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The General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity presents its compliments to the Ministries of Foreign/External Affairs of OAU Member States and has the honour to forward herewith the decision of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the OAU at its Eighteenth Ordinary Session in Nairobi, June 1981 on the candidature of Mr. Salim Ahmed Salim to the post of the Secretary General of the United Nations Organization.

The General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministries of Foreign/External Affairs of OAU Member States the assurances of its highest consideration.

Addis Ababa, 12 August 1981

To all Ministries of Foreign/External Affairs
of OAU Member States



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DECISION ON THE CANDIDATURE OF MR. SALIM AHMED SALIM
TO THE POST OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
OF THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the OAU at its 18th Ordinary Session held in Nairobi, Kenya, from 24 to 27 June 1981 listened to the submission of H.E. Sir Dawda Jawara, President of the Republic of Gambia, on the nomination of Mr. Salim Ahmed Salim, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the United Republic of Tanzania to the post of Secretary-General of the United Nations Organization.

After elaborating on the eminent qualifications of Mr. Salim Ahmed Salim as a leading diplomat who has played an important role in the Organization, Sir Dawda pointed out that no African has had the opportunity to serve as the Secretary-General of that Organization despite their meritorious contributions to the work of the United Nations. This is now the time for Africa to contest for the post. Accordingly, Sir Dawda commended the nomination of Hon. Salim Ahmed Salim for the approval of the Assembly.

All the Heads of State and Government or their representatives who spoke on the item supported the proposal of the President of the Gambia. At the conclusion of the debate the Summit :

1. Unanimously APPROVED the candidature of Salim Ahmed Salim as Africa's candidature for the post of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Organization.
2. REQUESTED the Current Chairman of the OAU to formally communicate the OAU decision to the United Nations.