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**AHG/Res. 79 - 83 (XIII)**

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ASSEMBLY OF HEAD OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT**

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STATE AND GOVERNMENT HELD IN PORT LOUIS, MAURITIUS, FROM  
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**RESOLUTION ON THE AFRO-ARAB COOPERATION**

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirteenth Ordinary Session at Port Louis, Mauritius, from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> July 1976,

**Having taken note** of the Secretary-General's report on the joint meeting of the council of Ministers of the Arab League and the OAU which took place in Dakar from 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1976,

1. **TOOK NOTE** of the Draft Declaration and Programme of Action on the Afro-Arab Cooperation;
2. **AUTHORISED** the Secretary-General of the OAU to undertake consultations with the Secretary-General of the Arab League with the aim of holding an Afro-Arab Summit;
3. **REQUESTED** Member States to send to the Secretary-General of the OAU, if necessary, their observations on the Draft with the knowledge that these observations will be studied by the Council of Ministers which will precede the Summit.

**RESOLUTION ON THE SECURITY OF COUNTRIES NEAREST TO**  
**THE SOUTHERN AFRICA BATTLEFIELD**

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government meeting in its Thirteenth Ordinary Session in Mauritius, from 2<sup>nd</sup> July to 6<sup>th</sup> July 1976,

**Having heard** the statement of H.E. President of the Republic of Zambia, Dr. Kenneth D. Kaunda;

**Taking note** of the serious threat posed by the minority racist regimes in Southern Africa on the security of Frontline States;

**Considering** the increasing tension on that region caused by the successful prosecution of the intensified armed struggle in Zimbabwe and Namibia,

1. **DECLARES** that any attack by the racist regimes against any frontline State shall be deemed to be an attack on independent Africa as a whole;
2. **RESOLVES** that in the event of such attack Member States of the OAU shall give all possible support to repel aggression against an independent Member State;
3. **RECOGNISES** that each Member State of the OAU has a moral obligation to give military assistance to the Liberation Movements when requested to do so and with the agreement of the countries nearest the battlefield which are in the frontline of the struggle;
4. **UNDERTAKES** to meet all moral, financial and material obligations to the OAU and the Liberation Movements.

**RESOLUTION ON THE CONVENING OF THE EXTRAORDINARY SUMMIT**  
**ON THE QUESTION OF WESTERN SAHARA**

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirteenth Ordinary Session at Port Louis, Mauritius, from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> July 1976,

**Recalling** the relevant resolutions of the OAU Liberation Committee and of the council of Ministers on the subject of Western Sahara;

**Recalling** in particular its affirmation of the sacred principle of self-determination;

1. **Calls** on all interested parties concerned including the people of Western Sahara to co-operate in finding a peaceful solution to the dispute, in the interest of peace, justice and good neighborliness in the region, and in keeping the Charter of the OAU and of the United Nations;
2. **DECIDES** to hold an extraordinary session at summit level with the participation of the people of Western Sahara with a view to finding a lasting and just solution to the problem of Western Sahara.

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE CULTURAL CHARTER FOR AFRICA**

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirteenth Ordinary Session at Port Louis, Mauritius, from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> July 1976,

Having examined the report CM/764 (XXVII) of the Administrative Secretary General concerning the Ministers of Cultures' elaboration of a Cultural Charter for Africa in conformity with resolution CM/Res. 371 (XXIII) adopted by the Council of Ministers in its Twenty-third Ordinary Session held at Mogadishu (Somalia) from the 6<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> June 1974;

Conscious of the importance of the role of culture in the political emancipation, in the economic and social development;

Considering that cultural exchanges and the initiatives taken in common in the form of cultural action contribute to the mutual enrichment to the understanding between human beings and to the peace amongst states;

Noting that the Ministers of Culture, met in Addis Ababa from 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> May 1976 for elaborating the Cultural Charter for Africa had recommended that their draft be adopted by the Heads of State and Government,

1. EXPRESSES its sincere congratulations to the Ministers of Culture for the efforts they displayed for elaborating the Cultural Charter for Africa;
2. DECIDES to approve the Cultural Charter for Africa;
3. INVITES the Administrative Secretary General to communicate the text of the Cultural Charter to Member States so that they can ratify it and then implement it;
4. RECOMMENDS a biennial meeting of the Ministers of Culture with the view of defining and harmonising the programme of cultural activities in Africa.

**RESOLUTION ON ISRAEL AGGRESSION AGAINST**

**UGANDA**

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirteenth Ordinary Session at Port Louis, Mauritius, from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> July 1976,

**Having heard** the statement of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uganda;

**Deeply alarmed** about the Israeli aggression on Uganda which constitutes a threat to international peace and security;

**Considering** that an aggression against one OAU Member State, is aggression against all Member States requiring collective measure to repel it;

**Believing** that such aggression results from the policy of cooperation between Israel and South Africa which aims at threatening the independence and territorial integrity of all African and Arab States and to undermine the aim of Africa to liberate the territories which are still under colonialism and racist domination in the Southern part of Africa,

1. **Strongly condemns** the Israeli aggression against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Uganda; the deliberate killing and injuring of people and wanton destruction of property; and for having thwarted the humanitarian efforts by the President of Uganda to have the hostages released;
2. **Calls** for an immediate meeting of the United Nations Security Council with a view to taking all appropriate measures against Israel, including measures under Chapter 7 of the United Nations Charter;
3. **Expresses** its full support to Uganda and its appreciation to its president for the humanitarian role he has played;

4. **Decides** to send a message of solidarity, support and condolence to the President and people of Uganda; and
5. **Calls upon** all African States to intensify their efforts in order to isolate Israel and compel her to change her aggressive policy;
6. **Calls upon** Member States of the OAU to assist Uganda to retrieve much of what she has lost;
7. **Mandates** the Current Chairman of the Council of Ministers and Guinea and Egypt to assist Uganda in putting the case before the Security Council.



**MOTION OF THANKS PRESENTED BY MAUTINANIA**

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity who met at Port Louis, Mauritius from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> July 1976, for the Thirteenth Ordinary Session of the OAU Summit;

Deeply touched by the fraternal and warm welcome which was shown to them by the Mauritian people and government;

Particularly sensitive to the special attention accorded to them during all their stay in the beautiful and brotherly country of Mauritius;

Highly appreciating all the facilities put at the disposal of all delegations as well as the efforts deployed with the aim of ensuring the greatest success of work for the Conference;

1. EXPRESS their deep thanks and their warm congratulations to the Mauritian people and brotherly government;
2. EXPRESS their profound gratitudes and their sincere congratulations to His Excellency Sir Soorwoosagur Ramgoolam, Prime Minister and Head of Mauritian Government for the resounding success of the Conference.

**MOTION OF CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE**  
**O.A.U.**

**Mr. Chairman,**

At the moment when we are winding up the work for the 13<sup>th</sup> Summit Conference of Heads of State and Government of the OAU a fruitful and enriching Session whose decisions constitute a turning point in the life of our Organization and our continent feel duty-bound to pay special homage to our brother William Eteki Mboumoua, Administrative Secretary-General of our Organization for his devotions and political courage which has been put to test in the course of the past year and to encourage him to pursue with the same spirit the implementation of the decisions and resolutions of our Assembly.

This homage is also paid to his Assistant Secretaries-General and to the Secretariat as a whole.

**Mr. Chairman,**

This motion of encouragement, that I have the honor to submit to our august Assembly for consideration and approval.

**MOTION OF CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE**  
**U.N.**

**Mr. Chairman,**

**My delegation feels that in order to reinforce the bonds of co-operation between the United Nations and the OAU, our august Assembly;**

**Which took note of the speech delivered by Dr. Kurt Waldheim, Secretary-General of the United Nations, and the clear and courageous positions which he has taken not only concerning the decolonization of Africa but also for the establishment of a new world economic order, just and equitable,**

**Our Assembly, I feel, in its wisdom should reiterate to the Secretary-General our satisfaction and our encouragement for the work accomplished.**

**I submit, Mr. Chairman, one more motion for your kind attention and approval.**

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