

RESOLUTION OF LESOTHO

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Nineteenth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 6 to 12 June, 1983,

Viewing with grave concern the economic blockade that South Africa has imposed against the Kingdom of Lesotho,

Considering it ironic that while the friends of South Africa have always opposed Africa's call for sanctions against South Africa, the latter has proceeded to unilaterally impose a blockade against a Member State of the OAU:

1. **STRONGLY CONDEMNNS** this blockade against the Kingdom of Lesotho, and strongly **URGES** the International Community and all peace-loving States to use their influence to put an end to this, and to the other acts of sabotage and subversion, against the peaceful Kingdom of Lesotho;
2. **CALLS** on African financial institutions and other friendly institutions to consult with the Kingdom of Lesotho with a view to expediting the identification of projects in the food and energy sectors especially taking into account Lesotho's abundant water resources and its present over-dependence on South African in these critical sectors;
3. **FURTHER CALLS** on Member Governments and African financial institutions and other friendly institutions to help Lesotho to extend the capacity of the run-way of the proposed international airport to be able to take international carriers;
4. **APPEALS** to Member Governments, who are in a position to do so, to establish diplomatic presence in Maseru in order to give moral and political support to the Kingdom of Lesotho.

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