

**DECISION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AFRICAN
UNION AND THE PAN-AFRICAN PARLIAMENT**

The Assembly:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report and Recommendation of the 72nd Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers;
2. **COMMENDS** the excellent work accomplished, within a short time, by the Council of Ministers assisted by Experts and Parliamentarians;
3. **APPROVES** and **ADOPTS** the Draft Constitutive Act on the establishment of the African Union;
4. **URGES** all Member States to take the necessary measures to sign and ratify it as soon as possible in order to ensure its speedy implementation;
5. **REQUESTS** the Secretary-General to convene a meeting of Parliamentarians to examine the Draft Protocol to the Treaty establishing the African Economic Community relating to the Pan-African Parliament and submit it for approval by the next sessions of the Council of Ministers and subsequent adoption by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government.

**DECISION ON THE CONFLICT BETWEEN
ETHIOPIA AND ERITREA**

The Assembly:

1. **EXPRESSES SATISFACTION** at the Agreement on the Cessation of Hostilities signed in Algiers on 18 June, 2000 by the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and the Government of the State of Eritrea;
2. **PAYS TRIBUTE** to President Abdelaziz Bouteflika, Outgoing Chairman of the OAU and the OAU Secretary-General for the sustained efforts they made to promote a peaceful solution to the conflict between Ethiopia and Eritrea;
3. **EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION** to the UN, the European Union, the United States of America and other members of the International Community for the support they continue to give to the efforts of the OAU;
4. **ENCOURAGES** the two Parties to pursue the negotiations, under the auspices of the OAU, in order to reach a lasting and definitive peace;
5. **REQUESTS** the UN Security Council to take the necessary measures for the speedy deployment of the Peace-keeping Mission provided for in the Agreement on the cessation of hostilities;
6. **REQUESTS** Member States to continue to give their support and assistance to the efforts of the OAU, particularly to enable it assume its responsibilities in the implementation of the Agreement on the cessation of hostilities;
7. **EXPRESSLY REQUESTS** President Abdelaziz Bouteflika to kindly pursue his action with a view to reaching a peaceful and lasting solution to the conflict between the two brotherly countries.

DECISION ON DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
OF THE CONGO

The Assembly:

1. **REITERATES** its support for the Lusaka Ceasefire Agreement in the Democratic Republic of the Congo which constitutes the only negotiated and accepted framework by all the Parties for the solution to the crisis in the DRC;
2. **URGES** the Parties to strictly implement the Agreement in all its aspects;
3. **COMMENDS** Sir. Ketumile Masire, Facilitator of the Inter-Congolese Dialogue and the Joint Military Commission (JMC) for the efforts made for the implementation of Lusaka Agreement;
4. **REQUESTS** the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the other Congolese Parties to co-operate fully with the Facilitator so that the Inter-Congolese dialogue can begin as soon as possible;
5. **FURTHER URGES** the countries which have troops in the Democratic Republic of the Congo to begin withdrawing them in accordance with the Lusaka Ceasefire Agreement;
6. **ALSO URGES** the United Nations to complete, as soon as possible, the deployment of UN Observers in conformity with UN Security Council Resolution 1291 of 24 April 2000 and to take the necessary measures for the deployment of the Peacekeeping Force in the DRC under the Lusaka Ceasefire Agreement;
7. **PAYS TRIBUTE** to President Frederick Chiluba, Chairman of the Regional Initiative for Peace in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the outgoing OAU Chairman, the other African leaders and the OAU Secretary General for the untiring efforts made for the restoration of peace in the DRC;

8. **ENCOURAGES** President Frederick Chiluba, in consort with the Current Chairman, the OAU Secretary General and the other Heads of State to pursue his efforts for the implementation of the Lusaka Ceasefire Agreement in the Democratic Republic of the Congo;
9. **FINALLY URGES** the International Community to continue to support the peace process in the DRC and to support the efforts of the Facilitator and the JMC.

DECISION ON SOMALIA

The Assembly:

1. **REITERATES** its commitment to the Unity and territorial integrity of Somalia;
2. **CONGRATULATES** the President of the Republic of Djibouti, Mr. Ismail Omar Guelleh and **STRONGLY SUPPORTS** his initiative aimed at restoring the State and the Somali institutions and promote a peaceful and lasting solution to the conflict in this country torn by protracted years of civil war;
3. **FURTHER SUPPORTS** the Somali National Conference for Peace meeting in Arta, Djibouti and the Somali institutions that will emanate from this Conference;
4. **REQUESTS** the International Community to give political, financial and logistic support to ensure the success of the Somali National Conference for Peace and the implementation of decisions from this Conference.

DECISION ON SIERRA LEONE

The Assembly:

1. **EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION** to the Current Chairman of ECOWAS, President Alpha Omar Konare, and the other leaders of the region, for the efforts they have deployed to bring peace to Sierra Leone; and **EXPRESSES SUPPORT** for their efforts to establish a ceasefire and revive the peace process in Sierra Leone, based on the Lome Peace Agreement;
2. **CALLS ON** the RUF in particular, to scrupulously abide by and implement the terms of the Peace Agreement, including disarming and demobilizing voluntary and desisting from making attacks on UNAMSIL as well as from acts of hostage-taking;
3. **CALLS FOR** the immediate and unconditional lifting of the siege of UNSAMSIL peacekeepers at Kailalun by RUF, and restoring to them, complete freedom of movement; **RECALLS** that restrictions on freedom of movement of UNAMSIL peacekeepers is a violation of the Lome Accord, the Bamako Summit Communiqué and UN Security Council Resolutions on Sierra Leone. It also recalls the mandate given by the ECOWAS Summit to President Charles Taylor of Liberia in this regard and **URGES** him to facilitate the early lifting of the siege on UN personnel. The Conference stresses that the RUF will be entirely responsible for any consequences that may follow, in case the matter is not resolved immediately;
4. **EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION** and gratitude to Colonel Muamar Al Gaddafi, Leader of the Great Alfateh Revolution for his assistance in securing the release of the hostages and for his effort to settle the conflict and to achieve and sustain peace in Sierra Leone;
5. **EXPRESSES SUPPORT** for the decision of the ECOWAS Heads of State that troops be provided from the sub-region to strengthen UNAMSIL and **SUPPORTS** the call by ECOWAS to the United Nations Security Council to change the mandate of UNAMSIL from peacekeeping to enforcement, to increase the number of UNSAMSIL personnel deployed and to provide adequate logistical support to enable UNAMSIL effectively carry out its mandate;

6. **WELCOMES** the decision of ECOWAS to conduct a regional enquiry into the illegal trade in diamonds originating from Sierra Leone; and **EXPRESSES SUPPORT** for the ban by the UN on the illegal trade in diamonds from Sierra Leone.

DECISION ON ANGOLA

The Assembly:

1. **EXPRESSES ITS CONCERN** at the fact that the UN sanctions against UNITA are not implemented effectively;
2. **WELCOMES** the recent measures taken by some Member States towards ensuring the implementation of the UN sanctions against UNITA;
3. **REAFFIRMS** its strong support for all the Resolutions and efforts of the United Nations Security Council on Angola;
4. **REQUESTS** all Member States to scrupulously comply with all the provisions of UN Security Council Resolutions and in this regard, to fully co-operate with the UN, to ensure their effective implementation;
5. **CONDEMNS** UNITA for continuing to wage war against the people of Angola, which war has been responsible for the humanitarian tragedy in that country and **EXPRESSES** its solidarity with the Government and People of Angola;
6. **APPEALS** to Member States in a position to do so and to the wider International Community to extend maximum assistance to the Government of Angola to enable it address the humanitarian and socio-economic problems that have resulted from the conflict in that country.

DECISION ON THE COMOROS

The Assembly:

1. **REITERATES** its commitment to the Unity and territorial integrity of the Comoros;
2. **APPROVES** the proposals of the Council of Ministers upon recommendation of the countries of the Region and of the Troika of the Central Organ aimed at putting an end to the Separatist crisis in Anjouan, particularly the military measures whose modalities will be determined by the countries of the Region and the Troika of the Central Organ;
3. **REITERATES ITS SUPPORT** to the efforts of the countries of the Region and the Troika of the Central Organ in order to promote the restoration of the Constitutional Order in the Comoros and **APPROVES** the proposals made by the Council of Ministers in this regard.

**DECISION ON UNCONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES
OF GOVERNMENT IN AFRICA - CM/2166 (LXXII)**

The Assembly:

- A.1. **COMMENDS** the Central Organ and its Sub-Committee on Unconstitutional Changes of Government in Africa for their work, and the Secretary General for the efforts deployed to implement the Algiers Decisions;
2. **DECIDES** to restrict the definition of unconstitutional changes of government to paragraphs ((b) i to iv)) of the "Framework for an OAU Response to Unconstitutional Changes of Government" (Doc. Rev.1 of the Central Organ);
3. **WELCOMES** the restoration of democratic governance in Niger and Guinea Bissau by their transitional authorities, in compliance with the decision of the Algiers Summit on Unconstitutional Changes of Government and **STRONGLY APPEALS** to the International Community, particularly the International Financial Institutions, to lend concrete support for the Post-Conflict reconstruction of both countries so that their peoples can begin to enjoy the dividends of peace and the fruits of democracy;
4. **ADOPTS** the proposed Framework for an OAU Response to Unconstitutional Changes of Government;
- B.1. **RECALLS** Decision AHG/Dec.141 (XXXV) adopted during the 35th Ordinary Session of the Assembly rejecting any unconstitutional changes of Government in Africa;

2. **REITERATES** its condemnation of all types of unconstitutional change of Government as anachronistic and in contradiction of its commitment to the promotion of democratic principles and constitutional rule;
3. **CALLS UPON** the United Nations during the Millennium Summit to join in the rejection of all types of unconstitutional changes anywhere in the world, and to take appropriate measures against their perpetrators.

**DECISION ON THE DISPUTE BETWEEN THE LIBYAN
ARAB JAMAHIRIYA, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND THE UNITED KINGDOM
CM/2169 (LXXII)**

The Assembly:

1. **EXPRESSES SATISFACTION** at the commencement of the trial of the two Libyan suspects and **REQUESTS** that all the necessary conditions be provided to ensure that the trial is fair, neutral, and transparent;
2. **REQUESTS** the Security Council to take a decision as soon as possible for a final and total lifting of sanctions imposed on the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and **CONSIDERS** as unacceptable any delay or impediment to this process, or any request contrary to international law, such as request for damages prior to the verdict of the Scottish Tribunal on this matter;
3. **REAFFIRMS** the right of the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to compensation for the damages caused by the imposition of sanctions;
4. **COMMENDS** the Outgoing Chairman of the OAU for his endeavours in approaching the President of the UN Security Council as well as the UN Secretary-General regarding the immediate and definitive lifting of the sanctions imposed on the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya;
5. **NOTES WITH APPRECIATION** the normalization of diplomatic relations and economic cooperation between the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and a number of Western countries and **ENCOURAGES** other countries to follow suit;
6. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Secretary-General to follow-up on the implementation of this decision and to submit a report thereon to the Thirty-seventh Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government.

DECISION ON COTE D'IVOIRE

The Assembly:

1. **DECIDES** to establish a Committee composed of ten (10) Heads of State to proceed quickly to Abidjan with the mission of finding, together with all the political leaders, a political compromise likely to ensure a peaceful transition in the Unity and Stability of Cote d'Ivoire;
2. **MANDATES** President Eyadema to:
 - **inform** the Ivorian authorities of this decision;
 - **convene immediately** this Committee composed of: Togo, Nigeria, Mali, Ghana, Burkina Faso, Gabon, Algeria, South Africa, Djibouti and Senegal.

DECISION ON THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL ACTIVITY
REPORT OF THE AFRICAN COMMISSION
ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS

The Assembly:

1. **TAKES NOTE** with satisfaction of the 13th Annual Activity Report of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights and **COMMENDS** the Commission for the quality of work accomplished during the period under review;
2. **URGES** the African Commission to continue to exercise its mandate of promoting and protecting human and peoples' rights, and to strengthen cooperation with organizations dealing with human rights issues, as well as with other relevant partners;
3. **FURTHER URGES** Member States to honour their commitments under the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights, and to extend to the African Commission all the assistance and cooperation necessary for the accomplishment of its mission.
4. **AUTHORIZES** the publication of the 13th Annual Activity Report in conformity with Article 59 of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights.

**DECISION ON THE HOLDING OF AN AFRICAN SUMMIT
ON HIV/AIDS, TUBERCULOSIS AND OTHER RELATED
INFECTIOUS DISEASES**

The Assembly:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the nexus between HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, other infectious diseases and Malaria;
2. **ENDORSES** the proposal to hold an African Summit on HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and other infectious diseases in the year 2001 and **ACCEPTS** the offer by the Federal Republic of Nigeria to host the Summit;
3. **REQUESTS** the Secretary-General to undertake necessary consultations with UNAIDS, WHO, UNICEF, other relevant international organizations and the government of Nigeria, to ensure the success of the Summit. This conference should be preceded by a meeting of Experts.

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF AFRICAN SUMMIT
ON ROLL-BACK MALARIA**

The Assembly:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report;
2. **ACKNOWLEDGES** and **WELCOMES** the Abuja Declaration and Plan of Action on Roll-Back-Malaria endorsed by the Extra-Ordinary Summit of Heads of State and government which met from 24-25 April 2000 in Abuja, Nigeria;
3. **CALLS UPON** Member States to implement the Abuja Plan of Action at National level and more specifically, at community level;
4. **ENDORSES** the proposal of declaring **April 25 each year** as "**Africa Malaria Control Day**" and **CALLS UPON** the United Nations to declare the coming decade 2001 – 2010, a decade for Roll-Back-Malaria;
5. **REQUESTS** the Secretary General to follow-up and report annually to the summit on the progress made in the implementation of the Abuja Declaration and Plan of Action on Roll-Back-Malaria.

**DECISION ON PROPOSAL FOR ERADICATION OF
TSETSE FLIES ON THE AFRICAN CONTINENT
(CM/2152 (LXXII) ADD.2**

The Assembly:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the report presented by the Government of Uganda, and **COMMENDS** the efforts undertaken to highlight the problems caused by tsetse flies in Africa;
2. **COMMENDS** those African countries that have initiated the application of Sterile Insect Technology (SIT) for their pioneering effort;
3. **RECOGNIZES** the seriousness of the problem as one of Africa's greatest constraints to socio-economic development severely affecting human and livestock health, limiting land use, causing poverty and perpetuating underdevelopment on the Continent;
4. **URGES** Member States to act collectively to rise to the challenge of eliminating the problem through concerted efforts in mobilizing the necessary human, financial and material resources required to render Africa tsetse-free within the shortest time possible;
5. **ACKNOWLEDGES** the trans-boundary nature of the problem, **WELCOMES** the establishment of the Pan-African SIT Forum as a mechanism through which sustainable area-wide tsetse eradication can be achieved and **CALLS UPON** the Secretary-General to provide support to the Pan African SIT FORUM;
6. **DECLARES** the year 2001 as the year of the control of tsetse fly, to mark the beginning of renewed efforts in the campaign for the eradication of tsetse flies in Africa;
7. **REQUESTS** the Secretary-General to undertake all necessary consultations with a view to initiating the campaign from all possible partners and seek their support and cooperation in the implementation of the Pan-African Tsetse Eradication Campaign. The Secretary-General should submit an annual Progress Report to the OAU Summit, through the Current Chairman.

**DECISION PROCLAIMING 25 MAY A
WORK-FREE DAY IN AFRICA**

We, the Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) meeting at the Thirty-sixth Ordinary Session of our Assembly, from 10 – 12 July, 2000 in Lome, Togo,

1. **DECLARE** 25 May as work-free day throughout the territories of Member States of the Organization of African Unity. On this occasion, appropriate activities will be organized to bring African peoples closer together, reaffirm their faith in the integration and popularize the ideals of union in the Continent;
2. **INVITE** Member States to take all necessary legislative and regulatory measures for the implementation of this decision.

**DECISION ON AFRICA AND THE UNITED
NATIONS MILLENNIUM SUMMIT**

The Assembly:

- 1. TAKES NOTE** of the invitation extended to African Heads of State and Government by the Secretary-General of the United Nations to participate in the Millennium Summit that is scheduled to take place in New York from 6 to 8 September 2000, and of the Millennium Report presented by the Secretary-General of the United Nations;
- 2. URGES** African Heads of State and Government to fully participate in the deliberations of this important Summit, which will be co-chaired by Namibia on behalf of the developing countries, and Finland on behalf of the developed countries, in order to present the African vision, and to contribute to the shaping of the role of the United Nations in the 21st century in general and particularly in Africa.

DECISION ON CHAGOS ARCHIPELAGO

The Assembly:

1. **EXPRESSES CONCERN** that the Chagos Archipelago was unilaterally and illegally excised by the colonial power from Mauritius prior to its independence in violation of UN Resolution 1514;
2. **NOTES WITH DISMAY** that the bilateral talks between Mauritius and UK on this matter has not yielded any significant progress;
3. **URGES** the UK Government to immediately enter into direct and constructive dialogue with Mauritius so as to enable the early return of the sovereignty of Mauritius.

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