DECISION ON THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO (DRC)

Council:
1. STRONGLY CONDEMNNS the assassination of President Laurent Desire Kabila, which act was a flagrant violation of the principles of the OAU and CONVEYS its condolences to his family, the Government and people of the D.R.C;
2. COMMENDS the commitment by the President and the Government of the DRC to proceed with national dialogue under the facilitation of Sir Ketumile Masire, former President of Botswana;
3. FURTHER COMMENDS the commitment by the Government of Rwanda to redeploy its forces as indicated in its letter of 18 February 2001 to the President of the United Nations Security Council as well as the commitment by Uganda to immediately reduce by two battalions the strength its forces in the territory of the DRC;
4. WELCOMES the outcome of the Third Summit of the Signatories to the Ceasefire Agreement in the DRC held in Lusaka on 15 February 2001 during which the Parties reaffirmed their commitment to the Lusaka Cease-Fire Agreement, the Kampala Disengagement Plan and the Harare Disengagement and Redeployment sub-plans and committed themselves to the accelerated implementation of these important instruments;
5. ALSO WELCOMES the adoption by the Security Council of Resolution 1341 (2001) of 22 February 2001 following the joint meeting of the Security Council and members of the Political Committee in New York from 20 to 22 February 2001;
7. FURTHER WELCOMES the appointment by the OAU Secretary General, of Brigadier General Njuki Mwaniki of Kenya as Chairman of the Joint Military Commission (JMC) and URGES all the Parties to lend him the necessary support;
8. CALLS ON all Member States and on the International Community to provide political support and financial assistance towards the peace process in the DRC particularly to sustain the work of the Joint Military Commission and the Inter-Congolese National Dialogue;
9. REITERATES its support for the efforts of President Frederick Chiluba of Zambia, Chairman of the Regional Initiative and other Leaders and ENCOURAGES them to persevere in their efforts aimed at finding an early and lasting solution to the conflict.

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DECISION ON REFUGEES

Council:
1. EXPRESSES its grave concern over the persistent and deteriorating refugee situation in Africa, a catastrophic situation for which Africans themselves should assume primary responsibility;
2. UNDERSCORES the imperative need to put an end to this situation by resolutely addressing its causes;
3. EXPRESSES SATISFACTION at the fielding of OAU evaluation and solidarity missions