Agenda Item III: GENERAL DISARMAMENT

The Summit Conference of Independent African States meeting in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 22 to 25 May 1963,

Having considered all aspects of the questions of general disarmament,

<u>Unanimously convinced</u> of the imperious and urgent necessity of co-ordinating and intensifying their efforts to contribute to the achievement of a realistic disarmament programme through the signing, by all States concerned, of a treaty on general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control,

<u>Have agreed unanimously</u> to concert and co-ordinate their efforts and actions in this_field, and to this end have decided on the following measures:

1. To affirm and respect the principle of declaring Africa a Denuclearized Zone to oppose all nuclear and thermonuclear tests, as well as the manufacture of nuclear weapons and to promote the peaceful uses of nuclear energy;

2. The destruction of existing nuclear weapons;

3. To undertake to bring about, by means of negotiation, the end of military occupation of the African continent and the elimination of military bases and nuclear tests, which elimination constitutes a basic element of African Independence and Unity;

4. To appeal to the Great Powers to:

- (a) reduce conventional weapons;
- (b) put an end to the arms race; and

(c) sign a general and complete disarmament agreement under strict and effective international control;

5. To appeal to the Great Powers, in particular to the Soviet Union and the United States of America, to use their best endeavors to secure the objectives stated above.

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