

**DRAFT PROTOCOL ON MEDIATION, CONCILIATION
AND ARBITRATION**

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

Having considered the report submitted by the Committee of Experts set up to examine the various drafts of the Protocol of Mediation, Conciliation and Arbitration which were submitted,

Having noted that the Committee has carefully studied the various drafts in the light of the provisions of Article XIX of the Charter of the Organization of African Unity and of international law and practice in the fields of mediation and conciliation on the one hand, and arbitration on the other,

Bearing in mind that there are certain fundamental differences in procedure and legal effects between the two processes, and that it is necessary and desirable to reflect these differences in the final Protocol,

Conscious of the fact that the final Protocol would be more effective in achieving the primary objectives of Article XIX of the Charter of the Organization of African Unity if these differences are reflected therein,

Anxious that the date of submission of the Protocol to the Assembly of Heads of State and Government for approval should not be later than originally envisaged,

1. **DECIDES** to circulate the Draft Protocol prepared by the Committee of Seven to all Member States;
2. **REQUESTS** the Member States to forward to the Provisional Secretariat not later than 15 April 1964 their comments on the Draft Protocol;
3. **DIRECTS** the Provisional Secretariat to convene a meeting of the committee of Seven in Cairo not later than 15 May 1964 to finalize a text for consideration of the Council of Ministers prior to the meeting of the Assembly of Heads of State

and Government and to circulate the final text prepared by the Committee to all Member States.