

DISARMAMENT AND NUCLEAR TESTS

The Council of Ministers meeting in its First Ordinary Session in Dakar, Senegal, from 2 to 11 August 1963,

Recalling the resolution adopted at the Summit Conference of independent African States meeting in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 22 to 25 May 1963,

Noting the recent efforts made by the three Great Nuclear Powers to achieve general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control,

Reaffirming its determination to prevent the storage and dissemination of nuclear arms which are threatening the security and prosperity of mankind,

1. **INVITES** the representatives of the African countries at the United Nations to concert their efforts to achieve the objectives of the Addis Ababa resolution declaring Africa a denuclearized zone;
2. **WELCOMES** with satisfaction the partial agreement of the Moscow Test Ban Treaty as an initial step towards final and complete disarmament, and expresses the conviction that the differences impeding the agreement banning all tests in all environments can be solved in a spirit of mutual understanding and concession;
3. **SUGGESTS** to Member States of OAU to sign or accede to the above agreement;
4. **URGES** the Conference of the 18 Nations Committee on Disarmament to pursue its efforts vigorously for reaching a treaty on general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control and pending the conclusion of such an agreement, requests the Conference of the 18 Nations Committee to negotiate partial measures aimed at building confidence between big powers.