

RESOLUTION ON THE SITUATION IN SIERRA LEONE

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Sixty-Second Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 21 to 23 June, 1995,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Sierra Leone as contained in Document CM/1884 (LXII) F,

Having heard the statements of the delegation of Sierra Leone on the prevailing situation in Sierra Leone,

Deeply concerned with the tragic events that have been taking place in Sierra Leone which have resulted in the loss of life, massive destruction of property and displacement of the civilian population in the country and outflow of refugees into neighbouring countries:

1. **EXPRESSES GRAVE CONCERN** over the worsening conflict situation in Sierra Leone which has resulted in the loss of life, large-scale destruction of property, and massive displacement of the civilian population within the country as well as the flight of hundreds of thousands of Sierra Leoneans into neighbouring countries as refugees;
2. **TAKES NOTE** of the declared willingness of the Government of Sierra Leone to pursue a negotiated settlement of the conflict and also **APPEALS** to the Revolutionary United Front to respond positively to the offer;
- **3. **CALLS ON** all parties to declare an immediate cessation of hostilities, and welcomes the release of a number of hostages by the Revolutionary United Front, while **URGING** them to release the rest;
4. **APPEALS** to Member States of the OAU and to the International Community to extend humanitarian assistance to the increasing number of Sierra Leoneans who have been internally displaced as well as to those who have had flee to neighbouring countries, especially Guinea;
5. **REQUESTS** the Secretary-General to do all within his power to establish and maintain contacts with all the concerned parties, in order to assist the people of Sierra Leone in initiating, as soon as possible, a process of national reconciliation aimed at restoring peace and stability in the country.

** Reservation by Sierra Leone on paragraph 3.