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(proposed by Congo)



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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation presents its compliments to the General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity and has the honour to forward herewith the following documents:

- An introductory note on the draft resolution on the Inter-African Emergency Force
- A draft resolution on the Inter-African Emergency Force.

As instructed by the Government of the People's Republic of the Congo, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation would be grateful if the General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity could kindly:

1. Place on the Agenda of the OAU Council of Ministers to be held in Khartoum from 7 to 15 July 1978 on item entitled:

Questions Relating to Military Interventions  
in Africa - Draft Resolution on the Inter-  
African Emergency Force:

2. Translate and reproduce these two documents for distribution to the representatives of Member States in accordance with the established practice.

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity the assurances of its highest consideration.

Enclosures:   Introductory Note  
                  Draft resolution

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INTRODUCTORY NOTE

CONCERNING  
THE DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE INTER  
AFRICAN EMERGENCY FORCE

On the eve of 25 May 1963, amidst thunderous applause, the African Heads of State and Government concluded the signing of the Organization of African Unity Charter, thus setting forth a new framework for concertation and action. Thus again were the Heads of State and Government firmly determined to safeguard and strengthen, within that framework, the hard won independence and sovereignty, as well as the territorial integrity of their States and to fight colonialism and neo-colonialism in all their forms and weed them out.

They have for fifteen years been tirelessly endeavouring to achieve the total liberation of the continent, in the course of which they pooled their efforts within the Coordinating Committee for the Liberation of Africa with a view to removing from the continent all vestiges of colonialism and domination; the struggle has been a hard one and was crowned with victories; yet the combat is still going on, for the racist and colonialist intruder still holds a sizeable chunk of African Territory,

Hence the situation in African remains disquieting as the Thirty-First (31st) Session of the Coordinating Committee for the Liberation of Africa which was recently held in Dar-es-Salaam has sadly found out; that Session called for the mobilization of all the Member States of the Organisation for a final and decisive battle against all the illegal occupants of African Territories and that, in order to ensure that Africa really belongs to Africans.

What happened in Paris from 22 to 23 May 1978; i.e. The constitution by certain African Heads of State, with the blessing of the host country, of an Inter-African Military Emergency Force, might well have commended enthusiastic applause on the part of justice and peace loving African patriots had this military force been put at the disposal of the Organisation and directed for example against the racists of South Africa.

Unfortunately, we are compelled to note that this so-called Inter-African Emergency Force which contravenes the Organization's Charter is nothing but a true instrument for the destruction, distabilisation of African regimes by African regimes and for the stifling of emerging democratic Forces in Africa. This military force which is a pure by-product of imperialism, is a glaring manifestation of neocolonialist designs on our continent as a whole; thus aborting the efforts of the OAU which, as is well known, allocates the total liberation of Africa and relentless struggle against supporters of apartheid.

It seems clearly paradoxical that the former colonisers of continent have to day spontaneously placed themselves at the disposal of the liberation struggle of Africa; because it is patent that the so-called Inter-African Emergency Force will not fight in South Africa which is itself being armed by the very people who, curiously enough, are now advocating the decolonisation of the continent.

In fact, this act constitutes but a sordid manoeuvre aimed at reconquering the lost positions and perpetuating the shameless exploitation of African wealth, and is therefore an act of high treason, in deed a flagrant violation of our Organization's Charter.

The People's Republic of the Congo, on its part, believes that not OAU alone has the right to establish a Pan-African Military Force to ensure the Security of the continent.

To act outside this framework, would be tantamount to sabotaging African Unity for which OAU is struggling and jeopardising peace and security in Africa.

The People's Republic of the Congo remains faithful to the OAU Charter and is prepared to spare no effort for the survival of African Unity and the triumph of freedom. The draft resolution it is proposing has no other aim than to serve as a safeguard for this Unity and a parapet against isolationist trends of certain Member States to set up puppet Organizations which clumsily disguise their true nature.



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