

RECOMMENDATION BY OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS TO OAU
HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT REGARDING SUPPLY
OF ARMS TO THE RACIST REGIME OF SOUTH AFRICA

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifteenth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 24 to 31 August 1970,

Having considered the question of the sales of arms to South Africa;

Gravely concerned by the continued and intended supply of arms of destruction to the oppressive and racist regime of South Africa by France, United Kingdom, West Germany and any other government, in defiance of Security Council Resolutions 182 (1963), 183 (1963), 191 (1964), 282 (1970),

Convinced that this practice constitutes a serious threat to international Peace and Security,

Recognizing that the extensive arms build-up of the Military Forces of South Africa poses a real threat to the Security and Sovereignty of Independent African States:

1. UNANIMOUSLY CONDEMNS the actions of these States whether actual or intended,
2. DEPLORES the declared intention of the United Kingdom Government to resume the sale of arms to the oppressive and racist regime of South Africa and calls upon its note to proceed with its declared intention,
3. RECOMMENDS to the Seventh Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the OAU to write jointly, through its current Chairman, to the Heads of the Governments concerned, strongly deploring their action of selling arms to

South Africa and requesting them to cease forthwith all actions contravening the Resolutions of the Security Council relative to Southern Africa in the interest of International Peace and Security, the freedom and stability of area,

4. FURTHER RECOMMENDS that all Governments exert maximum pressure on those governments supplying or intending to supply arms to South Africa in order to stop such sales of arms and to abide by all the Resolutions of the United Nations Security Council on this subject,
5. RECOMMENDS also to the Assembly of Heads of State and Government to mandate a delegation of Foreign Ministers to prevail upon the governments concerned to stop selling arms to South Africa and also to stop assisting in the manufacture of arms in South Africa.
6. RECOMMENDS that these States, some of which are permanent members of the Security Council of the United Nations, be reminded of their responsibility under the United Nations Charter for the maintenance of International Peace and Security so manifestly threatened by their action,
7. FURTHER RECOMMENDS that the OAU continue to follow up this issue in order to explore every possible effective counter measures, and that this item be maintained on the agenda of the Council of Ministers.