

RESOLUTION ON SOUTH WEST AFRICA

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Seventh Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, from 31 October to 4 November 1966,

Recalling Article II (d) and Article III (6) of the Charter of the Organization of African Unity and resolution CIAS/PLEN.2/Rev. 2 of May 1963 on the question of South West Africa,

Reaffirming the inalienable right of the people of South West Africa to freedom and independence in accordance with the Charter of the OAU, the United Nations Charter and the relevant resolutions of the OAU and the United Nations; and in particular the UN General Assembly Resolution 1514 (XV) containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

Taking note of the resolution of 27 October 1966 by the General Assembly of the United Nations:

- (a) reaffirming that the people of South West Africa have the inalienable right to self-determination, freedom and independence in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, and that South West Africa shall maintain its international status until it achieves independence;
- (b) deciding that the mandate conferred upon His Britannic Majesty to be exercised on his behalf by the Government of the Union of South Africa is terminated, that South Africa has no other right to administer the territory, and that henceforth South West Africa comes under the direct responsibility of the United Nations;
- (c) resolving that in these circumstances the United Nations must discharge those responsibilities on behalf of the United Nations; and
- (d) calling upon the South African Government forthwith to refrain and desist from any action, constitutional, administrative, political or otherwise, which

may in any manner whatsoever alter or tend to alter the present international status of South West Africa;

Welcoming with satisfaction the fact that by this resolution the UN General Assembly has unequivocally terminated the mandate of the Government of South Africa over South West Africa; and therefore, the Government of South Africa has no right whatever to exercise authority in any form in South West Africa;

1. **CONSIDERS** that the continued domination of South West Africa by South Africa constitutes an illegal military occupation of an African sister country;
2. **CALLS UPON** all Member States to spare no efforts in helping the people of South West Africa to rid themselves of foreign occupation in order to exercise their inalienable right to freedom and independence; and **URGES** the Coordinating Committee for the Liberation of Africa to give priority to the termination of the occupation of South West Africa;
3. **CALLS UPON** the various organs of the United Nations to take all measures deemed necessary its Charter to put into immediate effect the General Assembly's resolution of October 27 1966 on South West Africa to terminate this oppressive, illegal occupation of South West Africa;
4. **PLEDGES** wholehearted co-operation with the United Nations in discharging its responsibilities with respect to South West Africa and **URGES** all its Member States in the light of the aforementioned UN General Assembly resolution to communicate to the Secretary-General of the UN the manner of the extent of material support they are ready to place before the UN for the effective implementation of the UN resolution;
5. **URGES** all States which have not yet done so to refrain from supplying arms, military equipment, petroleum or petroleum products to South Africa.