

CM/Res.1629 (LXIII)

**RESOLUTION ON THE CAIRO SIGNING CEREMONY OF THE AFRICAN NUCLEAR WEAPON FREE-ZONE TREATY (PELINDABA TREATY)**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Sixty-third Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 26 to 28 February 1996,

Having considered the Report of the Secretary General on the implementation of Resolution - CM/Res. 1592 (LXII) Rev. I on the establishment of a Nuclear Weapon Free Zone in Africa,

Recalling the Cairo Declaration on the Denuclearization of Africa adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and-Government of the organization of African Unity (OAU) in 1964,

Further recalling resolution CM/Res. 1592 (LXII) Rev.1 adopted at the 62nd meeting of the Council of Ministers of the OAU on 23 June 1995 which adopted the Pelindaba Text of the African Nuclear Weapon Free Zone,

Also Recalling United Nations General Assembly Resolution 3472 B (XXX) of 11 December 1975, in which it considered Nuclear Weapon Free Zones (NWFZS) one of the most effective means for preventing the proliferation both horizontal and vertical, of nuclear weapons,

Noting with satisfaction the adoption of the United Nations General Assembly in its 50th Session of Resolution 50/78 on the final text of the African Nuclear Weapon Free Zone Treaty,

Affirming that nuclear non-proliferation and the promotion of nuclear disarmament efforts, both globally and regionally especially the establishment of NWFZS, constitute key elements in the maintenance of international peace and security,

Encouraged by the adoption by the United Nations General Assembly in its 50th Session of Resolution A/Res/50/66 on "the establishment of NWFZ in the region of the Middle East" by consensus:

1. EMPHASIZES the importance of eliminating all nuclear weapons and considers the establishment of NWFZs as necessary steps towards attaining this objective AND CALLS UPON all States to consider the appropriate means towards the achievement of these objectives, including the universal adherence to NPT;
2. EMPHASIZES ALSO the importance of the peaceful uses of Nuclear Energy;
3. WELCOMES ONCE AGAIN the offer of the Government of Egypt to host the signing

ceremony of the African Nuclear Weapon Free Zone Treaty and that of the South African Government to host the Headquarters of the African Nuclear Energy Commission;

4. URGES the African States to attend the signing ceremony and to sign the Treaty when it opens for signature scheduled for 11 April, 1996, in Cairo and to take the necessary measures to ensure its early entry into force;

5. ALSO CALLS UPON the Nuclear Weapon States and the States contemplated in Protocol 3 to the Pelindaba Treaty to attend the signing ceremony and to sign the relevant Protocols when the Treaty is open for signature in Cairo;

6. STRONGLY BELIEVES that the establishment of NWFZS, especially in the Middle East World would enhance the security of Africa, and in this regard RECALLS the Resolution on the Middle East adopted by the 1995 Review and Extension Conference of the "Parties to the NPT in May 1995 and CALLS for its implementation in all its parts;

7. REQUESTS the Secretary-General to report to the 64th Session of the Council of Ministers of the OAU on the implementation of the present resolution.