

**RESOLUTION ON THE CRISIS BETWEEN THE GREAT LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA
AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND FRANCE**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Sixty-Fourth Ordinary Session in Yaounde, Cameroon, from 1 to 5 July, 1996,

Guided by the principles and objectives of the Charters of the UN and the OAU calling on Member States to settle their disputes through peaceful means and sovereignty, territorial integrity and the security of their peoples,

Having seriously considered the report of the Secretary-General on the dispute between the Libyan Arab Jamamhiriya and the United States of America, the United Kingdom and France,

Expressing its appreciation for the positive initiative of the Great Jamahiriya to settle the dispute, its acceptance of Security Council Resolution 731/92 in accordance with its national sovereignty and the rules of the International Law.

Expressing its grave concern over the escalation of this crisis and the threat to impose further sanctions or use force against the Great Libyan Arab Jamahiriya in violation of the Charters of the OAU and the UN as well as international rules and norms,

Taking into consideration the position of the Great Jamahiriya which condemns all forms of terrorism and denounces those who resort to terrorism or encourage it as well as its willingness to cooperate with every regional or international effort aimed at solving this problem,

Greatly concerned about loss of human lives and material damage that the Libyan Arab People and those of the neighbouring States are experiencing as a result of the unjust measures imposed on Libya pursuant to UN Security Council Resolutions 748/92 and 883/93.

Noting with regret the disregard of the three Western countries for all successive resolutions adopted by the Regional and International Organizations expressing their support for a just settlement of the dispute,

Recalling the statement of the OAU Committee of Five in its meeting with the Committee of Seven of the League of Arab States in Cairo on 11 April 1996 in – order to agree on a common plan of action and on unified Arab – African efforts so as to find a peaceful solution to the dispute through dialogue in accordance with the rules of the international law, respect for sovereignty and non-application of unlawful measures:

1. **EXPRESSES ITS GRAVE CONCERN** over the loss of human lives and material damage inflicted upon the Libyan Arab people as a result of the implementation of the measures contained in Security Council resolutions 748/92 and 882/93. And **UNDERLINES** that lack of response to the efforts made by the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Organization of African Unity, the League of Arab States, the Non-Aligned Movement, and the Organization of Islamic Conference has greatly impeded the search for a solution to the crisis and increased the suffering of the Libyan Arab people and the neighbouring countries;
2. **EXPRESSES CONVICTION** that, in the light of the existing ties of cooperation between the League of Arab States and the Organization of African Unity in this regard, the proposal made by the former that that suspects be tried in the Hague by Scottish Judges in accordance with Scottish law, with the necessary guarantees, a proposal that has enjoyed wide spread international support, forms a practical resolution of the problem. It therefore, **CALLS UPON** the three Western Countries concerned to considered this proposal;

3. **CALLS UPON** the Security Council to lift the sanctions imposed on the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya since the continued implementation of such sanctions may compel African States to look into possible means of sparing the Libyan Arab people further suffering;
4. **SUPPORTS** the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamarhiriya in its demand for appropriate compensation for the loss of human lives and material damages inflicted in Libya as a result of the unjust sanctions;
5. **COMMENDS** the work accomplished by the OAU Committee of Five on the Dispute, and **WELCOMES** the statement issued by the Joint Meeting of the OAU Committee of Five and the Arab League Committee of Seven and **URGES** the two Committees to continue with their efforts so as to find a just and peaceful solution to the problem and submit a report thereon to the Council of Ministers.
6. **REQUESTS** the OAU Secretary-General to redouble efforts aimed at the lifting of the unjust sanctions and report thereon to the next session of the Council.