

RESOLUTION ON THE ARMED CONFLICT IN LIBERIA

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-third Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 25 February to 1 March 1991,

Considering the armed conflict in Liberia and its grave implications,

Taking into account the devastating consequences of the civil war including the incalculable loss of lives, destruction of property, infrastructure and sufferings,

Gravely concerned over the mass exodus of Liberians and the displacement of the population within the country,

Noting with appreciation and gratitude the genuine efforts of the Economic Community of West Africa States (ECOWAS) and the Organization of African Unity (OAU) to bring about a negotiated settlement and peaceful resolution of the conflict,

1. EXPRESSES ITS PROFOUND sympathy and solidarity with the people of Liberia;
2. FURTHER EXPRESSES ITS GRATITUDE to those countries and the rest of the International Community that have extended assistance to the Liberian Refugees and Displaced people;
3. HAILS the laudable efforts deployed by ECOWAS and EXPRESSES ITS TOTAL SUPPORT for its initiatives which led to the Joint Declaration on the Cessation of hostilities and the peaceful resolution of the conflict, as well as The Bamako Final Communiqué of November 1990;
4. EXPRESSES SATISFACTION at the signing in Lome, Togo, on 13 February 1991, of a Formal Cease-fire Agreement by the warring factions and APPEALS to the parties concerned to continue to demonstrate their spirit Of compromise and conciliation in future phases of the peace process;
5. REQUESTS Member States and the International Community to render all necessary assistance to the interim Government and people of Liberia.