

**RESOLUTION ON INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE PLIGHT OF
REFUGEES, RETURNEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS IN SOUTHERN
AFRICA OSLO, NORWAY – 22 – 24 AUGUST, 1988**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Forty-eighth Ordinary Session, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 19 to 23 May 1988,

Recalling its Resolution CM/Res.1040 (ZLIV) on the call for the convening of an International Conference on the Plight of Refugees, Returnees and Displaced Persons provoked by aggression and destabilization of the racist Pretoria in Southern Africa,

Noting with satisfaction the Progress Report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for the said International Conference and the offer by the Government of the Kingdom of Norway to host the Conference in Oslo, from 22 to 24 August, 1988,

Noting further the various contributions, financial, material and otherwise by the Nordic countries and the collaborating organizations, namely, UN, UNHCR and UNDP,

Constantly aware of the need for proper preparations for the Conference in order to ensure the full participation and support of the international community including the Member States of the Organization of African Unity:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Progress Report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for the Conference and commends him for his efforts to this end;
2. **EXPRESSES** its gratitude and appreciation to the Government of Norway for offering to host the said Conference in Oslo, Norway, from 22 to 24 August, 1988;

- 3. EXPRESSES FURTHER its thanks and appreciation to the Governments of Norway and the other Nordic countries, (Finland, Denmark and Sweden), the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme for their financial and material support for the preparatory activities of the said Conference;**

- 4. CONDEMNS the Pretoria regime's policy of destabilization and aggression which has caused considerable suffering to the people of Southern Africa;**

- 5. URGES the Secretary-General and the Steering Committee to continue with the preparations for the conference, especially with regard to the sensitization campaign relating thereto, to ensure high-level attendance at the Conference and active participation by OAU Member States and the rest of the international community.**