

RESOLUTION ON BURUNDI

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-ninth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from January 31 to February 4, 1994,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Burundi (Document CM/1803 (LIX)),

Deeply concerned by the situation prevailing in Burundi since the attempted military coup in the night of 20-21 October 1993, during which President Melchior Ndadaye and some high Burundi officials were brutally assassinated,

Deeply distressed by the magnitude of the massacres which followed the coup attempt, resulting in the death of hundreds of people and forcing thousands of Burundi citizens to take refuge in neighbouring countries,

Seriously concerned by the living condition of displaced persons within the country, and Burundi refugees in neighbouring countries,

Fully aware that the coup attempt and the resultant massacres in Burundi were a serious blow to the democratic process not only in that country but also in Africa,

Recalling the decision of the Central Organ to establish an OAU Mission of Protection and Observation for confidence building in Burundi (OMIB):

1. **CONDEMNS** the attempted coup, the political assassinations, the resultant massacres and violence;
2. **EXPRESSES ITS SATISFACTION** at the unequivocal opposition of the International Community to the coup attempt in Burundi;
3. **PAYS TRIBUTE** to President Hosni Mubarak, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt and Current OAU chairman of the OAU, for the efforts being deployed for peace and national reconciliation in Burundi;
4. **COMMENDS** the OAU Secretary-General for all his efforts since the outbreak of the crisis to defuse the tension, promote dialogue and mobilize the necessary resources needed to establish the OAU Mission in Burundi (OMIB);
5. **COMMENDS** the Governments and local communities of neighbouring States for providing asylum to Burundi refugees;
6. **EXPRESSES** profound gratitude to OAU Member States as well as the international community and non-governmental organizations, which have provided or pledged assistance towards the establishment of the OAU Mission in Burundi;

7. **SUPPORTS** the determination and efforts of democratically elected Government, to promote the restoration of democratic institutions in Burundi;
8. **APPEALS** to the people of Burundi and all the political parties to cooperate with the OAU and thereby facilitate the task of its mission, aimed at helping the people of Burundi regain peace, confidence and security within the framework of national reconciliation;
9. **FURTHER APPEALS** for urgent humanitarian assistance for the displaced populations in Burundi and to the refugees in the neighbouring countries of Tanzania, Rwanda and Zaire;
10. **REQUESTS** the OAU Secretary-General to closely monitor the situation and report thereon to the next session of the Council.