RESOLUTION TO OBSERVE THE DAY OF MARTYRS OF SOUTH AFRICA

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.

Taking note with dismay and deep regret of the increasing atrocities perpetrated by the apartheid regime of South Africa resulting in the callous, continuous and systematic elimination of South African nationalist leaders, the massacre of innocent youths and the torture and murder of nationalist detainees under the obnoxious racist laws,

Determined that the lives of these valiant champions of African freedom and dignity are not lost in vain,

Conscious of their obligations to pursue the fight for elimination of apartheid and the establishment of a free and just society in South Africa,

Recognising the vital and decisive role with the international community can play in this combat:

1. **RENEWS its deepest sympathy and condolences to the courageous and struggling people of South Africa;**

2. **RESOLVES to expand and intensify the fight against the ungodly apartheid system of the racist and oppressive regime on all fronts;**

3. **DECIDES to designate the 12th of September as "SOUTH AFRICAN MARTYRS DAY";**

4. **CALLS on all Member States and the international community to observe the 12th September as "South African Martyrs Day" on an annual basis by instituting measures and actions aimed at the rapid disintegration of the apartheid system.**

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