

Ogaden is part of Ethiopia, OAU body says

Lagos, Aug 20.—An Organization of African Unity (OAU) committee today recognized the Ogaden region as an integral part of Ethiopia, sources close to the body mediating on the dispute between Ethiopia and Somalia said.

The eight-nation "good offices" committee, set up in 1973 to resolve the dispute, completed its latest meeting today. The meeting, one of the results of this year's OAU summit, was chaired by Dr Ishaya Audu, the Nigerian External Affairs Minister.

Foreign ministers at the meeting made six recommendations on "essential conditions for settlement of the Somali-Ethiopian dispute".

Three were for respect of territorial integrity, non-interference in the internal affairs of other countries and settlement of the dispute through negotiation and conciliation.

Ministers on the committee also drew attention to the fundamental principles of the OAU Charter, which include respect for borders existing at the moment of independence.

A source said the recommendations included strong opposition to attempts to subvert the government of a member state.

The war refugees question is to be debated by an ad hoc committee.—Agence France-Press.