CM/Res. 175 (XII)

RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE LIBERATION OF AFRICA

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twelfth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 17 to 22 February 1969, recommends as follows:

1. That in view of the fact that little progress has been made in the liberation struggle during the period from September 1968 to February 1969, that a review of the strategy in the conduct of the armed struggle should be effected. The Ad hoc Committee of 17 Military Experts should therefore be convened to study ways and means of implementing such a strategy.

In addition the Ad Hoc Committee should study the following:

* 1. Distribution of means of struggle
  2. Storage of war equipment
  3. Improvement of transit facilities

The report of the Ad hoc Committee of 17 Military Experts should be submitted to the 15th session of the Co-ordinating Committee for the Liberation of Africa which would in turn submit its recommendation to the next session of the Council of Ministers.

1. Since there is a necessity for Member States of the OAU to associate themselves more closely with the activities of the Liberation Committee, it would be appropriate that all members of OAU attend the meetings of the Committee as observers without participating in the debates. The liberation Committee will reserve the right, in order to continue safeguarding the secrecy of its work, not to circulate documents to those Member States who have diplomatic relations with Portugal and the regimes of Pretoria and Salisbury.
2. Following an extensive discussion on the interpretation of the resolution CM/. Res.136

(X) of the Fifth Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government, concerning the review of the status of FNLA as a government in exile, the council of Ministers recommends to the Assembly of Heads of State and Government that it review the status of FNLA and make a definite pronouncement on this issue during its next session.

1. That regular military bulletins on the activities of the carious liberation movements should be circulated to Member States of the OAU which have no diplomatic relations with Portugal and the regimes of Pretoria and Salisbury by the Liberation Committee. For the implementation of this recommendation, the necessary financial provisions should be made by the Council.
2. That the Administrative Secretary General in conjunction with the Sub-Committee appointed by the Advisory committee on Budgetary matters should,
3. Investigate the root-cause of non-contribution by Member States to the Special Fund and the reasons accounting for the loss of enthusiasm in the Liberation Committee.
4. Examine the problems confronting the Liberation Committee, and present such recommendation as would help the Committee in the execution of its assignment.
5. Invite the attention of the Executive Secretariat of the Liberation committee to the need for adoption of an improved accounting system.
6. Investigate the problems which beset the functioning of the Executive Secretariat.
7. That the Executive Secretariat of the Liberation Committee is requested to prepare and submit to the Standing Committee on Defence a regular inventory of receipts and disposition of arms and other war materials bought, or donated to the Liberation Committee for the Liberation Movements.
8. That the Council of Ministers approve the recommendations of the Liberation Committee concerning the establishment of a Sub-Committee which would carry out a thorough study of the division within the leadership of the Pan-Africanist Congress (P.A.C.) of South Africa with a view to recommending on the genuine leadership of that Liberation Movement.
9. That the Council of Ministers approve the recommendation of the Liberation Committee that the Executive Secretariat should make the necessary administrative arrangements for the training and deployment of the P.A.C. cadres now stationed in Tanzania and whatever other arrangements it may deem fit for the purpose of maintaining liaison with the training camps and the cadres of P.A.C.