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.