

**SOUTHERN RHODESIA**

The Council of Minister meeting in its Third Ordinary Session in Cairo, U.A.R., from 13 to 17 July 1964,

**Recalling** the Resolution on Decolonization adopted by the Conference of Heads of State and Government in Addis Ababa, in May 1963, and Resolution CM/Res. 14 (II) adopted by the Council at its Second Session in Lagos,

**Recalling further** the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on the question of Southern Rhodesia,

**Deeply concerned** over the continued deterioration of the situation in Southern Rhodesia resulting from the increasingly repressive measures being applied by the racist, minority government of European settlers,

**Noting with satisfaction** the stand taken by the leaders of the African Member States of the Commonwealth at the 13<sup>th</sup> Conference of Commonwealth Presidents and Prime Ministers held in London, July 1964,

**Noting further** the final communiqué issued by the Conference on the question of Southern Rhodesia,

**Having examined** the report of the African Group at the United Nations, submitted in response to Resolution CM/Res. 14 (II) of the Council of Ministers to take appropriate diplomatic measures to ensure that the British Government implement, without delay, resolutions of the United Nations on Southern Rhodesia,

**Recommends** to the First session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government that:

1. African States take a vigorous stand against a Declaration of Independence of Southern Rhodesia by a European, minority government and pledge themselves to take appropriate measures, including the recognition and support of an African nationalist government in exile should such an eventuality arise;

2. The African Group at the United Nations examine further measures to be taken in the event of declaration of independence by the European minority government and submit a report to the Council;
3. The United Kingdom be called upon to convene immediately a constitutional conference in which representatives of all political groups in Southern Rhodesia would participate with a view to preparing a new and democratic constitution ensuring majority rule on the basis of "one man, one vote";
4. A call be made for the immediate release of Joshua N'Komo the Rev. Ndabingwe Sithole and all other political prisoners and detainees;
5. The Foreign Ministers of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ assisted by the African Group at the United Nations be entrusted with the task of presenting the problem of Southern Rhodesia at the appropriate time before the Security Council;
6. The Governments of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ offer their good offices to the nationalist parties in Southern Rhodesia so as to bring about a united front of all the liberation movements for the rapid attainment of their common objective of independence;
7. The African Nationalist movements in Southern Rhodesia be called upon to intensify their struggle for immediate independence.