

RESOLUTION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TREATY
DECLARING AFRICA A NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONE

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,

Recalling Resolution AHG/Res.11 (I) on the Denuclearisation of Africa adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government in Cairo, in 1964,

Reaffirming its previous resolutions on global disarmament and the denuclearisation of Africa, namely: Resolutions CM/Res.3 (I), CM/Res.28 (II), CM/Res.718 (XXXIII), CM/Res.1101 (LVI) Rev.1, CM/Res.1342 (LIV) and CM/Res.1395 (LVI),

Further recalling its Resolution CM/Res.1529 (LX) requesting the Secretary-General to convene a joint meeting of the OAU Inter-governmental Expert's Group and the OAU/UN Expert's Group to study the draft Treaty and submit to it a final report thereon,

Bearing in mind relevant United Nations resolutions on this issue,

Recognizing that the establishment of nuclear weapon free-zones contribute to strengthening the international non-proliferation regime,

Aware of the offer of the Government of the Arab Republic Egypt to host the signing ceremony, and that of the Republic of South Africa to host the Headquarters of the African Nuclear Energy Commission,

Considering the fact that the joint meeting of the two Expert's Groups has taken place in Johannesburg (South Africa) from 29 May – 2 June, 1995, and that the final text of the draft PELINDABA Treaty Declaring Africa a Nuclear Free Zone was tabled at the session,

Having considered and amended the report of the Experts as well as the Draft Pelindaba Treaty as contained in Document CM 118 (LXII),

Taking into account that the text under consideration had taken into account the comments and observations of OAU Member States:

1. **TAKES NOTE AND ENDORSES** the report of the joint meeting of the OAU Inter-governmental Expert's Group and the OAU/UN Experts Group as contained in Document CM/318 (LXII) and as amended subsequently;
2. **AGREES** that the application of the African Nuclear Weapon Free-Zone should be without prejudice to the territorial integrity and sovereignty of OAU Member States;
3. **EXPRESSES ITS PROFOUND** gratitude and appreciation to the Government and financial assistance towards the organization of the joint expert's meeting;
4. **EXPRESSES GRATITUDE** to the United Nations for its technical support and financial assistance towards the organization of the joint expert's meeting;
5. **CONSIDERS** that the establishment of nuclear weapon free-zones, especially in the Middle East, would enhance the security of Africa and viability of the African Nuclear Weapon Free-zone;
6. **ENDORSES** the offer of the Egyptian Government to host the signing ceremony, and that of the South African Government to host the Headquarters of the African Nuclear Energy Commission, and **EXPRESSES GRATITUDE** to both Governments;
7. **DECIDES** to submit the draft PELINDABA Treaty, as formulated by the OAU/UN Group of Experts Declaring Africa a Nuclear Free-zone and as amended to the 31st Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government for adoption;
8. **LAUNCHES AN APPEAL** to the international community and in particular, the Nuclear Weapon-State of bring the necessary support to the amended PELINDABA Treaty, especially by their accession to the Protocols that concern them;
9. **REQUESTS** the Secretary-General to report to the 63rd Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers on the implementation of this resolution.