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Letter dated 21 March 1980 from the Permanent Representative of
Mauritania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-
General

I have the honour to transmit to you the text of resolution ECM/Res.25(XIII) on Zimbabwe, adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity at its thirteenth extraordinary session, held in Addis Ababa from 10 to 12 March 1980, and to request you to circulate it as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 85 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Sid'Ahmed Ould TAYA
Permanent Representative of the
Islamic Republic of Mauritania
to the United Nations,
Chairman of the African Group

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ANNEX

RESOLUTION ON ZIMBABWE

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Thirteenth Extraordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 10 to 12 March 1980,

Having considered the prevailing political developments in Southern Rhodesia (Zimbabwe) particularly since the Thirty-fourth Ordinary Session of the OAU Council of Ministers,

Having examined the report of the OAU Observer Team sent to Southern Rhodesia (Zimbabwe) in conformity with resolution CM/Res.766 (XXXIV) to monitor the elections held in the territory from 27 to 29 February, 1980,

Reaffirming that the Lancaster House Agreement is the direct result of the armed struggle waged by the people of Zimbabwe under the leadership of the Patriotic Front their sole and legitimate representative,

Noting with satisfaction that the political realism and the sense of responsibility which the two wings of the Patriotic Front displayed as well as the diplomatic steps taken by the OAU favourably influenced the conduct of the elections in Southern Rhodesia (Zimbabwe) and enabled the achievement of a positive result despite the many violations of the Lancaster House Agreement by the British Administration,

Gratified at the successful conclusion of the armed struggle waged by the Patriotic Front alliance of ZANU and ZAPU, the sole and legitimate representative of the Zimbabwean people,

Highly appreciating the immense sacrifices and invaluable assistance rendered to the Patriotic Front alliance by the Frontline States,

Also appreciating the invaluable assistance given to the Patriotic Front alliance by other Member States of the OAU, the United Nations, the League of Arab States, the Non-Aligned countries, the Socialist and Scandinavian countries as well as by other international organizations, non-governmental and anti-colonialist organizations,

Determined to support by all means Zimbabwe in her efforts for national reconstruction and against any threat from anywhere,

Aware that unity is necessary to enable Zimbabwe to undertake its national reconstruction task in peace and dignity,

Noting that the victory won by the people of Zimbabwe opens new prospects to the accession of Namibia to real independence in conformity with resolution 1514(XV) of the United Nations General Assembly,

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1. TAKES NOTE of the report of the OAU Secretariat Observer Team to Southern Rhodesia (Zimbabwe) which concluded that the elections held in Southern Rhodesia (Zimbabwe) from 27 to 29 February 1980 could be considered as free and fair;
2. ENDORSES the outcome of the said elections;
3. CONGRATULATES Comrade Robert G. Mugabe, the President of ZANU (Patriotic Front) and his Party on the resounding victory of the first free elections in Southern Rhodesia (Zimbabwe);
4. WARMLY CONGRATULATES the people of Zimbabwe on having successfully led their liberation struggle and on their political maturity as demonstrated by the recent elections;
5. URGES all patriotic Zimbabweans to rally behind Prime Minister Robert G. Mugabe with the view to consolidating national unity;
6. PAYS a glowing tribute to the Heads of State, governments and peoples of the Frontline States for the immense sacrifices and invaluable assistance they rendered to the Patriotic Front alliance in its struggle for the liberation of Zimbabwe;
7. REAFFIRMS its gratitude for the invaluable assistance given to the Patriotic Front alliance by other OAU Member States, the United Nations, the League of Arab States, the Non-Aligned countries, the Socialist and Scandinavian countries as well as by other international organizations, non-governmental and anti-colonialist organizations;
8. CONGRATULATES the OAU Co-ordinating Committee for the Liberation of Africa for having successfully assisted the people of Zimbabwe in the struggle for the liberation of their country through the Patriotic Front the sole, authentic and legitimate liberation movement;
9. WARNS all States against interference in the internal affairs of the newly independent State of Zimbabwe and calls upon the international community not to tolerate such interference;
10. REQUESTS all OAU Member States to assist Zimbabwe in all possible ways and by all available means in the event of such interference;
11. CALLS UPON all specialized agencies of the United Nations system to urgently participate in the programme of national reconstruction of Zimbabwe as well as the repatriation, placement and rehabilitation of Zimbabweans displaced by the war in Southern Rhodesia (Zimbabwe);
12. URGENTLY appeals to all Member States and the international community to provide all possible assistance to the government of the newly independent State of Zimbabwe in the task of national reconstruction and nation building;

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13. REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the OAU to urgently establish a task force within the Secretariat charged with the responsibility of co-ordinating OAU assistance to Zimbabwe.
