

**RESOLUTION ON CURRENT INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Forty-eighth Ordinary Session, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 19 to 23 May 1988,

**Reaffirming** the purposes and principles of the Charter of the Organization of African Unity,

**Recalling** the OAU Charter emphasizes the promotion of International Co-operation as one of its main purposes and declares the adherence of all Member States to the policy of Non-Alignment with regard to all blocks as one of its solemn principles,

**Aware** of the signs of change in international climate which would lead to major developments affecting different aspects of international relations,

**Also aware** of the emergence of a period of détente where a relaxation of tension would prevail in the relations between the two super power and would be extended to the international scene,

**Recognizing** that the Non-Aligned Movement has welcomed a détente that is comprehensive and open to which it has greatly contributed,

**Observing** that the leaders of the two super powers are scheduled to meet shortly to discuss matters of common and international concern including a genuine process of disarmament, especially nuclear disarmament,

**Observing further** the Non-Aligned Movement is scheduled to hold a ministerial meeting in the near future:

1. **WELCOMES** the fact that the two super powers have entered into a process of contacts, negotiations and possible agreement on a disarmament process;

2. **ALSO WELCOMES** the fact that there are real opportunities for global détente and that improvements are evident in the international environment;
3. **EMPHASIZES** that if détente is to last, it must be universal, global and open;
4. **EMPHASIZES FURTHER** that Third World Countries should play a more active and positive role in the process of détente and participate in it on an equal footing in the interest of the entire international community;
5. **REMAINS STRONGLY CONVINCED** that all actions, negotiations or agreements must be based on strict observance of the principles and objectives of the United Nations Charter if they are to succeed or last;
6. **CALLS UPON** the Non-Aligned Movement to monitor carefully the aforementioned developments and recommends that the Non-Aligned Movement start a process of reassessment of the international situation and the impact of these developments on the Third World Countries as well as on their just causes;
7. **REITERATES** once again the fundamental principle of the OAU Charter concerning the adherence of all Member States to the policy of Non-Alignment with regard to all blocs, which under the present circumstances champions the right to self-determination, independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity, equality, mutual respect and co-operation among all States.