

## **AFRICAN NON-ALIGNMENT**

The Council of Ministers meeting in its Second Extraordinary Session in Lagos, Nigeria, from 24 to 29 February 1964,

**Recalling** the decision of the African States to follow a policy of non-alignment with regard to all blocks as enshrined in paragraph 7 of Article III of the Charter of the Organization of African Unity,

**Conscious** of the necessity to promote the unity and solidarity of the African States, conforming to paragraph I (a) of Article II of the Charter,

**Desirous** of co-operating and harmonizing the foreign policies of the Member States in order to bring about the realization of African Unity in conformity with paragraph 2 (a) of Article II of the Charter,

**Conscious** of the role of the African States in maintaining international peace and security and believing in peaceful, co-operative co-existence between different systems of government and ideologies,

**Dedicated** to the economic and social advancement of our Continent, for the welfare and well-being of our peoples and for the creation of a new image of the dignity of man in Africa,

**Inspired** by the success so far achieved through the policy of non-alignment which is no longer a principle of passive neutrality but a positive and progressive policy, the worth of which is being recognized by the various powers in the international community,

**Convinced** that Afro-Asian co-operation in all fields should be maintained in order to ensure the complete eradication of imperialism in all its aspects and to maintain international peace and security,

1. **RECOMMENDS** to African States the co-ordination of their foreign policies, especially in the non-alignment approach vis-à-vis the existing World Bloc Powers, as an acceptable safeguard for African freedom, stability and prosperity;

2. **AGREES** to report to direct consultation among African States in order to put their solemn resolve into practice;
3. **RECOMMENDS** the removal of commitments, as soon as possible, which would militate against a consistent policy of non-alignment;
4. **REAFFIRMS** its determination to give priority to the consolidation of African Unity in conformity with the charter, and the reinforcement of Afro-Asian solidarity;
5. **DECIDES** to maintain direct consultation between Member States of the Organization of African Unity regarding future international conferences, either as sponsors of participants, in order to establish and preserve a coherent and united position.