

**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 Ministers 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.