



ECM/Res. I (I)

RESOLUTION OF THE FIRST EXTRA-ORDINARY SESSION
OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HELD IN ADDIS
ABABA, ETHIOPIA, FROM 15 TO
18 NOVEMBER 1963

The Council of Ministers meeting in its Extraordinary Session in Addis Ababa from 15 to 18 November 1963, by virtue of Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the Organization of African Unity and in accordance with the request contained in the joint Bamako Communiqué dated 30 October 1963 with regard to the Algero-Moroccan difference,

Considering that all Member States are bound by Article 6 to respect scrupulously all the principles formulated in Article 3 of the Charter of the Organization of African Unity,

Considering the imperative need of settling all differences between African States by peaceful means and within a strictly African framework,

Having heard the statements made respectively by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Morocco and Algeria on the question of the dispute between these two brother States,

Welcomes the Agreements reached at Bamako on 30 October 1963 by His Imperial Majesty Haile Selassie I, Emperor of Ethiopia, His Majesty Hassan II, King of Morocco, His Excellency Ahmed Ben Bella, President of the Republic of Algeria, His Excellency Modibo Keita, President of the Government of Mali and Head of State,

Reaffirms the unwavering determination of the African States always to seek a peaceful and fraternal solution to all differences that may arise among them by negotiation and within the framework of the principles and the institutions prescribed by the Charter of the Organization of African Unity,

Notes with satisfaction the moderate and fraternal tone in which the discussions of the Council have been conducted,

Pays a warm tribute to His Majesty Haile Selassie I, Emperor of Ethiopia, and His excellency Modibo Keita, President of the Government of Mali and Head of State, for their efforts to obtain a cease-fire between Algeria and Morocco,

Considering that the Commission of Mediation, Conciliation and Arbitration provided for in article 9 of the charter has not yet been set up,

DECIDES therefore to create the Ad-Hoc Commission provided for in article 4 of the joint Bamako Communiqué and designates for this purpose the following countries:-

1. Ethiopia
2. Ivory Coast
3. Mali
4. Nigeria
5. Senegal
6. Sudan
7. Tanganyika

The terms of reference of this Ad-Hoc Commission thus constituted are those laid down in article 4, sub-paragraphs a) and b), of the joint Bamako Communiqué,

In the spirit of the Bamako Communiqué, the Commission shall as soon as possible establish its own rules of procedure and its working methods in accordance with the principles and the provisions of the charter of the Organization of African Unity and of the Rules of Procedures of the Council of Ministers,

REQUESTS further that the Ad-Hoc Commission report back to its on the results of its work,

APPEALS finally to the two parties to refrain from any action likely to jeopardize the success of the Ad-Hoc Commission.

Adopted on 18 November 1963