

**DECISION ON A MECHANISM FOR CONFLICT
PREVENTION, MANAGEMENT AND RESOLUTION**

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twenty-eight Ordinary Session in Dakar, Senegal from 29 June to 1 July 1992:

Gravely concerned with the proliferation of conflicts in Africa and the immense suffering which they have brought to the people of Africa, as well as their adverse implications for the security and stability of Africa and the socio-economic development of the continent;

Recalling that it was in the light of this concern that the Assembly of Heads of State and Government, in its Declaration on the Political and Socio-Economic Situation in Africa and the Fundamental Changes Taking Place in the World, adopted in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in July 1990, expressed the need to renew their determination to work together towards the peaceful and speedy resolution of all the conflicts on the continent;

Convinced, therefore of the need to take appropriate measures aimed at conflict prevention, management and resolution within the OAU in accordance with the principles and objectives of the Charter;

Having considered the report of the Council of Ministers on its deliberations on the report of the Secretary General on conflicts and his proposal for a mechanism for conflict prevention, management and resolution;

DECIDES:

1. TO ADOPT, in principle, the establishment, within the framework of the OAU and in keeping with the objectives and principles of the Charter, a Mechanism for Preventing, Managing and Resolving Conflicts in Africa.
2. TO REQUEST the Secretary General, under the authority of the Bureau of the 28th Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government, to

undertake an in-depth study on all aspects relating to such a mechanism including institutional and operational details as well as its financing.

- 3. TO INVITE all Member States to submit to the Secretary-General as soon as possible, their views, comments and proposals on the proposed mechanism.**
- 4. TO REQUEST the Council of Ministers in the light of the study to be undertaken by the Secretary-General and of the views, comments and proposals of Member States, to elaborate concrete recommendations on the proposed mechanism, and submit them for the consideration and decision of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government at its Twenty-ninth Ordinary Session.**