

**RESOLUTION OF THE PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
AN OAU POLITICAL SECURITY COUNCIL**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of Africa Unity meeting in its Thirty-fifth Ordinary Session in Freetown, Sierra Leone, from 18 to 28 June, 1980,

Conscious that the existing mechanisms of the OAU have not often responded with the necessary speed and effectiveness to political crises and problems of security on the African Continent, and violations of the principles enshrined in the Charter of the Organization of African Unity,

Considering that it is essential that African States contribute effectively and fully in the security of the continent and the safety of its peoples,

Determined to safeguard the territorial integrity and political independence of Member States and promote continental unity,

Recognising the urgent need to consider the proposal of the Sierra Leone Government on the establishment of a permanent Security Organ within the OAU for the speedy and effective resolution of situations which endanger the security and stability of Africa, as well as situations relating to interstate disputes, natural and other disasters:

1. **TAKES NOTE WITH SATISFACTION** the proposal made by the Government of Sierra Leone on the establishment of a Political Security Council as a permanent and principal organ of the OAU;
2. **REQUESTS** the Secretary-General to bring the proposal to the attention of Member States for consideration;

3. **REQUESTS Member States to submit their comments and observations to the General Secretariat before the end of the year;**

4. **DECIDES to inscribe the issue on the Agenda of the Thirty-sixth Ordinary Session of the Council for full debate.**