RESOLUTION ON NAMIBIA

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twentieth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 12 – 15 November, 1984,

Having considered the report of the OAU Liberation Committee,

Reaffirming all its previous resolutions and decisions of the OAU on Namibia particularly the Arusha Plan of Action for the intensification of the struggle,

Reaffirming the legal responsibility of the United Nations over Namibia and the central role of the United Nations Secretary-General for securing the speedy implementation of Security Council Resolutions 385 (1976) and 435 (1978),

Recalling the principles contained in its Declaration on Southern Africa adopted on 15 November 1984,

Noting with satisfaction continuing worldwide solidarity activities organized, in co-operation with the UN Council for Namibia and SWAPO, by the non-governmental organizations in commemoration of “A Century of Heroic Struggle by the Namibian people against Colonialism,”

Welcoming the Final Communiqué adopted by the Meeting of Ministers of Non-Aligned Countries, held in New York from 1 to 5 October, 1984, particularly the decision taken to convene an Extraordinary Ministerial Meeting of the Co-ordinating Bureau on the Question of Namibia by not later than April 1985,

Strongly opposed to the reprehensible insistence of “linkage” and “parallelism” by racist South Africa and the US Administration which continue to obstruct the implementation of Security Council Resolution 435 (1978),

Reiterating its firm commitment to genuine independence of a United Namibia and solidarity with and support for the struggle of the Namibian people under the leadership of SWAPO, their sole and authentic representative:
1. CONDEMNS racist South Africa for its continued illegal occupation of Namibia, and its arrogant obstruction of the implementation of Resolution 385 (1976) and 435 (1978);

2. REJECTS any “linkage” and “parallelism” between Namibia’s independence and the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola as being manifestly incompatible with the letter and spirit of Security Council Resolution 435;

3. REITERATES that Security Council Resolution 435 is the only basis for a peaceful solution to the Namibian problem and rejects all sinister attempts by racist South Africa to impose an internal settlement in Namibia involving the puppet multi party conference the latest in a series of political stratagems is trying to perpetuate control in the country;

4. FURTHER CONDEMNS racist South Africa for the recent imposition of military conscription of all male Namibians between the ages of 17 and 55 to serve in the occupying colonial army in a sinister and dangerous attempt to Namibianize the conflict by forcing brothers to kill brothers.

5. REAFFIRMS the primary responsibility of the United Nations over Namibia and deplores all attempts by racist South Africa and the U.S. Administration to abandon the UN plan, in favor of dubious alternatives, undermine the authority of the United Nations and by-pass United Nations in the implementation of Security Council resolution 435;

6. DECLARES that Namibia’s independence cannot be held hostage to resolution of issues which are patently damaging to the decolonization process of Namibia;

7. ENCOURAGES SWAPO and its military wing the People’s Liberation Army of Namibia (PLAN) to further intensify the struggle and appeals to the International Community also to increase material, financial, military and humanitarian assistance to SWAPO to strengthen the patriotic forces of Namibia towards accomplishing the task of liberating their country;
8. COMMENDS the movement of Non-Aligned Countries for the decision to hold an Extra-ordinary Ministerial Meeting on the question of Namibia and pledges to participate fully in order to assure the success of the meeting;

9. RENEWS its unswerving support to the United Nations Secretary-General for his tireless efforts to expedite the independence of Namibia, and to the UN Council for Namibia, as the legal administering authority for the Territory until independence and for its varied activities in the interest of the Namibian People;

10. URGES the Security Council to assume fully its responsibilities including ensuring the speedy implementation of Security Council resolution 435, if necessary by the adoption of enforcement measures against racist South Africa under Chapter VII of the UN Charter.