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**RESOLUTION ON REPARATION FOR EXPLOITATION AND SLAVERY IN  
AFRICA**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-fourth Ordinary Session in Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria, from 27 May to 1 June 1991,

Recalling the Charter of the Organization of African Unity,

Taking into account the long years of exploitation of Africa through slave trade and colonialism,

Concerned that those crimes committed against Africa and Africans in the Diaspora have largely contributed to its present economic and social under development,

Noting that other groups that were subjected to similar scourges and injustice have received ample reparation and attention,

Desirous to ensure that those powers responsible for the centuries of damage to Africa, take measures to make reparation for the exploitation and slavery of Africa:

1. DECIDES to establish a group of Eminent African and Africans to the Diaspora in the relevant fields to set out clearly the extent of Africa's Exploitation, the liability of the perpetrators and the strategies for Achieving reparation;
2. REQUESTS all African states, Africans, Africans in the Diaspora and others in a position to do so, including the relevant international organizations and bodies to cooperate fully with the Group on the successful discharge of its functions;
3. REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements for the immediate empanelling of the group and for its smooth functioning;
4. FURTHER REQUESTS also the OAU Secretary-General to submit an action-orientated report to the Council at its Fifty-sixth Session.