

RESOLUTION ON SOMALIA

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Sixty-Second Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 21 to 23 June, 1995,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Somalia, Document CM/1884 (LXII) A,

Having listened to the statement on Somalia by the Foreign Minister of Ethiopia,

Noting with satisfaction the results of the mission undertaken by the Somali Elders from Ethiopia, as well as the visit to Somalia by a tripartite delegation from OAU Secretariat, Ethiopia and Tunisia,

Expressing concern over the latest development in Somalia and over the stalemate currently encountered in the process of national reconciliation,

Expressing the urgent need on the part of the international community to provide humanitarian assistance to Somalia and to contribute to the reconstruction and rehabilitation of the country;

Reaffirming the imperative need to establish and maintain a secure atmosphere conducive to humanitarian activities as well as the peace process to take place in Somalia;

Recognizing the major role expected to be played by Africa in the settlement of the Somali conflict:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the report of the Secretary-General;
2. **PAYS TRIBUTE** to H.E. President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali of Tunisia, Current Chairman of the OAU, H.E. Meles Zenawi, President of the Transitional Government of Ethiopia, and the Secretary General of the OAU on their relentless efforts in the search for a negotiated political solution for the Somali problem, as mandated by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the OAU;

3. **URGES** the Somali Leaders to act with a sense of urgency to promote dialogue aimed at ensuring the formation of a broad based national authority at national reconciliation;
4. **CALLS ON** all Somali factions to desist from activities that might lead the country into further generalized war;
5. **UNDERLINES** the need for close monitoring by the OAU of developments in Somalia and for the tripartite mission set up in Tunis at the 2nd meeting of the Central Organ at Heads of State level, to continue with its efforts in assisting the people of Somalia achieve national reconciliation;
6. **CALLS UPON** the International Community to continue rendering adequate assistance to the people of Somalia in the areas of recovery, rehabilitation and humanitarian relief supplies;
7. **URGES** the Somali Leaders to do everything possible to facilitate the flow of humanitarian assistance to the internally displaced population in need;
8. **STRESSES** the importance of international and other regional Organizations (UN, League of Arab States, Organization of Islamic Conference, IGADD) to closely coordinate with the OAU in their efforts to assist the Somali people restore peace, stability and national reconciliation;
9. **REQUESTS** the Secretary-General to report to the next Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers on the prevailing situation in Somalia.