

RESOLUTION ON THE OAU DEFENCE FORCE

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,

Recalling the decision in document AHG/Doc.113 (XVI) Ref.1 the principle of the creation of an OAU Defence Force,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the meeting of experts on legal and financial implications on the setting up of an OAU Defence Force (Doc.CM/1051 (XXXV)),

Noting that the meeting could not complete its work in accordance with the decision AHG/Doc.113 (XVI) Rev.1, due to the lack of certain basic information,

Taking note of the UN definition of aggression:

1. CONGRATULATES the group of experts for the serious work done on the legal and financial implications on the creation of an OAU Defence Force;
2. TAKES NOTE of the recommendations of the meeting of experts on legal and financial implications on the setting up of an OAU Defence Force;
3. DECIDES that the Defence Commission be convened as soon as possible to consider the recommendations of the meeting of experts;
4. INVITES Member States to include in their delegations legal, military and financial experts who would finalize their work on the basis of the guidelines to be provided to them by the Defence Commission;
5. REQUESTS the Secretary-General to make available to the Defence Commission all relevant documents called for in Doc. CM/1051 (XXXV) as well as observations made by the Member States during the 33rd and 35th Sessions;

6. **CALLS UPON the Secretary-General to ensure that the findings of the Defence Commission are reported at the 37th Session of the Council of Ministers.**