

RESOLUTION ON SOUTH AFRICA

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 very important developments in South Africa, especially on the historic and first democratic and non-racial elections which took place on 25, 27 and 28 April, 1994,

Having also considered the report of the Sixty-first Ordinary Session of the Coordinating Committee for the Liberation of Africa,

Having heard the statement of the Foreign Minister of the Republic of South Africa on the new situation obtaining in his country,

Noting that the results of the first democratic and non-racial elections in South Africa were duly certified as free and fair by the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) and by the International Observer Missions based in the country,

Delighted at the fact that the first democratic and non-racial elections in South Africa were conducted in an atmosphere of peace, security and tranquility and that the people of South Africa had demonstrated during the elections a sense of great responsibility and maturity in exercising their sacred and legitimate right to vote,

Noting with satisfaction the participation in the elections of the overwhelming majority of the South African political parties which made the electoral process, to a great extent, an all inclusive one and paved the way for national reconciliation in the country,

Expressing its appreciation to the OAU Member States that sent Observers to South Africa under the leadership of the OAU, and to the international community at large whose massive presence in the country during the electoral process made important contribution to the holding of free and fair elections,

Reiterating its unwavering support for the unity and territorial integrity of South Africa and unequivocally rejecting any attempts aimed at dividing the country,

Welcoming South Africa as a member of the OAU:

1. **WELCOMES** with appreciation and satisfaction the results of the first democratic and non-racial elections which were held on 26, 27 and 28 April, 1994;
2. **CONGRATULATES** the people of South Africa for the disciplined, orderly and peaceful manner in which they exercised their right to vote during the elections and **COMMENDS** the efforts made by each and every South African which made it possible to hold the elections in an atmosphere free from any acts of violence and intimidation;

3. **COMMENDS** all the leaders of the parties which took part in the elections, for displaying a spirit of accommodation and demonstrating their willingness to work towards national reconciliation and nation-building of their country;
4. **APPEALS** to all parties in South Africa to spare no efforts in facing up to their responsibilities and extend their full support to the government of National Unity in building peace, security and national reconciliation;
5. **EXPRESSES** its appreciation to the OAU Member States and to the international community as a whole for the outstanding role they had played throughout the struggle against the system of apartheid and for sending observers to the April elections thus greatly contributing to the achievement of the objective of transforming South Africa into a democratic, non-racial and united country;
6. **REITERATES** its unflinching support for the unity and territorial integrity of South Africa and strongly **OPPOSES** any attempts aimed at dividing the country;
7. **WELCOMES** South Africa as the Fifty-third Member of the OAU and **EXPRESSES** confidence that it will play a significant role in strengthening the African family of nations.