RESOLUTION ON THE INITIATIVES ENVISAGED WITHIN THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND MOVES MADE BY THE UNITED KINGDOM CONSERVATIVE PARTY PARLIAMENTARIANS TO SEND TEAMS TO OBSERVE THE SO-CALLED ELECTIONS IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA

The Council of Minister of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirty- Second Ordinary Session in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya, from 23 February to 4 March, 1979,

**Having received** information according to which initiatives were taken within the US Congress and the UK conservative Party to send teams to observe the proposed so-called elections in Southern Rhodesia,

**Considering** that the OAU, the UN Security Council and the UN General Assembly have condemned and rejected the so-called internal settlement which is the basis for these bogus elections,

**Further Considering** that the United Nations Security Council has determined that the rebel Rhodesia Government is illegal under international law,

**Convinced** that the proposed elections are blatant attempt to confer legitimacy to the illegal regime of Ian Smith and the so-called internal settlement:

1. **CONDEMNS** the initiatives taken within the United States Congress and the moves made by the United Kingdom Conservative Party to send observers to the so-called elections in Southern Rhodesia;
2. **DRAWS** the particular attention of the United Kingdom – the Administering Power to the grave consequences of the decision taken by one of the parties of its Parliament to send observers to the so-called elections in Southern Rhodesia;
3. **DEMANDS** that the US Government do all in its power to ensure that its Congress or any of its citizens are not sent to observe the forthcoming so-called elections in Southern Rhodesia;
4. **SOLEMNLY REAFFIRMS** that any representation at the so-called elections would be in contravention of OAU and UN resolutions;
5. **FURTHER REAFFIRMS** that these elections calculated to circumvent a genuine independence of the struggle in Zimbabwe as null and void;
6. **CONDEMNS** these maneuvers which will only prolong the suffering of the Zimbabweans and lead to the escalation of the conflict;
7. **CALLS** on the international community to refrain from any action that could conceivably lend the elections credibility and legitimacy;
8. **REJECTS** any entity which may emerge as a result of the proposed elections.