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REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ITEM IN THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF
THE NINETEENTH SESSION

DECLARATION ON THE DENUCLEARIZATION OF AFRICA

Letter dated 28 August 1964 from the Permanent Representatives of Algeria, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo (Brazzaville), Congo (Leopoldville), Dahomey, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Republic, United Republic of Tanganyika and Zanzibar and Upper Volta to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The undersigned Permanent Representatives of the African States have the honour to draw to your attention the Declaration on the denuclearization of Africa adopted by the Summit Conference of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its regular session in Cairo, 17-21 July 1964, which reads as follows:

"We, African Heads of State and Government,

"Conscious of our responsibilities towards our peoples and of our international obligation, under the Charter of the United Nations and the Charter of the Organization of African Unity, to use our best endeavours to strengthen peace and security,

"Convinced that the conditions ensuring international peace and security must prevail in order to save humanity from the scourge of nuclear war,

"Profoundly concerned at the effects of the dissemination of nuclear weapons,

"Confirming United Nations resolution 1652 (XVI) calling upon all States to respect the denuclearization of the continent of Africa,

"Reaffirming the resolution on general disarmament adopted by the Conference of Heads of State and Government at Addis Ababa in May 1963,

"Conscious that the General Assembly of the United Nations, at its sixteenth session, called upon all States, and in particular upon the States at present possessing nuclear weapons, to use their best endeavours to secure the conclusion of an international agreement containing provisions under which the nuclear States would undertake to refrain from relinquishing control of nuclear weapons and from transmitting the information necessary for their manufacture to States not possessing such weapons, and provisions under which States not possessing nuclear weapons would undertake not to manufacture or otherwise acquire control of such weapons,

"Convinced of the urgent necessity to redouble the efforts to reach an early solution to the problem of general disarmament,

"1. Solemnly declare that we are ready to undertake, through an international agreement to be concluded under United Nations auspices, not to manufacture or control atomic weapons;

"2. Appeal to all peace-loving nations to accept the same undertaking;

"3. Appeal to all the nuclear Powers to respect this declaration and conform to it;

"4. Request the General Assembly of the United Nations, at its nineteenth regular session, to approve this declaration and to take the necessary measures to convene an international conference for the purpose of concluding an agreement to that effect".

As is clear from operative paragraph 4 of this declaration the African Heads of State and Government wish the General Assembly of the United Nations, at its nineteenth session,

1. To approve their declaration on the denuclearization of Africa;

2. To decide to convene an international conference for the purpose of concluding an agreement on the denuclearization of the continent of Africa.

The Permanent Representatives of the African States accordingly request that an item entitled "Declaration on the denuclearization of Africa" be included in the provisional agenda of the next session of the United Nations General Assembly.

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