

RESOLUTION ON ASSISTANCE TO FRONTLINE STATES

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirty-sixth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 23 February to 1 March, 1981,

Having considered the progress report of the Chairman of the OAU Committee of 19 contained in Document CM/1104 (XXXVI) as well as the summary record (Doc.CM/1104 (XXXVI) Add.1) on the mission undertaken by the Sub -Committee of 19 to the Scandinavian Countries and international institutions in Europe to solicit assistance for the Frontline States,

Recalling resolutions CM/Res.577 (XXIX), CM/Res.637 (XXXI), CM/Res.786 (XXXV) and decision AHG/Dec.112 (XVI) Rev.1 of the OAU on the necessary assistance to be granted to the Frontline States,

Noting with satisfaction the readiness of the Scandinavian Countries and institutions visited to collaborate closely with the Committee of 19,

Expressing concern over the grave and ever-increasing economic and social problems facing the Frontline States due to the persistent acts of aggression perpetrated by the racist regime of South Africa,

Recalling the solemn commitment of the OAU to find ways and means of obtaining from extra-African sources financial and material assistance for the Frontline States, victims of raids by the Pretoria regime, because of their devotion to the African cause,

Considering the efforts hitherto exerted by the Committee of 19 to accomplish the mission entrusted to it by the OAU:

1. NOTES WITH SATISFACTION the report of the OAU Committee of 19 and that of its Chairman as well as the summary record of the mission undertaken to the Scandinavian Countries and institutions likely to assist the Frontline States;
2. THANKS the Scandinavian Countries and international institutions visited by the Committee of 19 for their willingness to assist the Frontline States;
3. REQUESTS the OAU Committee of 19 to pursue its mission to obtain the necessary assistance for the Frontline States;
4. FURTHER REQUESTS the Committee of 19 to maintain contacts with donor governments and international organizations so as to better inform them about the situation in the Frontline States and their actual needs;
5. CALLS UPON all OAU Member States to grant material and financial assistance to these countries in accordance with their commitment to Africa;
6. STRONGLY APPEALS to other peace and justice-loving countries of the world to provide assistance to the Frontline States;
7. REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General and the Chairman of the Committee of 19 to contact Governments and international organizations which have not yet been contacted with a view to obtaining increased assistance to Frontline States;
8. RECOMMENDS that the Committee of 19 should, in its activities, take into account the Southern African Development Co-ordinating Conference programmes with a view to avoiding any duplication detrimental to the Frontline States;

9. REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General and the Chairman of the Committee of 19 to submit a report on this question to the Thirty-eighth Session of the Council of Ministers.