

RESOLUTION ON SOUTH AFRICA

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,

Having heard the statements of the National Liberation Movements of South Africa,

Convinced that apartheid is an entrenched system of national oppression, institutionalized racial discrimination and fascist terror perpetrated against the black majority of the people by a racist white minority in South Africa,

Convinced that the struggle for national liberation of the people of South Africa can only be achieved by the use of all means at the disposal of the Liberation Movement, including armed struggle,

Considering the proposed “constellation of Southern African States” as part of the South African racist regime’s sinister strategy to prepare apartheid using military, economic, political and diplomatic means with the aim of converting the independent Southern African States into the regime’s surrogates like its Bantustans,

Reiterating that the policies and practices of the South African racist regime as denounced by the international community call for the imposition of mandatory sanctions under Chapter VII of the Charter of the UN, including oil embargo,

Considering that the collaboration of some of the Western countries and transnational corporations with the Pretoria regime through trade, investments, transfer of nuclear technology, the sale of oil and the violation of the UN arms embargo, bolsters its military and political machinery, facilitates its programme of aggression against independent African States, and constitutes a serious threat to world peace and security,

Conscious of the urgent need to intensify the mobilization of the international community to exert pressure on some of the Western governments to agree especially to the imposition by the UN Security Council of comprehensive sanctions against South Africa,

Noting with indignation the strengthening of sporting links between national sports bodies and individual sportsmen from western countries, especially Britain and the South African racist teams as exemplified by the current tour of South Africa by the British Lions Rugby Club,

Noting with satisfaction the country-wide student revolt demanding a just education system and the scrapping of Bantu Education and other discriminatory and inferior systems of education,

Indignant at the brutal murder of some of the protesting students,

Noting with appreciation the mounting demand in the country for the release of Nelson Mandela and other political prisoners,

Concerned at the determination of the racist South African regime to proceed with the execution of James Mange who was sentenced to death for his activities against the racist regime:

- 1. COMMENDS the National Liberation Movements for stepping up armed actions and for mobilizing and providing political leadership to the people through the country;**
- 2. REJECTS the racist South Africa's scheme of the "Constellation of Southern African States" as aimed at creating buffer zones around South Africa and lending legitimacy to the Bantustans;**
- 3. DEMANDS the release of Nelson Mandela and other political prisoners charged under racist and unjust laws,**

4. **STRONGLY CONDEMNS** the apartheid regime for the death sentence imposed on James Mange and demands his immediate and unconditional release;
5. **REQUESTS** the OAU and OPEC Member States to take effective measures, individually, collectively or regionally to stop the supply of oil to South Africa by the petroleum Companies as the Nigerian Government did when it nationalized the British Petroleum interests;
6. **STONGLY CONDEMNS** those Western countries and the transnational corporations which continue their investments, supply of armaments and oil and nuclear technology to the racist South African regime, thus buttressing it and aggravating the threat to world peace;
7. **URGES** the UN Security Council to ensure that its Resolution No on arms embargo against South Africa is strictly observed and enforced;
8. **MANDATES** the African Group at the United Nations to request the Security Council to convene with a view to imposing comprehensive mandatory sanctions against South Africa under Chapter VII of the UN Charter, including an embargo on oil;
9. **WELCOMES** the convening of the OAU/UN Conference on sanctions against South Africa to be held in Paris next year, and urges OAU Member States to participate fully at the Conference and ensure success;
10. **REAFFIRMS** the total commitment and full support to the liberation struggle of the people of South Africa in all its forms including the armed struggle;
11. **STRONGLY CONDEMNS** the brutal killing by the racist police of students protesting against Bantu Education and other discriminatory systems of

education in South Africa and demands free, compulsory universal and equal education for all irrespective of colour;

- 12. CONDEMNS British and other Western countries for allowing and encouraging their national sports bodies and individual sportsmen, cultural groups and individual artists to strengthen links with the racist South African regime;**
- 13. URGES all States to take appropriate measures to ensure that they are not used as a conduit for the supply of arms to South Africa;**
- 14. URGES all OAU Member States to increase material, political and diplomatic assistance to the Liberation Movements of South Africa to reinforce their capacity to intensify the struggle for national liberation.**