SPECIAL RESOLUTION ON NAMIBIA

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Nineteenth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 6 to 12 June, 1983,

Having considered the developments on the Namibian situation since the adoption of the Security Council Resolution 435 (1978):

1. STRONGLY CONDEMNS racist South Africa for its continued obstruction of Namibia’s independence and persistent refusal to comply with Security Council decisions and General Assembly resolutions on Namibia;

2. VIEWS WITH UTMOST CONCERN the attempt to introduce extraneous elements to the United Nations Plan on Namibia as contained in Resolution 435 (1978). In this respect categorically reject the so-called linkage or parallelism and view the insistence on these extraneous elements as undermining the current efforts towards the implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 435 by holding the freedom and independence of the people of Namibia hostage to the presence of Cuban forces in Angola, and also consider such an insistence as flagrant interference in the internal affairs of a sovereign State, the People’s Republic of Angola;

3. STRONGLY CONDEMNS all direct and indirect manoeuvres aimed at delaying Namibia’s accession to independence by distorting the United Nations Plan for the settlement of the Namibian question and deviating from the objectives of the said Plan;

4. HAILS the courageous struggle of the heroic people of Namibia under the leadership of SWAPO, their sole, authentic and legitimate representative and renews the pledge of the Organization of African Unity Member States to continue rendering all-round support and material assistance, including military and financial assistance, to SWAPO to enable it to further intensify the armed struggle, under the banner of the People’s Liberation Army of Namibia, its military wing;
5. DECLARES, once again, that Security Council Resolution 435 (1978) remains the only basis for a negotiated Namibian settlement and urges the expeditious implementation of that resolution without any further delay, qualification or prevarication;

6. WELCOMES the Report of the United Nations Secretary-General contained in document S/15776 of 19 May 1983 and expresses its readiness to assist his efforts with a view to securing the speedy implementation of resolution 435;

7. DECIDES to mandate the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity to keep the Question of Namibia under constant review and to report to the Assembly of Heads of State and Government, through its Current Chairman, on the progress made in the implementation of Security Council resolution 532 (1983); as well as its intention to send a delegation representing the OAU to New York to convey and confirm Africa’s determination to assist in securing a speedy implementation of the said resolution;

8. DECIDES to remain actively seized of the matter.