

RESOLUTION OF THE QUESTION OF WESTERN SAHARA

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the OAU, meeting in its Fifteenth Ordinary Session in Khartoum, Democratic Republic of the Sudan, from 18 to 22 July 1978.

Having heard the statement of the Outgoing Chairman on the Question of Western Sahara;

Having discussed the Question of Western Sahara;

Keenly concerned about the serious situation prevailing in Western Sahara and the tension in the region;

Guided by the principles and objectives of the Charter of the Organization of African Unity, in particular those relating to the total decolonization of the continent;

Recalling Resolution 1514 (XV) of the United Nations General Assembly of 14 December 1960 on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and, taking into consideration the conclusions of the report of the United Nations Fact Finding Mission of 11 November 1975;

Recalling the relevant resolutions of the United Nations, the OAU and the Non-Aligned Movement on the Question of Western Sahara:

Considering the advisory opinion given by the International Court of Justice on 16 October 1975 with respect of the principle of the right of the people of Western Sahara to self-determination:

1. REAFFIRMS the responsibility of the OAU with regard to the search of a fair and peaceful solution in conformity with the principles of the Charters of the OAU and the United Nations Organization;
2. REAFFIRMS the decision to hold an Extraordinary Summit Meeting devoted to the Question of Western Sahara;

3. **DECIDES** to set up, for this purpose, an ad hoc Committee composed of at least five Heads of State of the OAU, including the Current Chairman of the Organization and entrust it with the consideration of all the data on the Question of Western Sahara, among which, the exercise of the right of the people of this territory to self determination;
4. **DIRECTS** the Current Chairman to hold, as soon as possible, consultations with a view to setting up the said ad hoc Committee and organizing its meeting;
5. **CALLS** upon all the States of the region to refrain from taking all actions likely to hamper the search of a fair and peaceful solution to this problem;
6. **CALLS** upon the Administrative Secretary-General of the OAU to report to the 32nd Ordinary Session of the council of Ministers on the evolution of the Question;
7. **INVITES** the Administrative Secretary-General of the OAU to bring the present resolution to the knowledge of the United Nations Secretary-General to whom was already submitted the decolonization problem of the Western Sahara.

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