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Mr Chairman,
Your hoelleneiee, Distinguished Heads of State and Government 4
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Comrades, ladies and gentlemen:
On behalf oÃehatioml liberation movements, I have the 113:.
sincere thanks to His meellency, Chairmen Mengietu Heile Mariam, for his
to extend our

warm words of welcome. We are happy to be in Addie Abeba once again,
attending this premier event in the African political calendar, the
OAU Summit i-\202eeting of Heads of State and Government.

We have been higzly inspired by what H.E. Chairman Hengietu Heile Mariam
has 8316. because during his brilliant presentation, he has dealt in a
frank and. realistic war with the problems fwing our continent. Not
least among these is the situation in Southern Africa which oerrectly
continues to preoccupy the peeplee of Africa. and. the rest of democratic
and progressive Immunity.

â\200\230 We are very yateful for the traditional fraternal welcome with which
we have been received since we returned to this historic African city.

We thank the goveruent and people of eoeialiet Ethiopia. for this.

He heve come to expect the hospitality that has been extended to us
since we arrived. This however does not reduce our appreciation of
its warmth and genuinenese; rather, it enhances our conviction that in
this ancient land, we have a. second home which we can truly 0311 home.

Genius from Southern Africa, we cannot but recall that this it the
first; mm of the ow held since the untimely and lameutable death of

thet outstanding Africa revolutionary, patriot and statesman, Senora.

Moises Meehel. Since then, and as we do now, we have missed. his engaging
personality, his friendship and his wisdom in the continuing struggle
to liberate South Africa. aha Namibia and to bring peace and development
to the entire region of Southern Africa.

We are however certain that the results of thie Summit will show that
Samara Maohel is not dead but lives on among us, inepirihg us to
continue his life's work and. to realise his vision of a proeperous and
happy mother continent of Africa. that will be reepected by the nations

of the world for its genius and its humanism. The:~â\200\230ldemies of Africa. who plott
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and carried out his murder had hoped that their heinous deed would set us
back by blotting out this vision. They will be proved. wrong.

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In this, we are gently encouraged and strengthened by the firm position taken by the Frontline States against the apartheid regime and in support of the struggle for the total liberation of our continent, despite the setbacks to themselves in terms at least in human lives and property. At this point in time, and since the illegitimate white-only election of the 6th of May, when the Pretoria regime has been increasing its campaign of terror and aggression, we are certain that this august Summit will agree to new measures aimed at the total isolation of the apartheid regime and extending further political and material support to the liberation movements. It is also a matter of strategic importance that assistance be extended to the Frontline States as well. »

May we also take this opportunity to extend to you Mr Chairman, to your host, Prime Minister Haile Mariam, and to all the African leaders

gathered here the greetings of our embattled people, our combatants and political workers and the thousands of leaders and activists who are detained and imprisoned in South Africa and Namibia. Together with us, these struggling peoples are convinced that victory is certain. By their efforts and with your support and involvement, they have driven the apartheid system into a deep crisis from which it cannot extricate itself. Together with you, they are convinced that the stronger the bonds of unity among the people

of

of Africa. in the struggle to end the "apartheid

crime against humanity, the milestone will be achieved. The week

ended earlier today by H.E. Mengistu Haile Mariam, are an important contribution to this great end and will, we are certain, inspire this Summit here, to vindicate the confidence which our people have

in the O.A.S. as their ally in our sacred struggle.

Thank you.

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As we speak, we are also acutely conscious that just over a week ago, Samora's motherland, the People's Republic of Mozambique, experienced a terrible massacre, carried out by people who have no right to be called human. These crazed villains were the bandits who are the offspring and extension of the equally murderous Pretoria army of repression and aggression, the instrument of apartheid terrorism whose criminal activities have resulted in the death of hundreds of thousands of people throughout Southern Africa.

We also heard this evening that one of our compatriots, a functionary of the organisation which helped to organise the recent meeting between ourselves and a group of white South Africans, has been assassinated brutally and in cold blood. Those who carried out this and other crimes against the people of South Africa are the same enemies of humanity who conspired to kill Samora Machel and planned the Hmalo massacre. They are responsible also for the occupation of Namibia and the merciless campaign of terror against the sister people of that country.

We speak of course of the Biko regime which continues to conduct an undeclared war against the People's Republic of Angola and refuses to leave the peoples of our region in peace, including those of the Frontline States of Zimbabwe, Zambia and Botswana. As this organisation has said before, it is clear that there can be no peace in Southern Africa until the apartheid system is destroyed and uprooted in its entirety.

The people of Namibia, South Africa, under the leadership of their national liberation movements, SWAPO and the ANC, continue to be engaged precisely in this struggle, to end the apartheid system as well as to peelable and to secure their emancipation. Fighting under conditions of extreme repression, motivated by the imposition of permanent state of emergency and the use of mercenary terror and murder squads, our people remain firm in their determination to achieve victory through their own heroic efforts and sacrifices.

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