

RESOLUTION ON MERCENARIES

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government meeting in its Fourth Ordinary Session in Kinshasa, Congo, from 11 to 14 September 1967,

Determined to safeguard and ensure respect for the integrity and sovereignty of Member States,

Considering that the existence of mercenaries constitutes a serious threat to the security of Member States,

Recognizing their sacred and solemn responsibilities to spare present and future generations to the scourge of racial hatred and conflict,

Conscious of the danger that the presence of mercenaries would inevitably arouse strong and destructive feelings and put in jeopardy the lives of foreigners in the continent,

1. **Strongly condemns** the aggression of the mercenaries against the Democratic Republic of the Congo;
2. **Demand** that the mercenaries who are now in Eastern Congo (Bukavu) leave immediately in the territory of the Congo, if necessary with the help of the competent international bodies;
3. **Calls upon** all Member States that in case this generous offer is not accepted, to lend their wholehearted support and every assistance in their power to the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo in its efforts to put an end to the criminal acts perpetrated by these mercenaries;
4. **Calls upon** the U N O to deplore and take immediate action to eradicate such illegal and immoral practices;

5. Appeals urgently to all States of the world to enact laws declaring the recruitment and training of mercenaries in their territories a punishable crime and deterring their citizens from enlisting as mercenaries.

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