. APPROVES the recommendations of the Advisory Committee regarding the 15,5% increases in the basic salary of staff to be staggered over two successive years for staff in the General Service Category, and successive three years for staff in the Professional Category with an initial increase of 7,75% with regard to General Services Staff and 5,5% for the Professional Category effective from June 1992;
2. REQUESTS the Secretary-General to take necessary administrative measures, as and when appropriate, in consultation with the Advisory Committee, to improve the conditions of service of the staff;
3. INVITES the Committee of Fourteen to finalize its work, in close collaboration with the Advisory Committee, with a view to submitting to its next budgetary session scheduled for November 1992, all the recommendations aimed at improving the conditions of services of the staff of the Organization, including measures needed for the implementation of the new Staff Rules and Regulations (Doc. CM/1414 (XLV) Rev.5 Annexes B and C.

**RESOLUTION ON OAU CALENDAR OF MEETINGS DURING THE
FINANCIAL YEAR 1992/1993**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-fifth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 24 to 28 February 1992,

Recalling Resolution AHG/Res.195 (XXVI) establishing the OAU Committee on Conferences and the mandate given to the Committee, including determining the organization of all OAU meetings,

Having considered the Report of the Second Meeting of the OAU Committee on Conferences held in Addis Ababa, from 8 to 11 October 1991, on the Management of OAU Conferences during the 1992/1993 Financial Year, Document CM/1690 (LV),

Having examined the recommendations contained in the Report of the Committee on Conferences including the OAU Calendar of Meetings for the Year 1992/1993,

Aware of the difficult economic and financial situation in all Member States and of the need to make an effective use of the OAU limited resources,

Considering the necessity to ensure the rationalization of the use of the resources of the Organization:

1. ADOPTS the report of the Second Session of the Committee on Conferences contained in Document CM/1690 (LV);
2. ENDORSES the OAU Calendar of Meetings for the Financial Year 1992/1993 as recommended by the Committee on Conferences;
3. APPROVES all recommendations of the Committee on Conferences relating to the Organization of OAU Ministerial Meetings as contained in Document CM/1690 (LV);
4. AUTHORIZES the Secretary-General to implement the recommendations of the Committee on Conferences relating to the organizations of OAU meetings during the Financial Year 1992/1993 as contained in Document CM/1690 Annex 1;
5. REQUESTS the Committee on Conferences to pursue the fulfillment of its mandate as set out in Resolution AHG/Res.195 (XXVI).

CM/Res.1367 (LV)

**RESOLUTION ON THE REORGANIZATION OF THE GENERAL
SECRETARIAT**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-fifth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 24 to 28 February 1992,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the reorganization of the General Secretariat (Doc.CM/1691 (LV)),

Aware of the urgent need to reorganize the General Secretariat so as to enable it to carry out more effectively its responsibilities:

1. APPROVES the proposed reorganization of the General Secretariat and the recommendations contained in Document CM/1691 (LV);
2. ENCOURAGES the Secretary-General to continue his reorganization efforts in order to increase the efficiency of the Secretariat.

RESOLUTION ON SOUTH AFRICA

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-fifth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 24 to 28 February 1992,

Recalling the Harare Declaration on the question of South Africa adopted by the OAU Ad-Hoc Committee of Heads of State and Government on Southern Africa in Harare, Zimbabwe, on 21 August 1989,

Further recalling the Declaration on Apartheid and its destructive consequences in Southern Africa adopted by the United Nations General Assembly at its Sixteenth Special Session in December 1989,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General, and the Liberation Committee, as well as the briefing by the ANC and PAC on the current developments inside South Africa,

Noting with deep concern that despite the repeal of the pillars of Apartheid that the inhuman and obnoxious system has not yet been abolished,

Gravely concerned over the continued arrests, incarceration of political activities and political trials of opponents of Apartheid, as well as the murderous activities of hit squads of the Pretoria regime and the orchestrated wave of violence sweeping through South Africa, which poses a threat to the creation of a climate conducive to genuine negotiations,

Noting further with grave concern the growing military cooperation between the Pretoria regime and Israel as well as other countries, particularly the collaboration in the production of weapons of mass destruction by that regime,

Further taking note of the decisions of the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting, held in Harare, Zimbabwe, in October 1991, as well as those of the Forty-sixth Session of the United Nations General Assembly on a programmed management of sanctions,

Indignant at decisions by some countries to lift or relax financial and economic sanctions unilaterally and prematurely, as well as at the increasing violations of the UN Oil Embargo against South Africa,

Noting with satisfaction the determination of the oppressed and disposed people of South Africa to rid themselves of the scourge of Apartheid, and the overwhelming demand for the establishment of an elected Constituent Assembly to draw up a new constitution, and an Interim Government of National Unity,

Encouraged by the positive developments which have occurred recently in South Africa, in particular the creation of a Patriotic/United Front and the commencement of the constitutional negotiations within the framework of the Convention for a Democratic South Africa (CODESA):

1. CONDEMNS the continued incarceration of political activists, as well as brutal acts of violence perpetrated by the Pretoria regime;
2. STRONGLY CONDEMNS the Pretoria regime for not taking the necessary measures to put an end to the destructive wave of violence engulfing South Africa, particularly the African townships around Johannesburg;
3. TAKES NOTE of the signing of the National Peace Accord, and EXPRESSES the hope that this will ultimately end the tragic and senseless bloodshed in South Africa;
4. WELCOMES the agreement reached by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) with the Pretoria regime on the Voluntary repatriation of South African refugees and exiles, and EXPRESSES appreciation to the UNHCR for the work done so far and ALSO APPEALS to the international community to provide all necessary Humanitarian assistance to ensure the successful implementation of the Repatriation program;
5. WELCOMES the historic Patriotic/United Front Conference convened by the ANC and PAC in Durban, South Africa, from 25 to 27 October 1991, as a Milestone in the struggle to eradicate Apartheid and establish a democratic Order through broad-based negotiations, and URGES the National Liberation Movements to consolidate their unity and intensify their efforts Towards that noble goal;
6. ALSO WELCOMES the convening of the first Session of the Convention for a Democratic South Africa (CODESA), and CALLS UPON all Democratic forces in South Africa to take part in the process as a united front;
7. ALSO CALLS UPON the international community to support the fragile and crucial process now underway in South Africa through a concerted application of appropriate pressure on the Pretoria regime;
8. FURTHER CALLS on the international community, especially OAU Member States, to extend increased assistance to the National Liberation Movements to Consolidate their position in South Africa, and to intensify the struggle;

9. REITERATES Africa's preference to end the Apartheid system through genuine negotiations as provided for in the Harare Declaration and the United Nations Consensus Declaration on Apartheid and its Destructive Consequences in Southern Africa;
10. CALLS UPON the international community, within the context of the need to respond appropriately to on-going developments in South Africa, to maintain the remaining sanctions against the Pretoria regime in line with United Nations Resolutions 46/79 adopted on 13 December 1991;
11. FURTHER CALLS UPON these countries which have unilaterally lifted or relaxed financial and economic sanctions against the Pretoria regime to use their leverage on the regime to accelerate the process of constitutional change;
12. CONDEMNS continued foreign migration to South Africa, which in recent years has primarily emanated from Eastern Europe, and which only serves to prop up the Pretoria regime;
13. CALLS for the strict observance of the United Nations Arms Embargo Against South Africa as demanded in Security Council Resolution 418 (1977);
14. FURTHER CONDEMNS the increasing violation of the United Nations Oil Embargo against South Africa, and REQUESTS all States to adopt effective Measures to broaden the scope of the embargo in order to ensure the Complete cessation of the supply and shipping of oil and petroleum products To South Africa, whether directly or indirectly;
15. INVITES OAU Member States to adopt a concerted, pragmatic, gradual and conditional approach on the application of sanctions with a view to contributing effectively to the on-going negotiation process;
16. CALLS ON OAU Member States to maintain their common position, until the establishment of a democratic, non-racial and united South Africa.

RESOLUTION ON FRONTLINE AND OTHER NEIGHBORING STATES

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-fifth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 24 to 28 February 1992,

Having considered the reports of the Executive Secretary, and the Standing Committees,

Gravely concerned over the continuing precarious security situation in Southern Africa engendered by the inhuman and obnoxious system of Apartheid,

Fully aware of the enormous sacrifices which the Frontline States continue to make in the course of the struggle for the total liberation of Africa:

1. COMMENDS the Frontline and other Neighboring States for their continued sacrifices and support to the people of South Africa in their legitimate struggle against Apartheid and colonialism;
2. CALLS UPON the United Nations and the international community, at large, to continue extending all round assistance to the new nation of Namibia to enable it to consolidate the institution of Government and ensure security and economic development in the country;
3. REAFFIRMS that Walvis Bay and the offshore islands constitute an integral part of the territory of Namibia, whose southern borders extend to the middle of the Orange River and URGES early reintegration of these territories into Namibia in accordance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 432 (1978);
4. CONDEMNS the Pretoria regime for the use of former members of the notorious Koevoet, SWATF, Battalion 32 and all mercenary forces, that are deployed against the oppressed African majority, and CALLS for their immediate dismantlement;
5. COMMENDS President Jose Eduardo dos Santos of the People's Republic of Angola and President Joaquim Chissano of the Republic of Mozambique for the important initiatives they continue to take in their respective countries towards national reconciliation, harmony and lasting peace;
6. WELCOMES the signing of a peace agreement in Angola between the Government of the People's Republic of Angola and UNITA, and CALLS UPON the international community to assist in its implementation and in Angola's reconstruction;

7. REITERATES its appeal to the international community to support efforts by the Governments of Angola and Mozambique to bring about reconciliation and normalization of life in the two countries, and URGES all parties directly or indirectly involved to cease all actions likely to jeopardize the peace processes;
8. RENEWS its appeal to the international community to render all possible assistance to the Frontline and other Neighboring States to enable their economies to recover from the effects of years of destabilization.

RESOLUTION ON REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS IN AFRICA

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-fifth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 24 to 28 February 1992,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the Situation of Refugees and Displaced Persons in Africa, as well as the report of the OAU Committee of Fifteen on Refugees,

Deeply concerned that the problems of refugees and displaced persons have persisted in a number of Member States resulting in untold human suffering and placing extra-burden on the countries of asylum, thus causing serious socio-economic and environmental problems to these countries,

Noting with concern that conflict and insecurity, including the existence of land mines and other unexploded munitions, have, respectively, increased refugee flows and other displacements, hampered humanitarian activities and the attainment of durable solutions to refugee problems and threatened the life and safety of refugees, returnees and personnel working on humanitarian programs,

Noting with appreciation the steps taken by a number of Member States to tackle the root causes of the problem of refugees and displaced persons mainly by adhering to the provisions of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights,

Noting further with appreciation the humanitarian assistance regularly extended to the countries of asylum by donor countries, governmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as the international community as a whole,

Having heard the statement of the High Commissioner for Refugees on the situation of refugees in Africa and the challenges facing UNHCR, the OAU and the international community as a whole, in preventing, managing and finding solutions for refugee situations in Africa:

1. TAKES NOTE of the reports of the Secretary-General and of the Commission of Fifteen on Refugees on the Situation of Refugees and Displaced Persons in Africa;
2. REAFFIRMS all its previous resolutions on the problems of refugees, returnees and internally displaced persons;

3. URGES Member States and the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity, in cooperation with other relevant international or regional Organizations, to renew their determination to work individually and Collectively towards the prevention and speedy, peaceful resolution of all Conflicts obtaining on the continent so as to allow the safe delivery of Humanitarian assistance and the return of refugees and internally displaced Persons to their habitual places of residence in conditions of safety and Dignity;
4. APPEALS ONCE MORE to Member States to work within the framework of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights, the OAU Convention Governing Specific Aspects of the Refugee Problem in Africa and other Relevant international conventions towards the creation of an enabling Environment which guarantees respect for human rights, accountability and The observance of the rule of law for the purpose of reversing, or, at least, Reducing the incidence of asylum seeking;
5. APPEALS TO ALL MEMBER STATES of the Organization of African Unity, that are able to do so, to contribute, through the Organization of African Unity or any other appropriate arrangements, expertise, personnel, Equipment, technical know-how or any other relevant resources towards the Clearance of land mines and other unexploded munitions in areas of potential Return of refugees;
6. APPEALS to other countries or organizations and the international community as a whole, to make similar contributions or to complement any efforts that may be made by the Member States and the Organization of African Unity towards mine clearance;
7. COMMENDS the international community, the UNHCR and countries of asylum and of origin for the humanitarian assistance they have continued to render to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and urges them to continue with such assistance; and CALLS UPON Member States in particular and the international community in general, to exert greater effort in dealing with the root causes of the refugee problem in Africa;
8. CALLS FOR URGENT ATTENTION to the plight of poor, needy and destitute populations who often live among or side by side with refugees, returnees or internally displaced persons CALLS FURTHER for comprehensive programs of humanitarian assistance which would benefit these populations as well, reduce risks of tensions and conflicts, and facilitate delivery of assistance to refugees, returnees or internally displaced persons;

9. HOPES that the High Commissioner's catalytic role in complementing and integrating UNHCR'S short-term relief aid with comprehensive national programs for political, economic and social reintegration and reconstruction for the rest of the national populations shall be supported by donors, and development and leading institutions.

RESOLUTION ON THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-fifth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 24 to 28 February 1992,

Having considered the report of the OAU Secretary-General on the Situation in the Middle East as reflected in Document CM/1694 (LV),

Guided by the principles and objectives of the Charters of the Organization of African Unity and the United Nations and by the common determination of the African and Arab peoples to continue the struggle for the preservation of their independence and their basic legitimate rights,

Recalling that the Palestinian Question constitutes the root causes of the conflict in the Middle East,

Following with interest the international efforts aimed at ensuring the success of the peace process that started with the convening of the Madrid Peace Conference so as to find a just, comprehensive and lasting solution to the Palestinian question,

Having followed with great interest, the steps pursued by Lebanon in establishing its authority over its territories as well as the steps it has taken to implement the National Harmony Accord known as the Taif Agreement, thereby protecting its people, institutions and the independence as well as its sovereignty and territorial integrity:

1. REAFFIRMS all the relevant resolutions adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government and the OAU Council of Ministers and EXPRESSES ITS TOTAL SUPPORT for the Palestinian people and those of The other Arab countries that are victims of Israeli aggression;
2. FURTHER REAFFIRMS ITS SUPPORT for the common struggle being waged by the African and Arab peoples for self-determination and the urgent need to strengthen Afro-Arab solidarity;

3. EXPRESSES ITS SATISFACTION with the efforts being exerted by the United States of America and Russian Federation as well as the international Community towards achieving a just and comprehensive peace in the Middle East by convening the Madrid Conference, the commencement of Negotiations between the parties concerned on the basis of international Legality and in accordance with Security Council Resolutions (242 and 338) And the principle of exchanging land for peace, which will guarantee the Complete withdrawal of Israel from all Palestinian and Arab lands occupied in 1967, including Jerusalem, the Golan Heights and Southern Lebanon. It ALSO WELCOMES the readiness of the Russian Federation to continue its Sponsorship of the Conference;
4. CONFIRMS that the Palestinian Question constitutes the root cause of the Middle East conflict and that a just and comprehensive peace in the area can Never be achieved unless the Palestinian people are able to exercise their Inalienable rights, including the right to return to their homeland and their Right to self-determination and the establishment of a Palestinian State on its National soil in Palestine with Jerusalem as its capital. CONFIRMS ALSO
5. FURTHER SUPPORTS the proposal made by H. E. Hosni Mubarak, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt to proclaim the Middle East as Zone free from weapons of mass destruction. CONDEMNS Israel's refusal To abandon nuclear weapons and its continued production, development and Acquisition of these weapons with their delivery systems. REQUESTS the United Nations Security Council to take all necessary measures to destroy These weapons;
6. EXPRESSES ITS DEEP CONVICTION that if the international community, through the UN Security Council, were to demonstrate the same political will and commitment to international norms as it did in the Gulf crisis, to the Palestinian question, the Arab/Israeli conflict would have readily been resolved.

RESOLUTION ON THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-fifth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 24 to 28 February 1992,

Having considered the report of the OAU Secretary-General on the Palestinian Question contained in Document CM/1695 (LV),

Recalling the relevant resolutions adopted by the previous sessions of the Council of Ministers and the Assembly of Heads of State and Government on the Palestinian Question,

Reaffirming all the relevant resolutions previously adopted by the United Nations and the Non-Aligned Movement on the Palestinian Question,

Reasserting the legitimacy of the struggle of the Palestinian people under the leadership of the Palestinian Liberation Organization for the restoration of their land and their inalienable national rights,

Following with interest the popular uprising of the Palestinian people Intifada in the occupied Arab territories to end the Israeli occupation and restore their national rights, including the right to return to their motherland and the right to self-determination and the establishment of an independent State with Jerusalem as its capital,

Welcoming the efforts exerted by the American Administration and recent measures which culminated in the convening of the Peace Conference in Madrid and those that followed:

1. RECONFIRMS all the relevant resolutions and decisions of the previous session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government and the OAU Council of Ministers on the Palestinian Question;
2. EXPRESSES ITS SATISFACTION with the efforts being exerted by the United States for a just and comprehensive peace in the Middle East through The convening of the Peace Conference in Madrid and the commencement of Negotiations between the parties concerned on the basis of international Legality, including Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 and the principle Of land for peace. This will ensure the complete withdrawal of Israel from all Palestinian and Arab territories occupied in 1967, including Jerusalem and Enable the Palestinian people to exercise their inalienable national rights, Particularly the right to return to their homeland and their right to Self-determination and the establishment of an independent State on their own Soil. WELCOMES the readiness of the Russian Federation to continue Sponsoring the Conference;

3. REAFFIRMS ITS SOLIDARITY and FULL SUPPORT for the just and legitimate struggle of the Palestinian people under the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organization, their sole legitimate representative;
4. FURTHER REAFFIRMS its support for the uprising the Palestinian people (Intifada) in the occupied territories so as to end the Israeli occupation;
5. STRONGLY CONDEMNS the continuous inhuman acts being perpetrated by Israel against the population of the occupied Palestinian and Arab territories, such as the deportation, arrest and killing of women and children, destruction of homes, seizure of lands and properties, violation of the sanctity of sacred places, continuous pursuance of settlement and expansion policies, thereby, violating basic human rights and all international treaties and charters. CONSIDERS the establishment of settlements in the occupied Palestinian and Arab territories and obstacle to the international efforts being exerted to Achieve a just and comprehensive peace in the region;
6. REQUESTS the international community to provide an appropriate urgent international protection for the Palestinian people living under Israeli occupation and to urge Israel, the occupying State, to implement all provisions of the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949, concerning the protection of civilians during the time of war;
7. URGES all Member States to respond to the request of the United Nations Secretary-General to the implementation of Security Council Resolution 681 on convening a meeting of the parties, signatory to the Fourth Geneva Convention to discuss the measures to be taken to protect the Palestinian People in their territories occupied since 1967, and compel Israel to respect The provisions of the Convention, in accordance with her international Commitments;
8. REASSERTS that the Palestinian Question is at the core of the Middle East conflict and that the establishment of a just and comprehensive peace in the region is dependent upon the complete withdrawal of Israel from all occupied Palestinian and Arab territories. This will enable the Palestinian people to exercise their inalienable national rights, including the right to return to their homeland and their right of self-determination and the establishment of and independent Palestinian State on their national soil in Palestine, with Jerusalem as its capital. ALSO REASSERTS that the Palestinian Liberation Organization is the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people;

9. STRONGLY CONDEMNS Israel's policy of resettling migrant Jews in occupied Palestine, including Jerusalem. APPEALS to the United States of America, in accordance with its declared position, to take necessary actions to halt the process of resettlement of migrant Jews in the occupied Palestinian and Arab territories;
10. CALLS UPON the OAU Secretary-General to follow up developments concerning the Palestinian question and to submit a report on them to the forthcoming Ordinary Session of the OAU Council of Ministers.

CM/Res.1373 (LV)

**RESOLUTION ON REPARATIONS FOR THE WRONG DONE TO AFRICA
THROUGH THE EXPLOITATION OF SLAVES AND SLAVE TRADE**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-fifth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 24 to 28 February 1992,

Recalling its Resolution CM/Res.1339 (LIV) adopted at its preceding session,

Having considered the interim report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Resolution CM/Res.1339 (LIV),

Convinced that the question of reparations is an important issue calling for a methodical and scientific preparation backed by political action not only from Africa but also from the international community:

1. TAKES NOTE of the interim report of the Secretary-General;
2. EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION for the efforts made and initiatives taken since its last Ordinary Session by the Secretary-General to implement Resolution CM/Res.1339 (LIV);
3. MANDATES the Secretary-General to take the appropriate measures to set up the following mechanisms as soon as financial resources are available:
 - (a) A Sponsoring Committee composed of eminent personalities from from Africa and other regions of the World;
 - (b) A Committee of scientific experts to prepare the technical documents;
 - © A Secretariat at the Headquarters consisting of a secretary and two experts backed by officers from the OAU General Secretariat.
4. APPEALS to Member States, Africans on the continent and those of the diaspora and to all people of goodwill the world over, to contribute materially and financially to the realization of this project;
5. PAYS TRIBUTE to Chief MK Abiola of Nigeria for his commitment to and action in favor of reparations.

RESOLUTION ON THE CURRENT CRISIS IN SOMALIA

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-fifth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 24 to 28 February 1992,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the current situation in Somalia and the efforts he has been deploying in finding a solution to the crisis,

Recalling Resolution CM/Res.1340 (LIV) on Somalia,

Dismayed at the senseless war being waged in the country and the attendant human sufferings, as well as the unabated massacre of innocent men, women and children,

Deploring the destructions of infrastructures of human lives in Somalia,

Taking note of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 733 (1992):

1. TAKES NOTE of the report of the Secretary-General and URGES him to pursue his efforts with the view to finding a solution to the crisis;
2. REQUESTS Member States to lend him their support to enable him to carry out successfully, his mission;
3. SUPPORTS the decisions contained in the United Nations Security Council Resolution 733 (1992) relating to the adoption of the necessary measures for The restoration of peace and stability in the country, pursuant to the provisions Of the United Nations Charter and REAFFIRMS the need for cooperation Between the United Nations and the OAU;
4. URGES the parties to the conflict to end hostilities in accordance with the commitment they had made before the United Nations, the Organization of African Unity, the League of Arab States and the Islamic Conference Organization, as well as before the Current Chairman of the OAU, President Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida so that the carnage may cease and for the Humanitarian assistance to reach the needy population;
5. INVITES the Somalia factions to engage in a process of negotiation aimed at finding lasting solution to the crisis;
6. APPEALS to Member States, neighboring countries and the international community to contribute to ending the conflict;

7. MANDATES the Secretary-General of the OAU to monitor developments in the situation in Somalia and to report to the next OAU Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers.

CM/Res.1375 (LV)

**RESOLUTION ON THE SPECIAL EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND FOR
DROUGHT AND FAMINE IN AFRICA**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-fifth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 24 to 28 February 1992,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the Activities and Operation of the Special Emergency Assistance Fund for Drought and Famine in Africa, contained in Document CM/1698 (LV),

Recalling the aims and objectives establishing the Special Emergency Assistance Fund for Drought and Famine in Africa and its operational modalities,

Recalling further its resolutions CM/Res.1315 (LII) and CM/Res.1336,

Bearing in mind the recommendations of the Thirteenth Ordinary Session of the Policy Committee of the Special Emergency Assistance Fund for Drought and Famine in Africa, held on 16 December 1991, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia,

Deeply concerned by the dwindling financial resources of the Fund and the lack of replenishments:

1. TAKES NOTE of the report of the Secretary-General as contained in Document CM/1698 (LV);
2. ENDORSES the recommendations and decisions of the Policy Committee of the Fund and URGES the Secretary-General to take advantage of his visits to non-African countries to sensitize the leaders and the public opinion of these countries and mobilize financial and other resources for the Fund;
3. CALLS UPON African Diplomatic Groups and the African Communities in the major capitals of the world to participate actively in this sensitization and mobilization campaign for the replenishment of the Fund;
4. URGES the Secretary-General to undertake necessary consultations with UNSO with a view to expediting the formulation of the proposed resource Mobilization program for the Fund;
5. REITERATES ITS APPEAL to all Member States to contribute voluntarily to the Fund and to those that have made pledges to honor their commitments;
6. URGES Member States, beneficiaries of the Fund to report regularly to the latter on the implementation of project financed by the Fund.

**RESOLUTION ON THE FOURTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE OAU
CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN MINISTERS OF HEALTH**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-fifth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 24 to 28 February 1992,

Having considered the report of the OAU Secretary-General on the Fourth Ordinary Session of the Conference of African Ministers of Health held in Mbabane, Swaziland, from 22 to 30 April 1991 (Document CM/1699 (LV)),

Mindful of the Declarations AHG/Dec.1 (XXIII), adopted in July 1987 on “Health as a Foundation for Development” and AHG/Dec.3 (XXVII) adopted in June 1991 on “The Current African Health Crisis”,

Conscious of the need to strengthen cooperation between Member States in the field of health to meet the growing challenges facing our continent,

Convinced that international cooperation in the field of socio-economic development can play an important role in enabling our continent to secure better health for all its people:

1. TAKES NOTE WITH SATISFACTION of the Secretary-General’s Report contained in Document CM/1699 (LV);
2. EXPRESSES ITS GRATITUDE to the Government and people of the Kingdom of Swaziland for the excellent facilities that led to the success Of the meeting;
3. ENDORSES the resolutions contained in the Report;
4. EXTENDS ITS APPRECIATION to the World Health Organization, the United Nations Children’s Fund, the World Bank, FAO, ALERT, Confederation of African Medical Associations (CAMAS), the Global Program on AIDS, for the technical assistance they rendered to facilitate The preparations for the meeting;
5. CALLS UPON the OAU Member States to take the necessary measures for the implementation of the resolutions adopted by the Fourth Ordinary Session of the OAU Conference of African Ministers of Health.

CM/Res.1377 (LV)

**RESOLUTION ON THE TRAINING COMPONENT OF THE PAN-AFRICAN
PROGRAM OF BIOLOGICAL CONTROL OF CROP PESTS IN AFRICA (ABCP
PROJECT)**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-fifth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 24 to 28 February 1992,

Having considered the Report of the Secretary-General (Doc. CM/1700 (LV)) on the evaluation report of the “training” component of the Pan-African Biological Control Program of Crop Pests in Africa (ABCP),

Recalling documents TCP/RAF/4412, TCP/RAF/4526, TCP/RAF/6655 signed between the FAO and OAU and the document of the Project RAF/87/142 between the UNDP and the OAU on technical and financial assistance to develop biological control capabilities in 36 Member States and aware of the fact that the objective in view is far from being achieved,

Cognizant of the fact that the control of crop insect pests is a prerequisite for achieving food self-sufficiency and security in Africa,

Considering that cassava (both the tuber and the leaf) is the staple diet for hundreds of millions of people in Africa,

Considering that the use of pesticides on crop is not only very costly entailing additional outlays in foreign currency for African governments but also constitutes a certain threat to the health of the populations,

Convinced that biological control of crop pests may be considered as a scientific approach that holds out beneficial ripple effects on health and environment,

Considering the efforts invested by the international community (FAO-UNDP-IFAD), the International Research Institutes (IITA, CIBC) and especially the OAU to develop, adapt and spread this method in Africa to eradicate the disastrous effects of pests on cassava and other foods and cash crops,

Convinced that positive results can only be obtained if a heavy premium is set on Research and Training in order to put up national crop pests control programs:

1. CONGRATULATES the OAU General Secretariat on the initiative taken to explore the ways and means to rid the continent of hunger, poverty and malnutrition;

2. WELCOMES the excellent results already obtained by the control program on combating crop pests in Africa, the considerable number of specialists trained and the establishment of National Biological Control Unit in some Member States;
3. URGES all Member States to participate in the efforts of the international community by adopting biological control as a basic component of crop protection structures and in taking part in the actions conducted at regional level to popularize the technique;
4. IN THIS CONTEXT welcomes the recommendation made in the Secretary-General's Report on the need for the French and Portuguese Editions to be prepared and widely distributed.

CM/Res.1378 (LV)

**RESOLUTION ON THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON
ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT (UNCED) BRAZIL, 1 – 12 JUNE 1992**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-fifth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 24 to 28 February 1992,

Having considered the Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of CM/Res.1361 (LV) Resolution on Africa's Preparation for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED),

Recalling its precious Resolutions on Environment and Development which have as their objectives the enhancement of sound Environmental Management and Sustainable Development,

Mindful that the objectives of UNCED are to address global environmental and developmental issues, an issue which is of imperative and crucial importance to the African continent,

Reaffirming the determination of Africa to participate in UNCED so as to lend its effective contribution and protect its interests:

1. TAKES NOTE of the Report of the Secretary-General on Africa's Preparation for the UNCED;
2. ENDORSES Africa's Common Position as adopted by Ministers of Environment and Planning in Abidjan, 11 – 14 November 1991;
3. URGES Member States to continue to participate in all Preparatory Meeting of UNCED, and to include in their delegation as many experts as Possible;
4. EXPRESSES the wish to see African delegations to Rio Conference (1 to 12 June 1992) led by Heads of State and Government in order to defend the primordial interests of the continent;
5. CONGRATULATES the Joint Secretariat of OAU/ECA/UNEP/UNSO/ADB/UNCED for their cooperation in the Preparation for the Rio Conference and REQUESTS them to intensify their Efforts in the final phase of preparation for the Conference;

6. REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the OAU to provide all the support needed by the Joint Secretariat and the African Group during the Fourth Session of the Preparatory Committee of UNCED due to be held in New York, from 2 March to 4 April 1992;
7. FURTHER REQUESTS him under the supervision of the Current Chairman of the OAU, to take the lead role in the mobilization and coordination of the actions of Member States during UNCED negotiations including regional conventions, the Fourth PREPCOM and the Rio Conference;
8. REQUESTS the Secretary-General to submit a report on Africa's participation in UNCED to the Fifty-sixth Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers.

**RESOLUTION ON AFRICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES'
RIGHTS**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-fifth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 24 to 28 February 1992,

Recalling that the African Heads of State and Government in the Preamble to the Charter of the Organization of African Unity adopted in May 1963 declared that “freedom, equality, justice and dignity are essential objectives for the achievement of the legitimate aspirations of the African peoples” and that “PERSUADED that the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, to the principles of which we reaffirm our adherence, provide a solid foundation for peaceful and positive cooperation among States”,

Further recalling that one of the purposes of the Organization of African Unity is “to promote international cooperation, having due regard to the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights”,

Conscious that the States Parties to the African Charter on Human and Peoples’ Rights reaffirmed in the Preamble to the African Charter the pledge in the Charter of the Organization of African Unity “to promote international cooperation, having due regard to the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights”, that they recognized “that fundamental human rights stem from the attributes of human beings, which justifies their international protection and that the reality and respect of peoples’ rights should necessarily guarantee human rights” and that they reaffirmed “their adherence to the principles of human declarations, conventions and other instruments adopted by the Organization of African Unity, the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries and the United Nations”,

Noting that the Assembly of Heads of State and Government adopted the African Charter on Human and Peoples’ Rights in June 1981 and that it entered into force on 21 October 1986 and that the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights was established in July 1987 at the Twenty-third Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government,

Further noting the statement of the Chairman of the African Commission Human and Peoples’ Rights concerning the current status and resources of the Secretariat of the African Commission,

Convinced that the ability of the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights to work effectively is essential to the promotion and protection of human and peoples’ rights in Africa:

1. DECLARES that it strongly supports the work of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights to promote and protect human rights in Africa and that it will seek to ensure that the African Commission Obtains the human and material resources it needs to carry out its work;
2. STATES that it would like to be briefed before each meeting by the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity on the activities of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights;
3. REQUESTS that all organs of the Organization of African Unity having any role in the promotion or protection of human and peoples' rights, including those related to refugees and internally displaced persons, the rights of children and economic, social and cultural rights, coordinate their activities as closely as possible, having due regard for the role of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights;
4. EXPRESSES the hope that the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights will play an essential role in the substantive work of the African Preparatory Conference in Tunis, Tunisia from 2 to 6 November 1992, in Preparation for the World Conference on Human Rights in 1993 so as to take All necessary steps to ensure that African needs and priorities are safeguard;
5. EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION and THANKS to the Tunisian Government for its initiative to host the preparatory African Conference And URGES full African participation in this Conference to ensure its Success;
6. REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity to submit a report on the implementation of this resolution to the Fifty-sixth Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers;
7. APPEALS to those Member States that have not yet ratified the Charter to do so.

**RESOLUTION ON THE PROPOSED COOPERATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY AND THE
INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-fifth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 24 to 28 February 1992,

Having considered the Report of the Secretary-General on the proposed Cooperation Agreement between the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) CM/1702 (IV),

Considering the mandate of the ICRC and its important role in protecting and assisting victims of armed conflicts,

Considering also that the principles and the objectives governing the activities of the ICRC are in conformity with the principles and purposes of the OAU,

Taking into account the need to enhance the cooperation between the OAU and ICRC in the field of assistance to victims of armed conflicts in Africa,

Considering that the formalization of already existing relations between the OAU and ICRC will enable these two Organizations to strengthen their cooperation in order to harmonize and coordinate their activities in all fields of common interest:

1. TAKES NOTE of the Report of the Secretary-General contained in Document CM/1702 (LV);
2. APPROVES the Draft Cooperation Agreement between the OAU and ICRC;
3. AUTHORIZES the OAU Secretary-General to sign the said Agreement with the duly empowered representative of ICRC;
4. REQUESTS the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of this resolution.

**RESOLUTION ON THE PROPOSED COOPERATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY AND THE AFRO-
ASIAN LEGAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-fifth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 24 to 28 February 1992,

Having considered the Report of the Secretary-General on the Proposed Cooperation Agreement between the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and the Afro-Asian Legal Consultative Committee (AALCC) (CM/1703 (LV)),

Considering that the promotion and strengthening of international cooperation in the legal field constitutes a common objective of the OAU and AALCC,

Considering also that the AALCC constitutes an important platform for Afro-Asian Cooperation,

Considering further that a cooperation agreement between the OAU and AALCC will enable these two Organizations to harmonize and coordinate their activities in all fields of common interest:

1. TAKES NOTE of the Report of the Secretary-General as contained in Document CM/1703 (LV);
2. APPROVES the Draft Cooperation Agreement between the OAU and the AALCC;
3. AUTHORIZES the OAU Secretary-General to sign the said Agreement with Secretary-General of the AALCC.

CM/Res.1382 (LV)

**RESOLUTION ON THE REQUEST BY SHELTER AFRIQUE FOR AN
OBSERVER STATUS**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-fifth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 24 to 28 February 1992,

Having considered Document CM/1704 (LV) on the request for an OAU Observer Status made by SHELTER AFRIQUE,

Considering that the objectives of SHELTER AFRIQUE are in consonance with those of the OAU, particularly in the field of housing development and the establishment of financing institutions for housing,

Considering that the request made by SHELTER AFRIQUE is in conformity with the criteria established:

1. TAKES NOTE of the Report of the Secretary-General on the request by SHELTER AFRIQUE for an OAU Observer Status as contained in Document CM/1704 (LV);
2. DECIDES to grant the Observer Status of Category “B” to SHELTER AFRIQUE.

CM/Res.1383 (LV)

**RESOLUTION ON THE REQUEST FOR AN OAU OBSERVER STATUS
SUBMITTED BY THE SOCIALIST AND DEMOCRATIC INTER-AFRICAN**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-fifth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 24 to 28 February 1992,

Having considered Document CM/1680 (LV) Add.2 relating to the request for an OAU Observer Status received from the Socialist and Democratic Inter-African,

Taking note of the importance of the objectives of the Socialist and Democratic Inter-African, in particular, the promotion of African Unity, promotion of the respect of human rights and fundamental liberties as well as the strengthening of inter-African and international cooperation,

Considering that the request submitted by the Socialist and Democratic Inter-African conforms to the established criteria:

1. TAKES NOTE of the relevant report of the Secretary-General contained in Document CM/1680 (LV) Add.2;
2. DECIDES to grant category “C” Observer Status to the Socialist and Democratic Inter-African.

VOTE OF THANKS

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-fifth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 24 to 28 February 1992,

Considering the warm welcome and fraternal hospitality extended to all delegations,

Considering that the excellent arrangements made by the Transitional Government of Ethiopia had contributed to the success of the Session,

Bearing in mind the statement made during the Opening Session by H. E. Meles Zenawi, President of the Transitional Government of Ethiopia:

1. EXTENDS its sincere thanks to the people and Government of Ethiopia;
2. REQUESTS H. E. President Meles Zenawi, to kindly accept the expression of its heartfelt gratitude for his thought provoking statement attesting his wisdom and commitment.