

RESOLUTION ON CHAD

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its 17th Ordinary Session in Freetown, Sierra Leone from 1 to 4 July 1980,

Bearing in mind the essential provisions of the Lagos Accord concerning the formation of a Transitional National Union Government, the establishment of a Ceasefire over the entire territory of Chad, the demilitarization of N'Djamena, the arrival of Neutral OAU Force in Chad and the holding of free elections within a period of eighteen months,

Recalling resolution CM/Res. 769 (XXXV) by which the Council of Ministers approved the despatch to Chad of an OAU Peace-Keeping Force composed of contingents from Benin, Congo and Guinea,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Chad,

Deeply concerned over the continued hostilities in Chad, especially in N'Djamena, which have caused thousands of casualties both dead and injured, and a massive flow of refugees into neighbouring countries, and the displacement of people from their homes within Chad itself,

Considering the fact that the efforts being made by the Transitional National Union Government both in pursuance of the Lagos Accord and to end the hostilities in N'Djamena are being undermined by repeated acts of interference by African and foreign powers,

Concerned by the fact that so far the OAU has not been able to raise the financial and material assistance, necessary to establish a peace-keeping force in Chad, to enforce cease-fire that might be negotiated,

Further concerned that the internecine carnage and destruction of property in the Republic of Chad may continue unless prompt and effective action is taken:

1. TAKES NOTE of the report of the Secretary-General of the OAU;

2. **REAFFIRMS** the validity of the Lagos Accord as the basis for the settlement of the Chadian crisis;
3. **REAFFIRMS** support for the Transitional National Union Government headed by the President of that Government and appeals to all OAU Member States to continue to support the Traditional National Union Government in its efforts to resolve the Chadian crisis;
4. **APPEALS** to the Chadians to make every effort to implement cease-fire in accordance with the Lagos Accord;
5. **DECIDES** to make one further attempt to find an African solution to the crisis, particularly with regard to the provision of the Neutral OAU Forces by requesting African States which are in a position to provide Peace-Keeping Forces at their own expenses in accordance with conditions to be determined at the Summit, it being understood that logistic and operational costs be met from voluntary contributions;
6. **FURTHER DECIDES** that in the event of failure by the OAU to raise the necessary funds of the Peace-Keeping Force by its own effort after a period of one month, the UN Security Council will be requested, through the African Group, for assistance, particularly the necessary financial means to enable peace to be restored in Chad;
7. **EXPRESSES APPRECIATION** to those countries and eminent persons who have so far made excellent contribution to the solution of the Chadian problem.

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