RESOLUTION ON THE ROLE OF THE OLYMPIC IDEAL
IN THE BUILDING OF A PEACEFUL WORLD

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Sixty-Second Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 21 to 23 June, 1995,

Recalling Resolution CM/Res.1472 (LVIII) adopted at its Fifty-Eight Ordinary Session held in Cairo, Egypt, from 21 to 26 June, 1993, following the appeal by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to build a peaceful and better world through sports,

Further recalling its suggestion for the decision to proclaim 1994 “The Year of Sport and the Olympic Ideal”, and to commemorate the Centenary of the founding of the International Olympic Committee,

Considering the active role played by the OAU and Member States during the adoption of the Year of Sport and in the promotion of the Olympic Ideal,

Bearing in mind Resolution CM/Res.1530 (LX) adopted at its Sixtieth Ordinary Session which took place in Tunis, Tunisia, from 6 to 11 June, 1994,

Recognizing the fact that the objective of the Olympic Movement is to build a peaceful and better world by educating the youth through sports and culture,

Expressing satisfaction at the participation of the African Sporting Movement in the promotion of peace and international cooperation,

Recalling United Nations General Assembly Resolutions A/Res.48/10 ad A/Res.48/11 of 25 October, 1993, and Resolution A/49/L.46 adopted on 5 December, 1994 which was unanimously supported by the Member States of the OAU:

1. COMMENDS the International Olympic Movement for having succeeded in mobilizing the Youth of the world for peace;

2. URGES Member States of the OAU, to reaffirm, at the Fiftieth Session of the UN General Assembly, respect for the Olympic truce during the forthcoming Games of the XXVI Olympiad, and the Centenary Games which will take place in Atlanta (USA) in 1996;

3. CALLS on Member States of the OAU, in conformity with United Nations General Assembly Resolution A/49/L.46 of 5 December 1994, to ensure that they are represented for Youth and Sports at the Fiftieth Session of the United Nations General Assembly scheduled to take place in New York on 6 and 7 November 1995, with a view to bringing their support to bear on the debate on the Agenda Item entitled: “Building a peaceful and better World through Sport and the Olympic Ideal”,

CM/Res.1608 (LXII)
4. CALLS on the Secretary-General of the OAU to ensure the follow-up and implementation of this Resolution and to submit a report thereon to the next Session of the Council of Ministers.