

RESOLUTION ON THE SITUATION IN SOMALIA

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty -sixth Ordinary Session in Dakar, Senegal, from 22 to 28 June 1992,

Having heard the Report of the Secretary-General on the Situation in Somalia,

Gravely concerned about the situation prevailing in Somalia and its tragic consequences particularly with respect to the civilian population,

Considering the effects of the Somali conflict on peace and stability in the region,

Considering the laudable efforts made jointly by the United Nations, the Organization of African Unity, the League of Arab States and the Organization of Islamic Conference to restore peace and security to Somalia, and, taking note of the ceasefire agreement signed on 3 March 1992,

Noting with satisfaction the efforts made by the Current Chairman of the OAU as well as the laudable initiatives taken by the States of the region to find a solution to the refugee problems and ensure that relief aid reach the suffering people, while encouraging the process of dialogue between the various factions in Somalia,

Convinced of the need for a ceasefire agreement applicable throughout the Somali territory and the holding of a National Reconciliation Conference,

Welcoming the efforts made by the international community in providing humanitarian assistance to the Somali people:

1. TAKES NOTE of the Secretary-General's report;
2. CALLS UPON all Somali factions to commit themselves to the ceasefire and assume their responsibility by working towards the convening of a National Reconciliation Conference as soon as possible;
3. STRESSES the unity, inviolability and territorial integrity of Somalia, ENCOURAGES the States of the region to pursue their efforts aimed at promoting peace in Somalia and preserving region stability and CALLS ON them to redouble efforts to convene the National Reconciliation Conference in close cooperation with the OAU, the United Nations, the League of Arab State and the Islamic Conference Organization;

4. REQUESTS the Bureau of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government to deploy efforts at reaching an agreement on a suitable formula of achieving reconciliation and peace in Somalia;
5. URGES the Secretary-General of the OAU to work in close collaboration with the United Nations Secretary-General towards the implementation of the UN Security Resolution 733 (1992) in its entirety;
6. EXPRESSES ITS GRATITUDE to the States and international organizations which are supplying humanitarian assistance to the affected population.