

RESOLUTION ON BURUNDI

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirty-Second Ordinary Session in Yaounde, Cameroon, from 8 1-10 July, 1996,

Considering the deteriorating political and security situation in Burundi,

Noting the consistent efforts of our Continental Organization and the International Community to contribute to efforts aimed at restoring peace, security and national reconciliation in Burundi,

1. **EXPRESSES GRAVE CONCERN** at the situation of generalized insecurity that continues to prevail in Burundi in defiance of all the efforts to bring about a peaceful resolution of the conflict in that country;
2. **AFFIRMS** that OAU's concerns and efforts in Burundi, as well as those of the countries of the region, can in no way be considered as an interference in the internal affairs of that country, but flows from a fraternal and genuine concern to prevent yet another African tragedy of epic proportions and similar to those witnessed in Rwanda in 1994;
3. **REAFFIRMS** support for the Mwanza Peace Talks under the facilitation of the former President of Tanzania, Mwalimu Julius K. Nyerere and encourages him to continue with his efforts based on and incorporating the principles sustainable democracy and security for all the people of Burundi and an all-inclusive negotiation process;
4. **DECLARES** full support for the outcome of the Arusha Summit of 25 June, 1996, especially the acceptance of the request by the Government of Burundi for Security Assistance in order to complement and reinforce the Mwanza

Peace Talks as well as creating conducive security conditions for all the parties to free participate in the Mwanza process;

- 5. APPEALS to the International Community especially the United Nations Security Council to provide all the necessary financial, logistical and other material assistance to the countries which will be involved in providing the requested Security Assistance;**
- 6. REQUESTS the Secretary-General and the Central Organ to continue to follow very closely the implementation of this Resolution and to take action as appropriate.**