

RESOLUTION ON WESTERN SAHARA

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Eighteenth Ordinary Session in Nairobi, Kenya, from 24 to 27 June, 1981,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on Western Sahara (Doc. AHG/103 (XVIII A) and the Reports of the Fifth and Sixth Sessions of the **Ad-Hoc** Committee of Heads of State on Western Sahara (DOC.AHG/103 (XVIII) B) and AHG/103 (XVIII) C) respectively,

Having heard the statements made by His Majesty King Hassan II of Morocco, the Heads of State of Mauritania and Algeria as well as those made by various Heads of State and Government and leaders of delegations,

Noting with appreciation the solemn commitment made by His Majesty King Hassan II to accept the holding of referendum in the Western Sahara to enable the people of that territory to exercise their right to self-determination,

Noting further with appreciation, His Majesty Kings Hassan's acceptance of the Recommendation of the Sixth Session of the **Ad-Hoc** Committee of heads of State on Western Sahara contained in document AHG/103 (XVIII) B Annex I as well as his pledge to co-operate with the **Ad-Hoc** Committee in the search for a just, peaceful and lasting solution,

Recalling its previous Resolutions and Decisions on the question of Western Sahara:

1. **ADOPTS** the Reports of the Secretary-General on the Western Sahara and those of the Fifth and Sixth Sessions of the Ad-Hoc Committee of Heads of State on Western Sahara and endorses the recommendations contained therein (Doc. (AHG/103 (XVIII) and congratulates the **Ad-Hoc** Committee of Heads of State on Western Sahara for the commendable work done in finding a peaceful solution to the problem of Western Sahara;

2. **WELCOMES** the solemn commitment made by His Majesty King Hassan II of Morocco for accepting the organization of a referendum in the territory of Western Sahara;
3. **DECIDES** to set up an Implementation Committee with full powers composed of Guinea, Kenya, Mali, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Sudan and Tanzania to ensure, with the co-operation of the concerned parties, the implementations of the Recommendations of the Ad-Hoc Committee;
4. **URGES** the parties to the conflict to observe an immediate cease-fire and **CALLS ON** the Implementation Committee to ensure the observance of the cease-fire without delay;
5. **DIRECTS** the Implementation Committee to meet before the end of August 1981 and in collaboration with the parties in conflict to work out the modalities and all other details relevant to the implementation of the cease-fire and the conduct and administration of the referendum;
6. **REQUESTS** the United Nations in conjunction with the OAU to provide Peace Keeping Force to be stationed in Western Sahara to ensure peace and security during the organization and conduct of the referendum and subsequent elections;
7. **MANDATES** the Implementation Committee with the participation of the United Nations to take all necessary measures to guarantee the exercise by the people of Western Sahara of self-determination through a general and free referendum;
8. **REQUESTS** the Implementation Committee in the discharge of its mandate to take into account the proceedings of the Eighteenth Ordinary Session on the Question of Western Sahara and to this end **INVITES** the OAU Secretary-General to make available the full record of the said proceedings to the Committee.