

RESOLUTION ON THE SITUATION IN RWANDA

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Sixty-first Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 23 to 27 January, 1995,

Having considered the Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Rwanda, Document CM/1861 (LXI),

Appreciative of the efforts which the Secretary-General continues to make in collaboration with the leaders of Rwanda and the countries of the region in order to consolidate peace in Rwanda,

Having heard the statement of the Representative of the Government of Rwanda,

Indignant at the genocide and massacres perpetrated in Rwanda,

Noting with satisfaction the measures and the initiatives being taken by the Government of Rwanda to guarantee security throughout the national territory, as well as its policy of reconciliation and unity,

Expressing deep concern over the insecurity situation prevailing in the refugee camps and in the camps of displaced persons created more particularly by the activities of the militia and the former soldiers who continue to intimidate, and, in some cases, to kill bona fide refugees and prevent them from returning to Rwanda,

Aware of the difficulties facing the Government of Rwanda borne out of the fact that the public aid the donor international community has promised to provide has yet to be received to ensure the smooth functioning of the administrative machinery,

Appreciative of the US\$600 million dollar aid pledged at the Geneva Round Table to the Government and people of Rwanda,

Noting with satisfaction the generous hospitality of the neighbouring countries, especially Zaire, Tanzania and Burundi which have played host to nearly 2 million Rwandan refugees who fled their country in the wake of the war, genocide and instigation to murder, etc...

Concerned at the fact that the refugee population has become a hostage of politicians, soldiers and militia of the former regime,

Calling for the identification and trial of the perpetrators of the genocide and massacres in Rwanda,

Further concerned over the reports of arms trafficking in the region, particularly in the refugee camps,

Expressing satisfaction at the humanitarian role being played by the United Nations and other international organizations as well as non-governmental agencies in Rwanda and in the countries of asylum,

Recalling with satisfaction the convening of the Nairobi regional Summit on 7 January 1995 and the adoption of resolutions aimed at finding durable solutions to the

situation in Rwanda,

Expressing its gratitude to the African countries which have generously provided contingents to the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda (UNAMIR) and EXPRESSING

satisfaction particularly for the laudable and exemplary role played by the African troops which have remained in Rwanda during the entire period of the war, the genocide and the massacres:

- 1 TAKES NOTE of the report of the Secretary-General and URGES him to pursue his relentless efforts aimed at contributing to the consolidation of lasting peace in Rwanda;
- 2 TAKES NOTE AND ENDORSES the resolutions of the Nairobi Regional Summit of 7 January, 1995, and URGES all Member States concerned and the International Community as a whole to work for their implementation;
- 3 CONDEMNS the genocide and the massacres which have taken place in Rwanda and REQUESTS, in accordance with the conclusions and outcome of the Nairobi Regional Summit (7 January 1995) , that the international community, the UN and the Security Council accelerate the operational process of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda;
- 4 REQUESTS the OAU and African countries to cooperate fully with the International Tribunal for Rwanda;

- 5 COMMENDS the neighbouring countries which, despite their own problems, continue to offer hospitality to Rwandan refugees and URGES them to continue to do everything in their power, including regular consultations, in order to create propitious conditions for the voluntary repatriation of the Rwandese refugees, the consolidation of peace, security and stability in Rwanda and in the region;

- 6 CONDEMNS the acts of intimidation, assassination and execution by the soldiers of the former Government and the militia, of innocent refugees who wish to return home;

- 7 REQUESTS that, in the Rwanda refugee camps, the soldiers of the former Government and the militia be disarmed and separated as early as possible from the innocent population, pursuant to the resolutions of the Nairobi Summit;

- 8 STRONGLY URGES the United Nations and indeed the International Community as a whole to take the necessary measure including logistical and financial support to the asylum countries (Zaire and Tanzania in particular) to enable them to carry out the separation of the militias and former army personnel from the bonafide refugees within the camps. In this regard, CALLS ON the African Group at the UN in cooperation with Non-Aligned Caucus to take up this matter with the UN Secretary-General and the President of the UN Security Council without delay;

- 9 CALLS ON the neighbouring countries of Rwanda and other countries to take appropriate measures to ensure that no acts of destabilization (arms trafficking and military operations) originate from their countries against Rwanda and URGES the Government of Rwanda to do everything possible to establish the necessary conditions and atmosphere conducive to the return of refugees;

- 10 EXPRESSES APPRECIATION for the work of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda (UNAMIR) as well as the significant participation of African countries from Chad, Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, Egypt, Malawi, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Togo, Tunisia, Zambia and Zimbabwe;
- 11 EXPRESSES ITS GRATITUDE to the donor countries for the financial and other forms of assistance that they have pledged to give Rwanda and REQUESTS that they accelerate the release of that assistance while ensuring that there are no conditions attached;
- 12 EQUALLY EXPRESSES APPRECIATION to the international humanitarian organizations, including the NGOs, for their role in meeting the needs of the refugees and displaced persons and contributing to their return;
- 13 CALLS ON the countries concerned to assist the government of Rwanda in the recovery of State and private property and equipment plundered in Rwanda;
- 14 CALLS ON the Secretary-General to continue to closely monitor developments of the situation in Rwanda and to submit a report thereon to the next Session of the Council of Ministers.