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### RESOLUTION ON THE DUMPING OF NUCLEAR AND INDUSTRIAL WASTES IN AFRICA ADOPTED BY THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY

The attached resolution, which was adopted in May at the 24th summit meeting of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), held in Addis Ababa, and which was a subject of discussion at the June 1988 session of the Board of Governors, is herewith being circulated for the information of all Member States at the request of Nigeria.

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**RESOLUTION CM/RES 1153(XLVIII) ON THE DUMPING OF NUCLEAR  
AND INDUSTRIAL WASTES IN AFRICA  
ADOPTED BY THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), meeting in its forty-eighth ordinary session, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 19 to 23 May 1988,

Aware of the growing practice of dumping nuclear and industrial wastes in African countries by transnational corporations and other enterprises from industrialized countries, which they cannot dispose of within their territories,

Gravely concerned about the growing tendency of some African countries to conclude agreements or arrangements with such corporations and enterprises which facilitate the dumping of nuclear and industrial wastes in their territorial boundaries,

Bearing in mind the harmful effects of radiation from nuclear and other hazardous industrial wastes to human and marine life as well as to the ecosystems on which they depend for their existence:

1. DECLARES that the dumping of nuclear and industrial wastes in Africa is a crime against Africa and the African people;
2. CONDEMNNS all transnational corporations and enterprises involved in the introduction, in any form, of nuclear and industrial wastes in Africa; and DEMANDS that they clean up the areas that have already been contaminated by them;

3. CALLS UPON African countries which have concluded or are in the process of concluding agreements or arrangements for dumping nuclear and industrial wastes in their territories to put an end to these transactions;
4. REQUESTS Member States of the OAU to carry out information campaigns among their people about the danger of nuclear and industrial wastes;
5. REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the OAU, in close collaboration with the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), and other concerned organizations, to assist African countries to establish appropriate mechanisms for monitoring and control of the movement and disposal of nuclear and industrial wastes in Africa;
6. REQUESTS ALSO the Secretary-General of the OAU to take appropriate steps to ensure the inscription of "The dumping of nuclear and industrial wastes in Africa" as an item on the agenda of the forty-third session of the United Nations General Assembly;
7. REQUESTS FURTHER the Secretary-General of the OAU to report to the Council of Ministers, at its fiftieth session, on the implementation of this resolution;

8. CALLS UPON Member States to adhere to the guidelines and principles of Cairo on the dumping of dangerous wastes using ecologically rational methods; and
9. INVITES Member States to participate in the working group charged with the drafting of the Convention on the Control of the Movement of Dangerous Wastes across Borders.