## **RESOLUTION ON SPORTING LINKS WITH SOUTH AFRICA**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of Africa Unity, meeting in its Twent y-Eight Ordinary Session in Lome, Togo, from 21 to 28 February 1977.

**Recalling** Resolution CM/Res. 488 (XXVII) of 1976 on sporting links with South Africa.

**Noting** the impressive impact of the concerted action of the OAU General Secretariat, the Supreme Council of sports in Africa, African States and their friendly allies, in boycotting the 1976 Montreal Olympic Games as a sign of disapproval of the participation of New Zealand Country which collaborates with South Africa in the filed of Sports,

**Considering** that the New Zealand authorities have not taken effective measures to cut sporting links between New Zealand and apartheid South Africa,

<u>Conscious</u> of the concerted action of certain interested parties to undermine the solidarity demonstrated by Africa and some other countries that supported the cause of justice in the Montreal boycott,

- 1. **REITERATES** its strong condemnation of all countries and International Organizations which still maintain sporting links with apartheid South Africa,
- 2. **PRAISES** the courage of all OAU Member States and International Organization which boycotted the 1976 Montreal Olympic Games as a sign of solidarity with the suppressed people of South Africa;
- 3. **APPEALS** to all countries particularly New Zealand to withdraw support for apart heid by cutting sporting links with Racist South Africa;
- 4. **CALLS UPON** all OAU Members to refrain from participating in all sporting events taking place in 1977 and 1978 in which New Zealand or any other country maintaining sporting links with South Africa would participate;

- 5. **CALLS UPON** the International Community to continue to demonstrate its solidarity with Africa in this struggle against apartheid;
- 6. **REQUESTS** the OAU Secretary-General, in co-operation with the Supreme Council for Sports in Africa, to follow-up the implementation of this Resolution.