

RESOLUTION ON BURUNDI

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Sixtieth Ordinary Session in Tunis, Tunisia, from 6 to 11 June, 1994,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Burundi as contained in Document CM/1831 (LIX),

Deeply saddened by the tragic death of H.E. President Cyprien NTARYAMIRA in a plane crash in Kigali, Rwanda, on 6 April, 1994,

Having heard the statement by the Minister of Co-operation of Burundi,

Gravely concerned by the appalling living conditions both of displaced persons within Burundi and of Burundi refugees in the neighbouring countries,

Recalling the decision of the Central Organ on 15 March 1994 to reconfigure, at the request of the Burundi government, the military component of the OAU Mission in Burundi, OMIB, in order to assist the people of Burundi in regaining confidence and pursuing the process of national reconciliation,

Welcoming the efforts of the OAU to assist Burundi particularly with the establishment of the OMIB:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Burundi;
2. **EXPRESSES** its dismay at and profound sympathy for the tragic death of H.E. PRESIDENT Cyprien NTARYAMIRA, President of the Republic of Burundi;
3. **COMMENDS** the OAU Current Chairman and the OAU and Secretaries-General for all the efforts they have made since the outbreak of the crisis, to defuse tension, promote dialogue and mobilize the necessary resources to mount OMIB;
4. **EXPRESSES** satisfaction at the arrival in Burundi of the contingents constituting the military component of OMIB and appeals to the people of Burundi, the Army and all the political parties to co-operate and facilitate the task of OMIB, aimed at assisting the people of Burundi regain peace, confidence and security within the framework of national reconciliation;
5. **EXPRESSES** its profound gratitude to OAU Member States as well as to the international community, including all those States which have provided or pledged assistance for the establishment and operations of OMIB;
6. **DECIDES** to renew OMIB's mandate for a period of three years with effect from 17 June 1994 and to bear its operational cost, and **APPEALS** to the

international community to provide the mission with financial and logistical support;

7. **COMMENDS** the governments and people of the neighbouring States for their efforts and contributions in the search of solution to the crisis as well as for providing asylum and assistance to refugees from Burundi, as well as the UNHCR and non-governmental organizations for providing humanitarian assistance to the displaced persons and refugees;
8. **APPEALS** for urgent and greater humanitarian assistance for the displaced persons in Burundi and the refugees in the neighbouring countries;
9. **CALLS ON** the political forces, the civilian population and all the people of Burundi to continue to demonstrate a high degree of wisdom and maturity particularly in these crucial moments of re-establishment of the Presidential Institutions;
10. **REQUESTS** the OAU Secretary-General to continue to monitor the situation in Burundi and report on it as well as on the activities of OMIB, to the next session of Council.