

RESOLUTION ON SOMALIA

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Sixtieth Ordinary Session in Tunis, Tunisia, from 6 to 11 June, 1994,

Having considered the Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Somalia, contained in Document CM/1830 (LX),

Recalling the Agreement concluded at the Conference on National reconciliation in Somalia, held from 15 to 27 March 1993, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia,

Appreciative of the commendable efforts made by H.E. President Mubarak of the Arab republic of Egypt, H.E. President Daniel t. Arap Moi, President of the Republic of Kenya and H.E. President Meles Zenawi of the Transitional Government of Ethiopia, in accordance with the mandate entrusted to the latter by the OAU Heads of state and Government to assist the Somalis in restoring peace and achieving national reconciliation in their country,

Considering the praiseworthy efforts made by the international community to provide humanitarian assistance to Somalia, and its disposition to help in the reconstruction and rehabilitation of the country,

Reaffirming the imperative need to establish a secure atmosphere conducive to humanitarian activities as well as the peace process to take place in Somalia,

Bearing in mind the Declaration signed by the leaders of the Somali political organizations on 24th March 1994, in Nairobi, under the auspices of UNSOM,

Considering that the Declaration constitutes a watershed in the resumption of the dialogue among the various parties as stressed by the Second Ordinary Session of the Central Organ, meeting at Ministerial level,

Recognizing the major role of Africa in the settlement of the Somali conflict:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the report of the Secretary-General;
2. **COMMENDS** H.E. President Mubarak of the Arab Republic of Egypt, H.E. President Meles Zenawi of the Transitional government of Ethiopia, H.E. President Daniel t. Arap Moi of the Republic of Kenya and Dr. Salim Ahmed Salim, the OAU Secretary-General as well as the African countries contributing troops to UNSOM, on their relentless efforts in the search of a negotiated political solution for the Somali problem;
3. **EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION** for the resolution 897 (1994) adopted by the Security Council on 4 February 1994, by which the Council approved the UN Secretary-General's recommendation for the continuation of UNOSOM II, within the context of a revised mandate;

4. **REITERATES** the appeal made by the Central Organ at its Summit level meeting in Cairo, on 7 December 1993, to the United Nations, particularly to UNOSOM II, to work in close coordination and partnership with the Central Organ of the OAU Mechanism for Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution, particularly with President Meles Zenawi, to facilitate political reconciliation and the implementation of all agreements on Somalia;
5. **REITERATES FURTHER** that restoration of peace in Somalia remains essentially the responsibility of the Somalis, and that the international community can only help them in the realization of that objective;
6. **TAKES NOTE** of the Declaration by the leaders of the Somali political organizations signed in Nairobi, on 24th March 1994, by the various Somali political organizations, and **COMMENDS** them for their efforts and **URGES** them to persevere in the dialogue that they have embarked upon and to work tirelessly towards the convening of the National Reconciliation Conference;
7. **REAFFIRMS** the position of the central Organ for Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution, at its Ministerial level, contained in the Communique issued on 24 March 1994, urging the various Somali political organizations to proceed with the course of common action which is envisaged in their Declaration;
8. **COMMENDS** particularly the Somali Aid Co-ordination Body and its Sanding Committee for the good work it has started in the field of rehabilitation and reconstruction;
9. **CALLS UPON** the international community to continue rendering adequate assistance to the people of Somalia in the areas of recovery, rehabilitation and humanitarian relief supplies;
10. **REQUESTS** the Central Organ and the OAU Secretary-General to continue to follow closely, developments in the situation in Somalia, and to report to the next ordinary session of the Council of Ministers.