

**RESOLUTION ON THE FOLLOW UP OF THE INTERNATIONAL  
CONFERENCE ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DISARMAMENT  
AND  
DEVELOPMENT AND THE THIRD SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNITED  
NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON DISARMAMENT**

The Council of Ministers of the Organisation of African Unity, meeting in its Forty-seventh Ordinary Session, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 22 to 27 February 1988,

**Recalling** the Declaration and Programme of Action adopted in Lome in August 1985 on Security, Disarmament and Development in Africa endorsed by the Twenty-third Ordinary Session of the OAU Assembly of Heads of State and Government,

**Recalling** that the Forty-fourth Ordinary Session of the Council had set up an **Ad-Hoc** Committee of 14 to study in detail the Lome Declaration and Programme of Action,

**Bearing in mind** Resolution AHG/Res.64 (XXIII) through which the OAU Assembly of Heads of State and Government had adopted the document prepared by the Committee and requested that it be transmitted to the International Conference on the relationship between Disarmament and Development as a document reflecting the view points of African states on the issue,

**Considering** that the final document A/CONF.130/39 of that International Conference held from 24 August to 11 September 1987, in New York, recognized for the first time that a choice would have to be made between pursuing the arms race and promoting world socio-economic development,

**Having taken note** of the oral report of the Chairman of the **Ad-Hoc** Committee of 14:

- 1. REAFFIRMS its conviction that the implementation of the Lome Declaration and Programme of Action can only have a positive impact on security and development in Africa;**
- 2. NOTES WITH SATISFACTION the recognition by the international community of the moral and political link between disarmament and development and of the need to express this in concrete terms through specific measures at national, regional and international levels;**
- 3. INVITES all Member States of the Organization of African Unity to monitor actively individually and collectively the implementation of the Programme of Action adopted by the International Conference on the relationship between disarmament and development;**
- 4. NOTES with SATISFACTION the recent initiatives taken by the super powers in the field of disarmament as well as the progress made in bilateral and multilateral negotiations on the issue and URGES all the major powers to take into account during the above-mentioned negotiations the specific nature of the problems of disarmament, security and development in the various regions of the world;**
- 5. CALLS UPON all OAU Member States to participate in the Third Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly on Disarmament scheduled to take place in New York from 31 May to 25 June 1988;**
- 6. REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General to follow up on the conclusions of the International Conference on the relationship between Disarmament and Development;**
- 7. REQUESTS the Group of Experts of Member Countries of the Ad-Hoc Committee of 14 at the United Nations to prepare in co-operation with the OAU Secretariat and the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa, a document reflecting the view points of African States on all the issues to be discussed during the Third United Nations Special Session on Disarmament and request, the Secretary-General, to**

**submit a report on the preparations for the Third United Nations Special Session on Disarmament and Development to the 48<sup>th</sup> Session of Council of Ministers;**

- 8. FURTHER REQUESTS the Group of Experts to present the said document to the 48<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Ministers for its approval.**