

**REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE ISSUE OF ANTI-PERSONNEL
AND INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO REACH A TOTAL BAN (DOC. CM/2009 (LXVI))**

Council:

- (a) TAKES NOTE of the Report.
- (b) REAFFIRMS all its previous resolutions on the question of anti- personnel mines, especially resolutions CM/Res.1593 (LXII) and CM/Res.1628 (LXIII);
- (c) ENDORSES the Plan of Action adopted by the First continental conference of African Mine Experts held in Kempton Park, South Africa, from 19 to 21 May 1997, and COMMENDS the OAU Secretary-General for this laudable initiative in that connection;
- (d) RECOGNIZES the contribution of the establishment of sub-regional anti-personnel mines free-zones to the ultimate goal of achieving a total ban at the level of the African Continent;
- (e) STRESSES the need that the problem of mines be addressed in a coordinated, multi-faceted and balanced manner banning comprehensively anti-personnel mines and intensifying efforts and actions with regard to mine-clearance and mine victim assistance especially in Africa;
- (f) ADOPTS as a goal the elimination of anti-personnel mines in Africa and the establishment of Africa as an anti-personnel mines-Free Zone;
- (g) URGES Member States to fully and actively participate in the Ottawa process, particularly the meetings scheduled for Brussels (24 - 27 June, 1997), Oslo (September 1997) and Ottawa at which a treaty for the total prohibition of anti-personnel mines is expected to be signed;
- (h) CALLS ON all Member States to adhere as early as possible to the 1980 United Nations Convention on prohibition or restriction on the use of certain weapons which may be deemed to be excessively injurious or to have indiscriminate effects, and its protocol II if they have not already done so, and APPEALS to all Member States to adhere to the amended protocol II as well as the new Protocol IV on blinding laser weapons;
- (i) APPEALS to the International Community to render to the affected African countries all necessary assistance to enable them to effectively carry out mine clearance and mine victim assistance operations, and facilitate implementation of the Kempton Park Plan of Action through increased mobilization of resources;

(j) UNDERScores the moral responsibility of the countries which masterminded the emplacement of mines in Africa during the Second World war and/or colonial conflicts and URGES the said countries to devote a part of their resources, in particular, a reasonable percentage of their military budget to mine clearance and assistance to mine victims in the affected African countries;

(k) CALLS UPON those countries responsible for infesting the African countries with mines to provide those affected countries with all necessary information on demining including data, technical assistance, assessment of surveys specially maps as well as the movement of illegal mine transfers;

(l) REITERATES the urgency and the need for inter-African cooperation in mine clearance and assistance to mine victims, and EMPHASIZES the primordial role to be played by the OAU in coordinating actions in those areas, as part of implementation of the plan of Action;

(m) REQUESTS the Secretary-General to monitor implementation of the present resolution as well as the Kempton Park Plan of Action, and submit a report thereon to the next ordinary session of the Council of Ministers.