

RESOLUTION ON EXPEDITING THE PROCESS OF RATIFICATION ON THE
TREATY
ESTABLISHING THE AFRICAN NUCLEAR WEAPON FREE-ZONE

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,

Recalling Resolution CM/Res.1629 (LXIII) on the signing ceremony of the African Nuclear Weapon Free Zone Treaty (Pelindaba Treaty),

Noting with satisfaction the successful conclusion of the ceremony that took place in Cairo on 11 April, 1996,

Recalling the Cairo Declaration adopted on that occasion which emphasized that the establishment of Nuclear Free-Zones especially in regions of tension such as the Middle East enhances global and regional peace and security,

Recalling further resolution 50/78 adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 12 December 1995, on the final text of the African Nuclear Weapon Free-Zone;

Conscious of the necessity to consolidate the Non-Proliferation Regime and that the establishment of more Nuclear Weapon Free-Zones would form an important contribution:

1. **URGES** Member States who have not signed the Treaty Establishing the African Nuclear Weapon Free-Zone to do so as soon as possible and **CALLS UPON** those who have signed to expedite the process of ratification;

2. **REAFFIRMS** its conviction that the viability of the African Nuclear Weapon Free-Zone would be strengthened by the establishment of a Nuclear Weapon Free-Zone in the Middle East;

3. **STRONGLY CALLS UPON** all States to consider and respect the continent of Africa and its surrounding area as a Nuclear Weapon Free-Zone;