CM/Dec.455 (LXX)  Decision on the Report of the Secretary General On the Conflict Situation in Somalia (Doc.CM/2099 (LXX)-g

Council:

TAKES NOTE of the Report;

REAFFIRMS the sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity of Somalia as one and indivisible State;

EXPRESSES CONCERN at the slow pace of progress in the efforts aimed at promoting peace, stability and national reconciliation in Somalia;

EMPHASIZES that the primary responsibility of peace in Somalia rests squarely with the Somali people themselves and CALLS UPON all Somali faction leaders to close ranks and heed the regional and international efforts aiming at achieving peace and national reconciliation in Somalia;

DEPLORES the renewed fighting between rival factions in some parts of Somalia and the humanitarian consequences on the civil population;

DEPLORES ALSO the increased external interference and the reported flow of arms to Somalia in violation of the arms embargo imposed on Somalia by Resolution 733 (1992) of the UN Security Council and STRONGLY APPEALS to all concerned to strictly comply with the above mentioned resolution and to refrain from any action likely to lead to a deterioration of the situation in Somalia and further complicate the efforts aimed at promoting peace, stability and national reconciliation;

CALLS UPON all OAU Member States in a position to do so and the international community at large, to provide the required development assistance to the areas where peace and stability are prevailing, as part of the efforts aimed at rebuilding the State of Somalia;

COMMENDS the efforts deployed by the Standing Committee on Somalia to promote peace and national reconciliation in Somalia;

GRAVELY CONCERNED at the increasingly alarming humanitarian situation in Somalia and APPEALS to Member States and the international community to continue providing humanitarian assistance to the populations in need in Somalia;

STRESSES the need for a continued and close coordination in the efforts aimed at ending the conflict in Somalia and to this end underlines the role to be played by the OAU;

RENEWS ITS REQUEST to the Secretary-General to dispatch, as soon as possible, a fact-finding mission to Somalia, as envisaged by the relevant decision adopted by the Sixty-eight Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers, with a view of assessing the situation on the ground, engaging
the various parties concerned and considering what further contribution the OAU could make in the efforts aimed at ending the conflict in Somalia.