

RESOLUTION ON DISARMAMENT, DENUCLEARIZATION
SECURITY AND DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twentieth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 12 – 15 November, 1984,

Having heard the Report of the outgoing Chairman on the international situation particularly on the arms race, the nuclear capability of South Africa and the economic crisis in Africa,

Having taken note of the Secretary-General's report on security problems in Africa and the threat posed by the nuclear programme of South Africa as well as the development of South Africa's nuclear capability,

Having heard the United Nations Secretary-General and having grasped the relevance of his points of view on the danger facing the entire world, including the African Continent as a result of the conventional and nuclear arms race,

Bearing in mind Resolution 1652 (XVI), Resolution 38/181 A and other relevant resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly on the denuclearization of Africa,

Recalling Resolution AHG/Res.11 (I) on the denuclearization of Africa, and the surrounding area adopted by the First Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the OAU held in Cairo in July 1964,

Recalling United Nation General Assembly in Resolution 37/100 F on regional disarmament.

Deeply concerned about the disastrous effects of the arms race especially its impact on development policies,

Convinced that only the respect of the provisions ensuring international peace and security can save Africa from the scourge of a nuclear war:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of all the reports and all the points raised during this meeting;
2. **REAFFIRMS** the political will of the OAU to make Africa a nuclear-free zone with a view to eliminating all nuclear threats from this continent;
3. **URGENTLY APPEALS** to the entire international community to redouble its efforts to exert pressure on South Africa to give up its nuclear programme and to use its present nuclear capability for peaceful purposes;
4. **CALLS UPON** the United Nations to consider practical and concrete measures likely to enable the OAU to attain the objectives set forth in its solemn declaration made twenty years ago;
5. **RECOGNIZES** that there is a functional interrelation between disarmament, security and development and that, as a first stage, a five per cent tax be levied on military budgets, so as to raise additional resources to finance development programmes of Third World countries;
6. **CONSEQUENTLY CALLS UPON** all Member States of the continent to consider and undertake the regional disarmament measures recommended by Resolution 37/100 F;
7. **SUPPORTS** the holding of a regional conference on regional security, disarmament and development in Africa and requests the OAU General Secretariat in co-operation with UNIDIR and the United Nations Department on Disarmament to make the necessary arrangements and preparations for the holding of such a conference;
8. **APPEALS** to the International Atomic Energy Agency to negotiate with South Africa with a view to obtaining its permission to inspect and control the nuclear installations;
9. **DISAPPROVES AND VEHEMENTLY CONDEMNS** any country, institution or company which would co-operate with South Africa in the nuclear field and would thus encourage the inhuman policy of this regime;

10. CALLS UPON the Secretary-General of the OAU to take all necessary measures to request the United Nations to implement operative Paragraphs 4, 6, and 7 of this Resolution;

11. REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General to report to the Assembly of Heads of State and Government.

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