

RESOLUTION ON ZIMBABWE

The Council of Ministers of the organization of African Unity meeting in its Thirty-third Ordinary Session in Monrovia, Liberia, from 6 to 20 July 1979;

Having examined developments in Zimbabwe following the sham and illegal elections of April 1979,

Convinced that the puppet minority regime established through the sham and illegal elections is a continuation of the Rhodesian minority racist regime,

Gravely concerned at the concerted diplomatic maneuvers of certain Western powers, in particular, Britain, to stifle the liberation struggle of the people of Zimbabwe for genuine independence,

Taking into account Security Council Resolution 423 (1978) and 448 (9179) and OAU Resolution CM/Res. 680 (XXXI) which calls upon all OAU Member States and the International Community not to extend recognition to any regime resulting from the illegal elections and not to give any form of encouragement to the illegal regime;

Indignant at the moves by Britain and the USA towards recognition of the illegal regime of Rhodesia in total disregard of their obligations under the UN Charter in particular Articles 35 and 49, as exemplified by their appointment of Representatives to the Salisbury regimes, their recent reception of the puppet Bishop Abel Muzorewa by the Governments of the United States and Britain in violation of UN Security Council resolution 142 and 148 of 1979,

Deeply concerned by the increased military presence of the South African racist regime in Rhodesia,

1. **CONSIDERS** that in conformity with the relevant resolutions of the United Nations and the OAU, any attempt at recognizing the minority regime of Rhodesia is a hostile act to Africa;

2. **REAFFIRMS** that the Patriotic Front is the sole, legitimate and authentic representative of the people of Zimbabwe; ¹
3. **REAFFIRMS** the OAU's condemnation and total rejection of the treacherous so - called internal constitution and the illegal elections stemming from it;
4. **CALLS UPON** all states not to extend any form of recognition to the illegal regime of Rhodesia and not to welcome any official of the regime in their territories as well as any person conducting activities to secure recognition of the regime;²
5. **APPEALS** to all states to maintain effective mandatory sanctions in conformity with the relevant United Nations Resolutions;
6. **CONSIDERS** the lifting of sanctions as an act of recognition to which the OAU shall respond appropriately;
7. **REAFFIRMS** that the legitimate armed struggle being waged by the Patriotic Front must be intensified and resolves to increase political, material and financial assistance to the Patriotic Front to ensure quick and complete victory and independence of the people of Zimbabwe;

¹ Reservations of Cameroon, Ivory Coast, Lesotho, Liberia and Zaire

² Reservations of Ivory Coast