
**GENERAL DISARMAMENT (RESOLUTION
ADOPTED BY THE FIRST CONFERENCE OF
INDEPENDENT AFRICAN HEADS OF STATE AND
GOVERNMENTS, ADDIS ABEBA, ETHIOPIA MAY
22 TO 25, 1963)**

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Agenda Item III: GENERAL DISARMAMENT
The Summit Conference of Independent African
States meeting in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from
22 to 25 May 1963,

Having considered all aspects of the questions of
general disarmament,

Unanimously convinced of the imperious and
urgent necessity of co-ordinating and
intensifying their efforts to contribute to the
achievement of a realistic disarmament
programme through the signing, by all States
concerned, of a treaty on general and complete
disarmament under strict and effective
international control,

Have agreed unanimously to concert and co-
ordinate their efforts and actions in this field, and
to this end have decided on the following
measures:

1. To affirm and respect the principle of
declaring Africa a Denuclearized Zone to oppose

all nuclear and thermonuclear tests, as well as the
manufacture of nuclear weapons and to promote
the peaceful uses of nuclear energy;

2. The destruction of existing nuclear weapons;

3. To undertake to bring about, by means of
negotiation, the end of military occupation of the
African continent and the elimination of military
bases and nuclear tests, which elimination
constitutes a basic element of African
Independence and Unity;

4. To appeal to the Great Powers to:

- (a) reduce conventional weapons;
- (b) put an end to the arms race; and
- (c) sign a general and complete disarmament
agreement under strict and effective international
control;

5. To appeal to the Great Powers, in particular to
the Soviet Union and the United States of
America, to use their best endeavors to secure
the objectives stated above.