

**RESOLUTION ON THE INTERFERENCE OF THE INTERNAL
AFFAIRS OF AFRICAN STATES**

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Fourteenth Ordinary Session held in Libreville, Gabon, from 2 to 5 July 1977,

Recalling the relevant provisions of article III of the OAU charter as well as those of article I of the UN Charter;

Recalling provisions of Resolution CM/Res. 12 (II) and, in particular:

- a) the call by the Summit on all Member states to co-ordinate their foreign policies, especially the non-alignment approach vis-a-vis the existing World Powers as the only acceptable means of safeguarding African freedom, stability and prosperity;
- b) the Summit's acceptance to resort to consultations among Member States to ensure the implementation of this solemn resolution;
- c) The Summit's recommendation to Member States to abrogate as soon as possible, any commitment which would militate against a consistent policy of non-alignment;
- d) The determination of Heads of State and Government to give priority to the realization of African Unity in accordance with the Charter and, the strengthening of Afro-African Solidarity, as well as Resolution 3 of the Conference on the establishment of the OAU held in May 1963 and the Resolution CM/Res. 38 (III) on denuclearisation of Africa.

Considering the grave threat to the independence, Sovereignty, territorial integrity and harmonious development of African states of which the interference in the internal Affairs of States constitutes;

Conscious of the need for a solidarity and unfailing co-operation among all member States of the OAU, so as to preserve their non-alignment approach vis-a-vis the blocs;

Considering that the relevant resolutions of the UN and the OAU including the recent official statements by leaders of the big powers are in line with non-interference in internal affairs of African States;

1. **RECOMMENDS** that Member States exert every effort so that, in respecting the OAU Charter, they may safeguard their identity and remain outside conflicts, especially ideological conflicts, emanating from without the African Continent;
2. To this end, **URGENTLY CALLS ON** all African states so that, without prejudice to their right to conclude defence agreements of their choice intended especially to forestall outside aggressions, they refrain from having recourse to foreign intervention in the settlement of conflicts between African States.
3. **CALLS ON** all extra-African powers, particularly the big ones, to refrain from interfering in the internal affairs of African States;
4. **FURTHER CALLS ON** Member States to prohibit the use of their territories as base for political subversive activities against another African State as well as the maintenance and the establishment of foreign military bases on their territories, and requests then to liquidate the foreign military bases existing on the African continent;
5. **RECALLS**, in this context, that the interference in the internal affairs of States poses grave threats to international peace and Security since it creates favorable conditions for questioning the personality and the values of which African States repose;
6. **STRONGLY EMPHASISES** that the situation thus created is prejudicial to the stability and development of African States;

- 7. CALLS ON African States to refrain from harbouring, financing and using nationals of neighbouring countries against their Countries of Origin.**