

**RECOMMENDATION ON THE ITEM CONCERNING**  
**AN AFRICAN DEFENCE SYSTEM**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twenty-Fifth Ordinary Session in Kampala, Uganda, from 18 to 25 July 1975,

**Taking note** of the report of the Administrative Secretary-General on the item concerning the Co-ordination of Africa's Defence System,

**Considering** the recommendations of the OAU Defence Commission which is adopted during its Fifth Ordinary Session contained in Document CM/655 (XXV),

**Convinced** of the determination of the OAU Member States to step up the process of decolonization in the remaining African territories still under colonial domination, racial discrimination and apartheid,

**Convinced** of the urgent need for the co-ordination and harmonization of the activities of the OAU Member States in the field of defence and security matters so as to maintain peace and security on the continent of Africa.

**Reaffirming** the recommendations of the Second Ordinary Session of the Defence Commission which met in Freetown from 2 – 4 February 1965 and in particular paragraph 1 of that recommendation concerning the establishment of an African Defence Organization for the maintenance of peace, contained in Document Dec. DEF.Res/3 (II) of 4 February 1965 adopted by the Second Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government held in Accra in September 1965,

1. **CALLS** on all OAU Member States to continue in their efforts to co-operate in the field of Defence and Security in accordance with the provisions of Article II of the charter of the Organization of African Unity;
2. **APPEALS** to all OAU Member States to create the political will and atmosphere conducive to the early establishment of an African Common Defence system.