APPENDIX - XIII

OAU RESOLUTION ON BORDER DISPUTES

TEXT: BORDER DISPUTES AMONG AFRICAN STATES:

The Assembly of Heads of the State and Government at its First Ordinary Session, held in Cairo, UAR, (now Egypt) from 17th to 21st July 1964;

Considering that border problems constitute a grave and permanent factor of dissensions;

Conscious of the existence of extra-African manoeuvres aiming at dividing the African States;

Considering further that the borders of African States, on the day of their independence, constitute a tangible reality; Recalling the establishment in the course of the Second Ordinary Session of the Council of the Committee of Eleven in charge of studying the means of strengthening African unity.

Recognizing the imperious necessity of settling, by peaceful means and within a strictly African framework, all disputes between African States;

Recalling further that all Member States have pledged, under Article VI, to scrupulously respect all principles laid down in Article III of the Charter of the OAU:

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1. Solemnly reaffirms the strict respect by all Member States of the Organization in the principles laid down in article III, paragraph 3 of the Charter of the OAU.

2. Solemnly declares that all Member States pledge themselves to respect the frontiers existing on their achievement of national independence.