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Agenda Item III: AFRICA AND THE UNITED NATIONS

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

Believing that the United Nations is an important instrument for the maintenance of peace and security among nations and for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples,

Reiterating its desire to strengthen and support the United Nations,

Noting with regret that Africa as a region is not equitably represented in the principal organs of the United Nations,

Convinced of the need for closer co-operation and co-ordination among the African Member States of the United Nations,

- 1. REAFFIRMS its dedication to the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter and its acceptance of all obligations contained in the Charter, including financial obligations;**
- 2. INSISTS that Africa as a geographical region should have equitable representation in the principal organs of the United Nations, particularly the Security Council and the Economic and Social Council and its specialized agencies;**
- 3. INVITES African Governments to instruct their representatives in the United Nations to take all possible steps to achieve a more equitable representation of the African region;**
- 4. FURTHER INVITES African Governments to instruct their representatives in the United Nations, without prejudice to their membership in and collaboration with the African-Asian Group, to constitute a more effective African Group with a permanent secretariat so as to bring about closer co-operation and better co-ordination in matters of common concern.**

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