

RESOLUTION ON SOMALIA

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,

Having considered the Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Somalia, document CM/1946 (LXIV),

Having listened to the statement by the Foreign Minister of Ethiopia on Somalia,

Concerned over the little progress made relating to the situation in Somalia in launching a process of national reconciliation aimed at establishing a broad-based national authority,

Concerned further about the deteriorating humanitarian situation in Somalia,

Reiterating its position that ultimately the responsibility for finding a solution to the conflict in Somalia lies with the Somali people themselves.

Reaffirming the leading role that must be played by Africa in general and the countries of the region in particular, in the search for a lasting solution to the Somali conflict:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Secretary-General;
2. **EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION** to H.E. Ato Meles Zenawi, Prime Minister of Ethiopia and, Outgoing Chairman of the OAU, who has a special mandate to facilitate the restoration of peace in Somalia, as well as the Secretary-General of the Organization, for their efforts in the search for a negotiated, political solution to the

conflict in Somalia;

3. **SUPPORTS** the efforts of the Member States of IGAD which have embarked on reactivating their initiatives for peace and reconciliation in Somalia;
4. **URGES** the Somali factions to assume their responsibility over the situation obtaining in their country, Somalia;
5. **REAFFIRMS ITS CALL** to the various Somali leaders to recognize the imperative need to act urgently to promote dialogue aimed at the establishment of a broad-based national authority and the pursuance of national reconciliation;
6. **URGES** the various Somali leaders to develop a common vision for their country and work towards the creation of conditions of security which are conducive to the facilitation of such assistance;
7. **REAFFIRMS ITS EARLIER APPEAL** to all OAU Member States and the International Community to desist from supplying war materials to any of the factions in Somali so as to avoid an escalation of the crisis;
8. **APPEALS ONCE MORE** to the Member States and the International Community to provide humanitarian assistance in view of the worsening humanitarian situation in Somalia;
9. **CALLS UPON** H.E. Ato Meles Zenawi, Prime Minister of Ethiopia, and the Outgoing Chairman of the OAU as well as the Secretary-General of the Organization to continue their efforts aimed at finding a lasting solution to the crisis in Somalia;

10. **FURTHER CALLS UPON** the UN and the other Inter-Governmental Organizations, including the Arab League and the Organization for the Islamic Conference, to closely coordinate their efforts with the OAU and IGAD in the search for a solution to the conflict in Somalia;

11. **REQUESTS** the Secretary-General to continue to monitor the situation in Somalia and report thereon to the Sixty-Fourth Ordinary Session of Council;