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**RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY
SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF
HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT**

RESOLUTION OF THE DIEGO GARCIA

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity meeting at its 17th Ordinary Session in Freetown, Sierra Leone from 1 to 4 July 1980,

Pursuant to article I, para 2, of the charter of the Organization of African Unity, which stipulates “The Organization shall include the Continental African States, Madagascar and other islands surrounding Africa”,

Considering that one of the fundamental principles of the Organization is the “respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of each state”,

Aware of the fact that Diego Garcia has always been an integral part of Mauritius, a member State of the OAU,

Recognizing that Diego Garcia was not ceded to Britain for military purposes,

Realizing the militarization of Diego Garcia is a threat to Africa, and to the Indian Ocean as a zone of peace,

DEMANDS that Diego Garcia be unconditionally returned to Mauritius and that its peaceful character be maintained.

RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE NOMINATION OF DR. EDOUARD SAOUMA,
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF
THE UNITED NATIONS FOR A SECOND MANDATE

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity meeting at its 17th Ordinary Session in Freetown, Sierra Leone from 1 to 4 July 1980,

Bearing in mind the absolute priority which it has decided to assign to agricultural development in the countries of the African continent and to the improvement of the food situation of their population;

Appreciating fully the dynamic efforts which Dr. Edouard Saouma has made, since the beginning of his mandate in January 1976, to promote the progress of African agriculture and, more particularly, the extremely effective international action which he has conducted in favour of the Sahelian countries and of all those which, have been affected by natural disasters;

Noting with satisfaction that 41 countries of the Islamic Conference, among which 20 Member Countries of OAU, have voted during their 10th Session held in Fez (Morocco) in May 1979, a resolution pledging their unanimous support to the renewal of the mandate of Dr. Edouard Saouma as Director General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, on the occasion of the election to be held in 1981:

DECIDES to support this nomination.

RESOLUTION OF CHAD

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity meeting at its 17th Ordinary Session in Freetown, Sierra Leone from 1 to 4 July 1980,

Bearing in mind the essential provisions of the Lagos Accord concerning the formation of a Transitional National Union Government, the establishment of a Cease-fire over the entire territory of Chad, the demilitarization of N'Djamena, the arrival of Neutral OAU Force in Chad and the holding of free elections within a period of eighteen months,

Recalling resolution CM/Res. 769 (XXXV) by which the Council of Ministers approved the despatch to Chad of an OAU Peace-Keeping Force composed of contingents from Benin, Congo and Guinea,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Chad,

Deeply concerned over the continued hostilities in Chad, especially in N'Djamena, which have caused thousands of casualties both dead and injured, and a massive flow of refugees into neighbouring countries, and the displacement of people from their homes within Chad itself,

Considering the fact that the efforts being made by the Transitional National Union Government both in pursuance of the Lagos Accord and to end the hostilities in N'Djamena are being undermined by repeated acts of interference by African and foreign powers,

Concerned by the fact that so far the OAU has not been able to raise the financial and material assistance, necessary to establish a peace-keeping force in Chad, to enforce cease-fire that might be negotiated,

Further concerned that the internecine carnage and destruction of property in the Republic of Chad may continue unless prompt and effective action is taken:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the report of the Secretary-General of the OAU;
2. **REAFFIRMS** the validity of the Lagos Accord as the basis for the settlement of the Chadian crisis;

3. **REAFFIRMS** support for the Transitional National Union Government headed by the President of that Government and appeals to all OAU Member States to continue to support the Traditional National Union Government in its efforts to resolve the Chadian crisis;
4. **APPEALS** to the Chadians to make every effort to implement cease-fire in accordance with the Lagos Accord;
5. **DECIDES** to make one further attempt to find an African solution to the crisis, particularly with regard to the provision of the Neutral OAU Forces by requesting African States which are in a position to provide peace-Keeping Forces at their own expenses in accordance with conditions to be determined at the Summit, it being understood that logistic and operational costs be met from voluntary contributions;
6. **FURTHER DECIDES** that in the event of failure by the OAU to raise the necessary funds of the Peace-Keeping Force by its own effort after a period of one month, the UN Security Council shall be requested, through the African Group, for assistance, particularly the necessary financial means to enable peace to be restored in Chad;
7. **EXPRESS APPRECIATION** to those countries and eminent persons who have so far made excellent contribution to the solution of the Chadian problem.

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