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**RESOLUTION ON THE 1984/85 OAU BUDGET AND PROGRAMME**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fortieth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 27 February to 5 March 1984,

**Having examined** the Financial Report of the Secretary-General a.i. on the budget performance for 1983/84 as contained in Document CM/1224 (XL), the Report of the External Board of Auditors on the Accounts in Document CM/1225 (XL) Rev.1, the Statement of Outstanding Contributions to the OAU Regular Budget as at February 24, 1984 contained in Document CM/1223 (XL) Rev.2, the Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative, Budgetary and Financial Matters contained in Document CM/1234 (XL) Rev.1, as well as the Draft Programme and Budget for the 1984/85 Financial Year,

**Having heard** the lucid report presented by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee contained in Document CM/1234 (XL) Rev.1 on the Committee's Thirty-seventh Ordinary Session,

**Having closely examined** the Secretary-General's Draft Budget and Programme for the 1984/85 Financial Year contained in Document CM/1224 (XL),

**Desirous** to ensure strict adherence to proper financial management of the Organization and the maximum utilization of existing personnel,

**Anxious** to realize the maximum benefits from existing OAU Institutions and personnel and the need to guard against the proliferation of Institutions,

**Mindful** of the need to recruit competent and qualified Africans into services of the OAU,

**Conscious of the economic crisis facing all the OAU Member States,**

**Deeply concerned over the mounting arrears of contributions and the need for urgent action to resolve this serious problem which threatens to paralyze the activities of the OAU General Secretariat:**

- 1. CONGRATULATES the OAU Current Chairman on the initiatives he has continued to take in appealing to Member States to pay their arrears of contributions and their portion of the current budget and CALLS UPON him to once more use his good offices to urge his colleagues, the Heads of State and Government to meet their countries' financial obligations to the OAU;**
- 2. CONGRATULATES those Member States that have fully met their financial obligations to the OAU;**
- 3. EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION to the Members of the Board of External Auditors and the Advisory Committee for their commendable work and vigilance;**
- 4. COMMENDS the OAU General Secretariat for the efficient financial management of the Organization and REQUESTS it to ensure an even more prudent use of the available funds;**
- 5. APPEALS to those Member States which have not yet done so to honor their financial obligations to the Organization by paying up their arrears of contributions and their contributions to the current budget;**
- 6. URGES the Secretary-General to get into direct contact with Member States with a view to calling upon them to honor their financial obligations to the OAU as stipulated in Article 97 of the OAU Financial Rules and Regulations;**

- 7. CALLS UPON the Secretary-General to ensure the strictest austerity measures in the execution of the budget;**
- 8. CALLS UPON the Advisory Committee and the General Secretariat to take due note of the particularly difficult economic situation facing Member States by ensuring greater austerity while preparing future budgets;**
- 9. REQUESTS the Secretary-General to review the existing institutions of the Organization with a view to recommending institutions that can be abolished without detriment to the operations and activities of the Organization;**
- 10. FURTHER REQUESTS the Secretary-General to review the present staff situation in the General Secretariat and the Regional and Sub-Regional Offices and to present a report on the measures taken to reduce costs without that unduly affecting the smooth running of the Organization;**
- 11. ADOPTS the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative, Budgetary and Financial Matters (Document CM/1234 (XL) Rev.1), APPROVES the 1984/85 Programme and ADOPTS the budget of 25,305,171,00 US Dollars for the Headquarters of the General Secretariat and its Regional and Sub-Regional Offices.**

**RESOLUTION ON OAU AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON THE SCALE OF  
ASSESSMENT AND CONTRIBUTIONS**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fortieth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 27 February to 5 March 1984,

**Having considered** the report of the Secretary-General of the OAU on Financial Problems facing the OAU as a result of arrears of contributions outstanding against Member States as contained in Document CM/1233 (XL),

**Bearing in mind** the fact that certain Member States feel that the Scale of Assessment contained in Resolution CM/Res.903 (XXXVII) adopted by the Thirty-seventh Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers held in Nairobi, Kenya from 15 to 21 June 1981 is unfavorable to them,

**Aware** of the magnitude of the financial responsibility of the OAU in general, and its obligations towards the implementation of the Lagos Plan of Action and the Final Act of Lagos in particular:

1. **APPEALS** to Member States of the OAU, to take greater interest in the solvency of the OAU and the collective integrity of its membership by honoring regularly their financial obligations to the Organization;
2. **DECIDES** to extend the terms of reference of the **Ad-Hoc** Committee on the Scale of Assessment composed of Angola, Cape Verde, Kenya, Lesotho, Nigeria and Tunisia to be seized of the reviewing of the Scale of Assessment of contributions;
3. **ENTRUSTS** the **Ad-Hoc** Committee to also study the question of arrears of contributions by Member States with a view to finding ways and means of

**ensuring that Member States regularly honor their financial obligations to the Organization;**

- 4. URGES Member States which contest the Scale of Assessment or any Member State that so desires to submit to the Ad-Hoc Committee through the Secretariat concrete alternative proposals or criteria for the assessment of contribution;**
  
- 5. REQUESTS the Ad-Hoc Committee to submit a preliminary report to the Forty-second Session of the Council of Ministers and the final Report to the February Session of the Council in 1937.**

**RESOLUTION ON THE CURRENT CRITICAL ECONOMIC  
SITUATION IN AFRICA**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity Meeting in its Fortieth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 27 February to March 1984,

**Gravely concerned about the deteriorating economic situation in Africa,**

**Having considered the report of the OAU Secretary-General contained in Document CM/1232 (XL) Add.V presented by the delegation of Egypt as well as the statement of the ECA Executive Secretary reporting on the initiative taken by the UN Secretary-General with respect to the present economic crisis in Africa,**

**Recognizing that the effective implementation of the Lagos Plan of Action, adopted by the Second Extraordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government, constitutes the most effective way of solving the current crisis and creating favorable conditions for a development based on the principles of self-reliance and self-sustainment,**

**Noting with appreciation the initiative of the United Nations Secretary-General to mobilize the international community to respond more adequately to the critical economic and social problems confronting Africa,**

**Conscious of the alarming degree of food shortages resulting from natural calamities such as prolonged drought, desertification, cyclones and floods,**

**Noting with concern the prevailing international economic situation and its debilitating effects on the economies of most African countries, through unfair terms of trade, sharp rises in the price of petrol and industrial goods as well as the ever-increasing and staggering foreign debt burdens,**

**Mindful of the disappointing results of recent major international conferences, particularly the UNCTAD VI in relation to the serious economic problems facing African countries,**

**Seriously concerned about the adverse effects that OAU Member States, particularly the least developed among them will suffer as a result of current intentions by some major contributors to the IDA to substantially reduce their level of contribution to IDA:**

- 1. TAKES NOTE of the report of the OAU Secretary-General on the activities of the General Secretariat and its Regional Offices; and of the ECA Executive Secretary on the initiative and efforts of the Secretary-General of the UN in which they highlighted the serious economic problems facing Member States of the Organization;**
- 2. FURTHER TAKES NOTE WITH APPRECIATION document CM/1232 (XL) Add. V Annex 1 presented by the delegation of the Arab Republic of Egypt on the current economic crisis in Africa;**
- 3. EXPRESSIS ITS FULL SUPPORT for the initiative and the efforts of the Secretary-General of the UN to mobilize the support of the international community to Africa's development effort, his call for an adequate response to the critical economic problems confronting Africa and the designation of the ECA Executive Secretary as his special representative on economic crisis in Africa;**
- 4. NOTES WITH APPRECIATION the decision of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC), in its organizational session in**

**February 1984 to accord high priority to the critical economic situation in Africa during its Second regular session in July 1984;**

- 5. CALLS UPON the Secretary-General of the OAU to co-ordinate the activities of African Groups in the United Nations Centres and take all necessary measures with a view to contribute to the successful conclusion of the United Nations Secretary-General's efforts;**
- 6. URGES all Member States to intensify their national collective effort to implement the Lagos Plan of Action through, inter-alia, a readjustment of their national plans and programmes in order to lay a solid foundation for self-reliance and self-sustainment;**
- 7. URGES FURTHER all African regional organizations to formulate concrete programmes of implementation of the Lagos Plan of Action, within their areas of competence, so as to contribute to the effective satisfaction of the needs of OAU Member States;**
- 8. STRONGLY APPEALS to those governments that have indicated to reduce their contribution to the IDA, to seriously review their intentions, in the interest of a more meaningful international co-operation;**
- 9. CALLS UPON the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General on the Economic crisis in Africa to work in close collaboration with the OAU Secretary-General, and ensure that the activities of the proposed regional office in Nairobi are co-ordinated with those of the OAU Secretariat;**
- 10. INVITES the ECA Ministerial Conference in its forthcoming meeting in April 1984 to consider the United Nations Secretary-General's initiative with a view to draw up specific recommendations;**
- 11. REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the OAU, in collaboration with the Executive Secretary of the ECA, to present a progress report on the**

**foregoing to the Forty-first Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers, and subsequently to the Twentieth Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government.**

**RESOLUTION ON THE INTENDED WITHDRAWAL OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FROM UNESCO**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its  
Fortieth

Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 27 February to 5 March 1984,

**Having heard** the statement made by the OAU Secretary-General a.i. concerning  
the intention of the United States of America to withdraw from UNESCO at the end  
of this year,

**Considering** that UNESCO and the OAU have since the 1960's maintained fruitful  
co-operation in the fields of Education, Social and Human Sciences, the Natural  
Sciences, Culture and Communication,

**Bearing in mind** the Co-operation Agreement signed on 10 July 1968 by the two  
Organizations,

**Expressing appreciation** for the assistance UNESCO offers within the scope of its  
competence, not only to Member States, but also to the OAU General Secretariat,  
African national liberation movements and to African Refugees:

1. **REAFFIRMS** to its commitment to the noble ideals of UNESCO;
2. **WELCOMES** the action that it undertakes within the scope of its  
competence to promote Peace, Security and Understanding amongst Men;
3. **COMMENDS** the Director-General of UNESCO for his wise leadership and  
dedication and his exceptional role in assisting the Member States of the  
Organization;

4. **REGRETS** the intention of the United States of America to withdraw from UNESCO in the near future with the consequences this would have on the life and mission of the Organization;
5. **BELIEVES** that such an action, if it does materialize, would deprive the Organization and its Member States of a valid representative in the fields of Education, the Sciences, Culture and Communication;
6. **STRONGLY APPEALS** to the Government of the USA to re-consider its position.

**RESOLUTION ON NEGOTIATIONS FOR A SUCCESSOR  
ARRANGEMENT TO LOME II CONVENTION**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fortieth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 27 February to 5 March 1984,

**Conscious** of the importance of Africa's effective participation in international economic negotiations,

**Recalling** the provisions of the Lagos Plan of Action and in particular Annex III on the participation of Africa in international negotiations,

**Recalling further** "the Libreville Memorandum on Trade and Development" adopted in Libreville, Gabon in February 1983 and "the Buenos Aires Platform" adopted in Buenos Aires, Argentina by the Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 in April 1983,

**Having heard** the statement of the Ethiopian Minister of Foreign Affairs on the on-going ACP/EEC negotiations for a Successor Arrangement to LOME II Convention,

**Taking into account** the Lome I AND Lome II ACP/EEC Conventions and the ACP Georgetown Agreement:

Aware of the relevant resolutions of the United Nations in particular:

- ? Resolutions 3201 and 3202(S-VI) relating to the establishment of the New International Economic Order,
- ? Resolution 3281 (XXXIX) relating to the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,

**? Resolution 3262 (S-VII) relating to Development and  
International Economic Co-operation,**

**Bearing in mind the disappointing results of UNCTAD VI to the aspiration of the  
developing countries and Africa in particular,**

**Concerned at the serious International economic and social crises which affect more  
the  
developing countries and Africa in particular,**

**Anxious to promote international co-operation and strengthen economic and social  
development within the context of a Successor Arrangement to Lome II Convention:**

- 1. EXPRESSES its WILLINGNESS to ensure the consolidation, the growth  
and the strengthening of ACP/EEC co-operation on a basis of equality and  
sovereignty of all States, interdependence of their economies, equitable and  
mutual benefits and non-interference in the internal affairs of the countries  
concerned;**
- 2. ENDORSES FULLY the relevant observations contained in the ACP  
Memorandum on the implementation of the ACP/EEC Lome II Convention  
that the shortcomings of Lome II Convention be remedied, through re-  
negotiation, in the light of the experience gained during its implementation;**
- 3. URGES the ACP and EEC Member States to spare no effort so that the  
results of the negotiations for a Successor Arrangement to Lome II  
Convention be taken as a model of international co-operation;**
- 4. REQUESTS the ACP African Group to take into account and be guided by  
the relevant resolutions and decisions adopted by the supreme organs of the  
OAU at all stages of the negotiations;**

- 5. REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General in collaboration with the Executive Secretary of ECA to continue giving positive assistance needed by the African Group in the ACP and to report the progress of the negotiations to appropriate OAU political organs.**

**RESOLUTION ON THE ADOPTION OF PORTUGUESE AS A  
WORKING LANGUAGE OF THE OAU**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Fortieth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 27 February to 5 March 1984,

**Having considered** the question of adopting Portuguese as a working language of the OAU, contained in Document CM/1232(XL) Add.1,

**Recalling** its Resolution CM/Res.763 (XXXIII) adopted in Monrovia, Liberia, by the Council of Ministers at its Thirty-third Ordinary Session from 6 – 20 July 1979 which recommended that the question of the introduction of Portuguese as a working language of the OAU be dealt in conformity with the provision of Article XXXIII of the Charter of the Organization of African Unity,

**Taking into consideration** the number of Member States which use Portuguese as official language,

**Conscious** of the importance attached to the adoption of Portuguese as a working language by the Portuguese speaking countries and the Organization itself:

1. **REAFFIRMS** by acclamation its earlier decision to introduce Portuguese as a working language of the OAU;
2. **APPEALS** to the Member States to send as soon as possible to the General Secretariat, their reply to letter CAB/CM/35/86.84 of 1 February 1984 on the adoption of Portuguese as a working language of the OAU in conformity with the provision of Article (XXXIII) of the Charter of the Organization of African Unity.

**RESOLUTION ON SOLIDARITY WITH THE VICTIMS OF THE CYCLONE**  
**(DOMOINA) AND OF THE FLOODS IN MOZAMBIQUE**  
**AND SWAZILAND**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Fortieth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 27 February to 5 March 1984,

Having carefully taken note of the report and the appeal of the Secretary-General a.i. on the disastrous situation resulting from the Domoina Cyclone and the floods in Mozambique and Swaziland,

Having also taken note of the statement made by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Mozambique on the floods and drought in his country which have already caused hundreds of deaths and heavy material loss,

Having in mind the spirit of unity and solidarity which have always guided the OAU:

1. EXPRESSES its TOTAL and FRATERNAL SOLIDARITY with the victims of the Domoina Cyclone and floods in Mozambique and Swaziland;
2. APPEALS to all members of the international community in general and of the OAU in particular to give urgent material and financial assistance to the peoples and governments of the People's Republic of Mozambique and the Kingdom of Swaziland.

**RESOLUTION ON AFRO-ARAB CO-OPERATION**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Fortieth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 27 February to 5 March 1984,

**Having carefully examined** the Report of the Secretary-General a.i. on Afro-Arab Co-operation (DOC.CM/1213(XL) Rev.1,

**Bearing in mind** the Declaration and the Programme of Action as well as the other decisions and Resolutions adopted by the First Afro-Arab Summit held in Cairo, Egypt in March 1977,

**Recalling** the relevant provisions of Resolutions CM/Res.721 (XXXIII), CM/Res. 770(XXXIV) Rev.1,

**Reiterating** its total commitment and constant readiness to seek ways and means of achieving Afro-Arab Co-operation as defined by the First Afro-Arab Summit in Cairo,

**Expressing regrets** at the inability of certain bodies of the Afro-Arab Co-operation to meet during the present phase of the realizations of this co-operation, resulting in the inactivity of the Joint Executive Bodies:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Secretary-General a.i. (Doc.CM/1213 (XL));
2. **CONGRATULATES** the two Secretaries-General of the OAU and of the Arab League on their constant efforts to realize the ideals and objectives of Afro-Arab Co-operation;

3. **COMMENDS** the Standing Commission for the work it has accomplished and **ENDORSES** the conclusions and recommendations of the Fifth and Sixth Sessions of this Joint body as contained in Document CM/1213 (XL) Rev.1;
4. **CONGRATULATES** the Arab Bank for the Economic Development of Africa (BADEA) on the efforts it has deployed so as to strengthen active solidarity between the African and Arab countries and **URGES** it to pursue and intensify its efforts to expand the field of Afro-Arab Co-operation;
5. **EXPRESSES APPRECIATION** to the Standing Commission for taking into consideration the Lagos Plan of Action and the Amman Strategy as part of the implementation of the Afro-Arab Co-operation;
6. **DECIDES** to devote all individual and collective efforts to the promotion of the Afro-Arab Co-operation;
7. **EXPRESSES SATISFACTION** at the direction given to the Afro-Arab Co-operation as part of the concerted efforts to implement the Lagos Plan of Action and the Amman Strategy within the context of the complementarity of the economies of two regions, and **URGES** BADEA and Arab Funds for development to assist the OAU in its efforts to help Member States implement the Lagos Plan of Action and the Final Act through the creation of the African Economic Community;
8. **AUTHORIZES** the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps to alert Arab and African Financial and Economic Institutions to the efforts made by OAU Member States towards the creation of a regional economic entity - the African Economic Community;
9. **CALLS UPON** the OAU Secretary-General to immediately engage in the necessary consultations with his counterpart of the Arab League so as to coordinate in the course of 1984 the preparations for the holding of the Seventh

**Session of the Standing Commission and the Second Afro-Arab Ministerial Conference which inter-alia will decide on the date and place of the next Afro-Arab Summit;**

**10. TAKES NOTE, once again, of the invitation of the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to host the Seventh Session of the Standing Commission and the Second Joint Afro-Arab Ministerial Conference at dates to be fixed after consultations between the two Secretariats, without prejudice, however, to the provisions of Paragraph 3 of Resolution CM/Res.770 (XXXIV);**

**11. DECIDES to renew the OAU Group of Twelve for Afro-Arab Co-operation as follows:**

<b>Central Africa:</b>	<b>Angola, Congo</b>
<b>Northern Africa:</b>	<b>Morocco, Tunisia</b>
<b>Eastern Africa:</b>	<b>Tanzania, Mauritius</b>
<b>Southern Africa:</b>	<b>Swaziland, Mozambique</b>
<b>Western Africa:</b>	<b>Ghana, Guinea, Upper Volta, Sierra Leone</b>

**RESOLUTION ON SOUTH AFRICA**

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**Deploing the increasing spate of arrests, detentions, torture, murder and imprisonment of South African Patriots by the apartheid regime because of their opposition to its criminal policies,**

**Hailing the heroic struggle being waged by the oppressed people of South Africa against forced removals, bantustans, so-called “resettlement centers” and other inhuman measures such as the de-nationalization of the indigenous majority,**

**Welcoming the decision of the United Nations Special Committee Against Apartheid to launch a wider and stronger campaign for the release of Nelson Mandela, Zephania Mothopeng and all other South African political prisoners and to promote the just struggle of the oppressed people of South Africa,**

**Having heard the statement from the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Trade Union Unity (OATUU), Mr Denis Akumu,**

**Noting with satisfaction the intensive industrial activities being waged against apartheid by South African workers:**

- 1. COMMENDS ONCE MORE the people of South Africa for their sustained militant opposition to their oppression and the National Liberation Movements of South Africa for their continued mobilization of the oppressed people and for the ANC’S intensification of the armed struggle;**
- 2. UNEQUIVICALLY CONDEMNS the so-called constitutional proposals as a fraud and designed to further entrench apartheid;**
- 3. CALLS UPON so-called Coloureds and people of Asian origin to stand firm on their rejection of the so-called constitutional proposals;**
- 4. FURTHER COMMENDS the Frontline and other neighboring States for their sacrifices to achieve the total liberation of Africa and calls upon all**

- peace-loving people of the world to render all forms of assistance to these States;
5. **CONDEMNS** the racist regime's continuing campaign of assassinations against South African patriots, both in South Africa and in neighboring Frontline and other countries in the region and in particular:
    - ? the 1983 aerial bombardment of factories and residential areas in the Mozambican capital, Maputo which resulted in the death of innocent civilians which included one child, a pregnant woman and a South African refugee and the wounding of 32 citizens of that country;
  6. **CONDEMNS** the actions and policies of the United States of America concerning South Africa and regard them as constituting an unholy alliance with the apartheid regime in its repression of the oppressed people of South Africa and its acts of aggression, subversion and terrorism against the Frontline and neighboring States;
  7. **REITERATES** that the principal cause of the problem in Southern Africa is the inhuman and repugnant policies of apartheid pursued by the racist regime of South Africa and that only its total eradication can lead to genuine peace and security in the region;
  8. **STRONGLY CONDEMNS** some Western Countries, especially the United States of America and Britain, as well as Israel, Multinational Corporations and International Finance Institutions for their co-operation and links with the racist regime of South Africa as such links have contributed to the racists adopting intransigent and aggressive policies;
  9. **CALLS UPON** Governments and the international community to individually and collectively work for the imposition of comprehensive and mandatory sanctions against the South African regime;

10. **APPEALS to governments and the international community to undertake vigorous action to halt the continuing persecution, execution, imprisonment, trial, detentions torture and murder of South African patriots by the security services of the apartheid regime, which has so far resulted in the deaths in detention of over 60 detainees in the past twenty years;**
11. **CALLS ON the international community to intensify action to secure the immediate and unconditional release of Nelson Mandela, Zephania Mothopeng and all other south African prisoners and that:**
  - \* **captured freedom fighters be granted prisoners-of-war status in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Geneva Conventions;**
  - \* **the apartheid regime stops all its continuing persecution and harassment of all South African patriots;**
12. **COMMENDS the UN Special Committee Against Apartheid for having renewed the campaign for the release of all political prisoners and CALLS ON UN Member States, the OAU and the international community as a whole to intensify the campaign to secure the immediate release of all political prisoners in South Africa, and WELCOMES the decision of the UN Special Committee Against Apartheid to observe the 25<sup>th</sup> Founding Anniversary of the PAC of Azania;**
13. **CALLS ON the international community once more to intensify its material and moral support to the people of South Africa, through their National Liberation Movements so as to bring about the speedy eradication of the evil scourge of apartheid and its continuing threat to the peace and security of the world;**
14. **REAFFIRMS its unflagging support for the struggle of the people of South Africa and pledges to increase assistance to the Liberation Movements recognized by the OAU;**

- 15. NOTES WITH SATISFACTION the decision by the Special Committee Against Apartheid to promote the observance of 1984 as the year of South African Women and URGES Member States to facilitate the pursuance of this objective in their respective countries;**
- 16. CALLS UPON the OATUU to mobilize national and international Trade Union Movements and to give them all moral and material support;**
- 17. REQUESTS the OATUU to keep the Frontline States and the National Liberation Movements of South Africa and the Liberation Committee informed of the activities of some foreign trade unions which are operating in South Africa.**

**RESOLUTION ON THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Fortieth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 27 to February to 5 March 1984,

**Having examined** the report of the Forty-first Ordinary Session of the Coordinating Committee for the Liberation of Africa,

**Having taken note** of the statements made by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Mozambique and the Minister of External Relations of the People's of the Republic of Angola,

**Recalling** Resolution 111(XIX) adopted by the Nineteenth Summit Conference of the OAU Heads of State and Government held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in June 1983,

**Taking note** of the pertinent resolutions adopted by the United Nations Security Council and General Assembly on the situation in Southern Africa,

**Taking also note** of the relevant part of the Political Declaration adopted by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and the Heads of delegation of the Non-Aligned Countries held in New York during the Thirty-eighth Session of the United Nations General Assembly in October 1983,

**Seriously concerned** with the deterioration of the situation in Southern Africa due to the systematic destabilizing and aggressive policy of South Africa against neighboring independent States,

**Conscious** of the sacrifices being made by the Frontline States in the name of Africa for the total liberation of our Continent,

**Firmly convinced that the apartheid regime constitutes the sole obstacle to peace and security in Africa and in particular to Southern Africa,**

**Further convinced that only majority rule based on free and fair exercise of universal adult suffrage in a united and non-fragmented South Africa can lead to a lasting peace in Southern Africa,**

**Considering that the undeclared war being waged by the apartheid regime against sovereign States of the region constitutes a threat to peace and security in Africa and to international peace in general:**

- 1. EXPRESSES its DEEP CONCERN for the undeclared war being waged by racist South Africa against the independent States of Southern Africa which constitutes a serious threat to peace and security in Africa and to international peace in general;**
- 2. VIGOROUSLY DENOUNCES the intensification of destabilizing military, political and economic actions carried out by the racist regime of South Africa against the independent States in the region, particularly Angola, Lesotho and Mozambique;**
- 3. CONDEMNS the South African regime for its destabilizing policy against neighboring countries and particularly the recruitment, training and financing of armed bandits and mercenaries directed against the independent and sovereign States in the regions;**
- 4. STRONGLY CONDEMNS the military occupation of parts of the territory of the People's Republic of Angola by the racist South African Army, in violation of its national sovereignty and territorial integrity and of the elementary principles of international law;**

5. **DEMANDS the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of the South African occupation Army from the territory of Angola according to the pertinent resolutions of the United Nations Security Council and of the OAU;**
6. **FULLY SUPPORTS the efforts and measure undertaken by the Angolan Government, according to Article 51 of the United Nations Charter in order to guarantee and safeguard its territorial integrity and national sovereignty;**
7. **CONDEMNS the South African's barbaric raids against the Kingdom of Lesotho and against the People's Republic of Mozambique;**
8. **DEMANDS the immediate cessation of acts of aggression and destabilization carried out by the Pretoria regime against the independent and sovereign States of the region;**
9. **REAFFIRMS that the policy of apartheid is a crime against the conscience and dignity of the whole mankind, and is incompatible with the Charters of the United Nations and the OAU and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;**
10. **PAYS TRIBUTE to the Frontline States and to the Kingdom of Lesotho for the sacrifices being made in resisting against the policy of blackmail and intimidation of the apartheid regime aiming at forcing them to give up their firm and courageous position which they have always adopted towards the struggles of the peoples of Namibia and South Africa;**
11. **EXPRESSES SYMPATHY and DEEP UNDERSTANDING for the diplomatic efforts undertaken by the Governments of the People's Republic of Mozambique in order to preserve their independence and national sovereignty, thus giving their contribution in seeking a solution to the serious situation prevailing in Southern Africa;**

- 12. URGES all the African States and all justice and peace-loving peoples to give their political diplomatic and financial and material support to the independent States, the reason in particular to Angola, Lesotho and Mozambique.**
  
- 13. UNDERTAKES to take all necessary steps to consider appropriate ways and means of helping the Liberation Movements in Southern Africa to pursue the struggle for the independence of Namibia and the elimination of apartheid in South Africa.**

**\* The Representative of Cameroon abstained from taking part in the adoption of this resolution. The full text of his declaration is annexed to the Plenary Rapporteur's Report.**

**RESOLUTION ON THE SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE  
ON ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES IN AFRICA (ICARA) II**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Fortieth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 27 February to 5 March 1984,

**Having considered** the report of the Secretary-General a.i. of the OAU on the activities of the Secretariat in relation to refugees in Africa, as well as the report of the Fifteenth Ordinary Session of the OAU Commission of Fifteen on Refugees,

**Recalling** resolution AHG/Res.114 (XIX) on ICARA II adopted by the Nineteenth Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity,

**Recognizing** the need of the countries of asylum for adequate human, technical and financial assistance to properly shoulder their increased responsibilities and to enable them assume the additional burden which the presence of refugees impose on their economies,

**Reaffirming** the need to extend urgent assistance to countries of origin in the repatriation, resettlement and rehabilitation of returnees,

**Noting with appreciation** the report of the OAU Secretary-General a.i. on the preparations for ICARA II,

**Recognizing** that the problems of refugees, because of their adverse effects on individual human beings and the economies of the countries affected require urgent and lasting solutions, including efforts to prevent the causes of refugee flows as well as efforts to facilitate the voluntary return of refugees:

- 1. COMMENDS African governments concerned with refugees and returnees and the ICARA Steering Committee for the preparations undertaken for the Second International Conference;**
- 2. REAFFIRMS the urgent need for a concerted effort to pursue and achieve lasting solutions to the problems of refugees in Africa both at national, inter-African and international levels;**
- 3. STRESSES that in order to facilitate lasting solutions, assistance for refugees and returnees must be development-oriented, taking into account the needs of the countries of asylum as well as those of the countries of origin;**
- 4. STRESSES FURTHER the need for more assistance to the countries of asylum to enable them to properly shoulder their increased responsibilities and assume the additional burden caused by the presence of refugees on their economies;**
- 5. STRESSES ALSO the need to extend urgent assistance to countries of origin in the repatriation, resettlement and rehabilitation of returnees;**
- 6. WELCOMES the involvement of the UNDP and other development agencies in the preparation for ICARA II and appeals to these agencies to review their procedures with a view to incorporating assistance to refugees and returnees in their development programmes;**
- 7. APPEALS to potential donors from friendly countries, the international community, development aid-granting agencies and governmental and non-governmental organizations having refugee programmes in Africa to give serious consideration to the need for additional resources for refugees and returnees within the framework of the project proposals submitted to ICARA II by the African governments concerned;**

- 8. REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General to follow up closely the preparatory work of the Steering Committee and to report to the Forty-first Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers the development and progress of, and preparations for ICARA II;**
- 9. REQUESTS FURTHER the OAU Secretary-General to convene a meeting between the African Group in Geneva and New York together with the OAU Commission of Fifteen on Refugees to evaluate thoroughly the preparations for ICARA II;**
- 10. URGES all invited governments to participate in the Conference to be held in Geneva from 9 to 11 July 1984 at the highest level possible;**
- 11. REAFFIRMS its former Resolution CM/Res.826 (XXXVI) operative para. 8 which states that, “as the urgent refugee situation in Africa is likely to continue for some time to come..... ICARA II is not an end per se but the initial stage of a long-term exercise in the course of which fact-finding missions, accurate data collection activities, feasibility studies and the like, will help to define priorities and to formulate projects whose impact on refugee situations is likely to pave the way for more durable solutions”.**

**RESOLUTION ON THE OAU SECRETARIAT VOLUNTARY  
AGENCIES MEETING HELD IN ARUSHA, TANZANIA  
21 TO 26 MARCH 1983**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Fortieth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 27 February to 5 March 1984,

Recalling its Resolution CM/868 (XXVII) operative para. 12 adopted in Nairobi, Kenya in June 1981 requesting the General Secretariat of the OAU “to convene as early as possible a meeting of all voluntary agencies having refugee programmes in Africa in order to develop a co-ordinating strategy and map out further action”,

Mindful of the ever-pressing nature of the refugee problem in Africa which calls for the concerted effort of both the African countries as well as international community,

Recognizing the urgent need to bring about lasting and durable solutions to the African refugee problem,

Recognizing further the special and complex nature of the refugee problem obtaining in Southern Africa:

1. **COMMENDS** the Secretary-General for the holding of the first-ever meeting of the OAU Secretariat and Voluntary Agencies, held from 21 to 26 March 1983 in Arusha, Tanzania;
2. **EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION and GRATITUDE** to all the voluntary agencies and organizations which constituted the task force for the planning and execution of the aforementioned meeting, as well as those which contributed financially and materially to the holding of the meeting;

- 3. APPRECIATES the interest, support and assistance demonstrated by all the participating agencies and notes the report of the Secretary-General a.i. on the OAU Secretariat and Voluntary Agencies meeting;**
  
- 4. CALLS UPON those Member States with few refugees or with no refugees at all to render maximum material, financial and technical assistance to countries of asylum and particularly to the Frontline States and to consider accepting some refugees into their countries in the spirit of the principle of burden-sharing as enshrined in the Arusha Conference recommendations of 1979.**

**RESOLUTION ON THE SITUATION OF REFUGEES IN AFRICA**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Fortieth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 27 February to 5 March 1984,

**Having considered** the report of the Secretary-General a.i. in relation to refugees in Africa as well as the report of the Chairman of the OAU Commission of Fifteen on Refugees,

**Considering** the gravity of the refugee situation in Africa and the complex problems it causes for the countries of origin as well as for the host countries,

**Deeply appreciating** the positive responses of governments in Africa to the problem of refugees,

**Convinced** that adherence by all OAU Member States to the existing international conventions on refugees would contribute in alleviating the problem of refugees in Africa,

**Reaffirming** the need for the OAU Commission of Fifteen on Refugees to undertake missions from time to time to OAU Member States especially to those countries over-burdened by the refugee problem in order to enable it to keep abreast with the refugee situation on the continent, and to actively mobilize international assistance to the refugees and the host countries,

**Cognizant** of the fact that the living conditions of refugees in Africa, especially those of the aged, women, children and the disabled is steadily deteriorating every year:

1. COMMENDS the Commission of Fifteen on Refugees for its reports;

- 2. INVITES ONCE MORE all OAU Member States to observe June 20<sup>th</sup> of every year as Africa Refugee Day which commemorates the date of entry into force of the 1969 OAU Convention on Refugees;**
- 3. APPEALS to those Member States of the OAU which have not yet done so to consider as a matter of priority, ratifying the 1951 UN Convention and its Protocol of 1967, the 1969 OAU Convention as well as the African Charter on Human and People's Rights and enacting amnesty laws that could ensure the safety of those who return from exile;**
- 4. DECIDES to include a special item relating to the root-causes of refugees in Africa on the agenda of its Forty-first Ordinary Session, and requests the Secretary-General, in close collaboration with the OAU Commission of Fifteen on Refugees to present a report on the subject;**
- 5. CALLS UPON countries constituting the Southern African Development Co-ordinating Conference (SADCC) to organize, in close collaboration with the OAU, UN, and UNHCR an international conference on all aspects of the refugee problem in Southern Africa, in order to co-ordinate and harmonize approaches to refugee matters.**

**RESOLUTION ON THE DRAFT GENERAL AGREEMENT ON  
CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE ORGANIZATION OF  
AFRICAN UNITY AND THE LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Fortieth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 27 February to 5 March 1984,

Having considered Part I and Annex I of document CM/1241 (XL) Rev.1 on the Draft General Agreement on Co-operation between the Organization of African Unity and the League of Arab States,

Convinced that this Draft General Agreement is aimed at strengthening collaboration between the OAU and the LAS General Secretariats in conformity with the spirit of the Declarations and the Programme of Action adopted by the First Joint Afro-Arab Summit Conference held in Cairo in March 1977,

Reaffirming its determination to promote and strengthen all the organs set up to intensify Afro-Arab Co-operation bearing in mind the objectives and guidelines of the First Joint Afro-Arab Summit Conference held in Cairo in March 1977,

Noting that this Draft General Agreement on Co-operation had been adopted by the Standing Commission at its Sixth Ordinary Session held in Tunis from 20 to 23 March 1983,

Noting further that this Draft General Agreement had been considered by the Council of Arab States and the Council Ministers of the OAU:

1. TAKES NOTE of Part I and Annex I of document CM/1241 (XL) Rev.1 submitted by the OAU Secretary-General a.i.;

- 2. COMMENDS the Secretaries-General of the OAU and the League of Arab States on the efforts they are deploying to co-ordinate the activities of the two Organizations in the field of Afro-Arab Co-operation;**
- 3. APPROVES the Draft General Agreement on Co-operation between the OAU and the League of Arab States contained in document CM/1241 (XL) Rev.2;**
- 4. AUTHORIZES the Secretary-General to hold consultations with his counterpart of the League of Arab States with a view to signing this agreement.**

**RESOLUTION ON THE FORMULATION AND IMPLEMENTATION**  
**OF A PROGRAMME FOR THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT**  
**DECADE FOR AFRICA**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Fortieth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 27 February to 5 March 1984,

**Recalling** its Resolution CM/Res. 886 (XXXVII) of June 1981 concerning Industrial Development in Africa,

**Recalling further** the proclamation in the Lagos Plan of Action and the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 35/66B of December 1980 of the years 1980 to 1990 as the Industrial Development Decade for Africa,

**Taking note** of Resolution 1 (VI) adopted by the Sixth Conference of African Ministers of Industry in November 1981, on the formulation and implementation of a programme for the industrial Development Decade for Africa,

**Taking further note** of Resolution 442 (XII) adopted by the ECA Conference of Ministers at its Seventeenth Session on 30 April 1982 on the Industrial Development Decade for Africa,

**Taking note also** Resolution 55 (XVI) adopted by the Industrial Development Board of UNIDO at its Sixteenth Session on 28 May 1982,

**Considering** that effective implementation of the Lagos Plan of Action will to a large extent depend on the sustained development of industry in accordance with the objectives and modalities of the Industrial Development Decade for Africa,

**Convinced** that the effective implementation of the Decade Programme will reduce the vulnerability of African countries to the deepening world economic crises as well as contribute to accelerated economic development in Africa,

**Concerned** with the fact that the funds originally earmarked by the United Nations Development Programme as its contribution towards the implementation of the Decade objectives may now not be available:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the report of the Secretary-General a.i. on the formulation and implementation of a programme for the Industrial Development Decade for Africa, in Document (CM/1201 (XL) Rev.1);
2. **COMMENDS** the close co-operation and joint action of the Secretariats of OAU, ECA and UNIDO in carrying out of the decision of the Sixth Conference of African Ministers of Industry on the implementation of the IDDA programme;
3. **CALLS UPON** all Member States to urgently intensify their individual and collective efforts to mobilize all the required resources for implementing the Decade Programme at all levels in order to lay a foundation for self-reliance and self-sustainment;
4. **CALLS UPON** all the relevant African Organizations and institutions, especially the African Development Bank, to accord high priority to African industrialization in the context of their individual programme of activities;
5. **URGES** the international community, the United Nations system especially the UNDP and UNIDO, to give increased assistance to African countries in their effort to implement industrial programmes and projects within the framework of the IDDA;
6. **URGES** all Member States to participate actively in the detailed negotiations during the preparation for UNIDO IV; since it is only through such

**participation that Africa would be able to contribute to shaping the future structure of UNIDO particularly its decision-making system;**

- 7. REQUESTS the Secretary-General to take all the necessary measures to strengthen OAU's participation in the implementation of the IDDA programme in co-operation with the ECA and UNIDO;**
- 8. RECOMMENDS to the Assembly of Heads of State and Government at its 20<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session to endorse the programme for the Industrial Development Decade for Africa.**

**RESOLUTION ON TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION AMONG AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OAU FUND FOR TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION AMONG THE MEMBER STATES**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fortieth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 27 February to 5 March 1984,

Having considered the OAU/UNDP Joint Report on Technical Co-operation among African countries Doc.CM/1210 (XL) Rev.3 as well as the report of the Secretary-General on practical modalities for the establishment of the Fund for Technical Co-operation among OAU Member States (Doc. CM/1211 (XL) Rev.1),

Recalling the decisions and other provisions contained in Resolution CM/Res.412 (XXIV) adopted by the Twenty-fourth Ordinary Session of the Council in February 1975, Addis Ababa,

Guided by the ideals and principles of the Inter-African Convention on the Establishment of a Technical Co-operation Programme adopted by the OAU Summit Conference in Kampala in August 1975,

Recalling the provisions of Resolution CM/Res.850 (XXXVI) adopted by the Council of Ministers in Addis Ababa in 1981,

Bearing in mind the provisions of paragraph 264 of the Lagos Plan of Action on the establishment of new African Multinational Institutions,

Aware of the Nairobi Recommendations for a Programme of Technical Co-operation

among African countries (Nairobi, 12 – 20 May 1980),

**Committed to strengthen technical co-operation programmes among OAU Member States in the spirit of individual and collective self-reliance in keeping with the Lagos Plan of Action and the Final Act:**

- 1. TAKES NOTE of the report of the OAU Secretary-General Doc CM/1211 (XL) Rev.1 as well as the OAU/UNDP Joint Report on Technical Co-operation among OAU Member States; (Doc. CM/1210 (XL) Rev.1);**
- 2. COMMENDS the joint efforts of the OAU General Secretariat and the UNDP to promote and reinforce technical co-operation programmes among the OAU Member States;**
- 3. STRONGLY URGES the UNDP to harmonize and co-ordinate its TCDC activity programme with those of the OAU with a view to assisting the OAU Member States to achieve individual and collective self-reliance at national, sub-regional and continental levels in the area of Inter-African technical co-operation;**
- 4. TAKES NOTE of the draft statutes on the establishment of the Fund for Technical Co-operation among the OAU Member States as contained in Doc. CM/1211 (XL) Rev.1 and REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General to carry out, in the light of the remarks made by this Council, a more detailed study of the said document in particular on the modalities of financing the Fund and transmit it immediately to all Member States which should communicate their views to the Secretariat before September 1984;**
- 5. URGES all OAU Member States who have not yet done so, to take all necessary steps with a view to ratify the Inter-African Convention on the drawing up of a Technical Co-operation Programme in order to facilitate its implementation;**

- 6. REQUESTS FURTHER the OAU General Secretariat to study in collaboration with the UNDP, ADB and other competent African and International Organizations all the required operational modalities and procedures of co-ordinating their efforts in order to implement effectively the Kampala Convention and various OAU resolutions on Technical Co-operation, with special attention to the nature and origin of resources of the OAU Fund for Technical Co-operation among African countries to be established as provided for by Resolution CM/Res.412 (XXIV);**
- 7. REQUEST the Secretary-General to make the necessary contacts with UNDP in order to obtain required financial and technical assistance to the OAU General Secretariat in its effort to implement the Kampala Convention;**
- 8. REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General to sensitize at the appropriate time all the International Organizations/Agencies of the UN System, mainly the UNDP, as well as Governmental and non-Governmental Organizations, such as ADB, BADEA, Arab Development Funds to contribute generously to the OAU Fund for Inter-African Technical Co-operation;**
- 9. REQUESTS the OAU General Secretariat to undertake, in collaboration with the assistance of the UNDP, the necessary studies in order to establish an inter-governmental follow-up and co-ordination committee entrusted with monitoring progress in the area of technical co-operation among African countries;**
- 10. REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General to report on the implementation of this resolution to the Forty-second Session of the Council.**

**RESOLUTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AFRICAN  
REHABILITATION INSTITUTE (ARI)**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Fortieth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 27 February to 5 March 1984,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General a.i. on the activities of the Ad-Hoc Ministerial Committee of Five on the establishment of an African Rehabilitation Institute for Disabled Persons in Africa as contained in Document CM/1237 (XL),

Having further examined the recommendations of the said Committee,

Recalling Resolutions CM/Res.834 (XXXVI) and CM/Res.875 (XXXVII) adopted by the Council of Ministers on the Establishment of an African Rehabilitation Institute for the Disabled Persons,

Conscious of the urgent need to establish an African Rehabilitation Institute for Disabled Persons in Africa:

1. TAKES NOTE of the report of the OAU Secretary-General a.i. and the efforts deployed by the Ad-Hoc Ministerial Committee of Five;
2. REAFFIRMS its approval in principle for the establishment of the Institute;
3. REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General to pursue his efforts in finding appropriate and practical ways and means of ensuring the successful establishment of the proposed Institute as well as the five regional branches;

- 4. CALLS ON the OAU Secretary-General in co-operation with the Ad-Hoc Ministerial Committee to undertake once again a more comprehensive and more objective study covering the administrative, financial and other aspects of the establishment of ARI and its five branches;**
  
- 5. FURTHER CALLS UPON the Secretary-General to forward to all Member States the draft agreement on the establishment of the African Rehabilitation Institute (ARI) for their comments and observations and to submit the amended draft as well as a report on progress made on the issue, to the 42<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Council of Ministers;**
  
- 6. FURTHER REQUESTS the General Secretariat to continue its contacts with International Organizations and donor agencies, in particular UNDP, with a view to finalizing negotiations on the financial and technical assistance required for the establishment of the African Rehabilitation Institute and its five branches;**
  
- 7. URGENTLY CALLS UPON the Advisory Committee of the OAU to continue to approve its financial contributions to assist the Institute during its take-off period.**

**RESOLUTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AFRICAN  
FEDERATION FOR THE BLIND**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Fortieth Ordinary Session in Addis-Ababa, Ethiopia from 27 February to 5 March 1984.

**Having considered the Memorandum submitted by the African Regional Committee for the Social Advancement of the Blind,**

**Aware of the gravity of the scourge of blindness in Africa and its numerous repercussions on its economy and society;**

**Further aware of the ever-increasing number of blind people in Africa,**

**Considering that the blind in Africa are becoming increasingly aware of the need to improve their situation and of the role that they can play in the economic and social development of their countries,**

**Recalling Resolution CM/Res.483 (XXVII) of the Twenty-seventh Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers held in Port Louis, Mauritius, which grants observer status to the African Regional Committee for the Social Advancement of the Blind,**

**Recalling the resolutions adopted during the Seminars organized on the one hand by Heads of Organizations of the Blind for the Blind of English-Speaking States held in Stockholm in May 1980 and on the other hand by the Heads of Organizations of the Blind for the Blind of French-speaking African countries held in Thies, Senegal in February 1981 on the establishment of an independent African Federation for the Blind:**

- 1. TAKES NOTE with satisfaction on the initiative for the establishment of a Federation for the Blind grouping all Associations for the Blind in OAU member States;**
- 2. URGES Member States to grant National Organizations of the Blind for the Blind all facilities enabling them to participate in the Constituent General Assembly of the African Federation for the Blind;**
- 3. CALLS UPON the OAU Secretary-General to take all necessary steps to give to the African Regional Committee for the Social Advancement of the Blind, the assistance needed to convene the Constituent General Assembly of the said Federation;**
- 4. REQUESTS the Secretary-General to follow the preparation of the Constituent Assembly and to report to the Forty-second Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers;**
- 5. CALLS UPON those Member States which have no national associations for the Blind to create or expedite the creation of such associations within the limits of what is possible;**
- 6. THANKS the Republic of Mali for drawing the attention of the OAU Council of Ministers to the scourge that the blindness constitutes in Africa.**



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Offices 3 x US\$ 1,500.....	<u>4,500</u>	15,300
Terminal Expenses 9 x 2 x US\$ 12		216
Other Conference Hall Expenses		<u>1,184</u>
	<b>Total US\$</b>	<b><u>34,000</u></b>

**The above estimates have been made on the understanding that the venue for the meeting will be in Addis Ababa.**

**RESOLUTION ON THE PREPARATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL  
HYDROGEOLOGICAL MAP OF AFRICA**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its  
Fortieth

Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 27 February to 5 March 1984,

**Having heard** the report of the Secretary-General a.i. on the Second Meeting of  
Experts on Cartography and Hydrogeology held in Dakar, Senegal from 5 to 11  
December 1983,

**Recalling** its Resolutions CM/Res.336 (XXIII), CM/Res.450 (XXV) and CM/Res.702  
(XXXII) adopted by the Twenty-third, Twenty-fifth and Thirty-second Ordinary  
Sessions, which called on the Association of African Cartography to implement on  
behalf of the OAU, the project on the preparation of an International  
Hydrogeological Map of Africa,

**Noting with satisfaction** the progress being made so far by the AAC towards the  
realization of this noble project,

**Conscious** of the fact that the materialization of this project would enhance current  
efforts being deployed to combat drought and desertification in Africa:

1. **WARMLY CONGRATULATES** the Secretary-General of the Association of  
African Cartographers (AAC) and his Organization for the excellent work  
done so far towards realization of this vital project;
2. **FULLY SUPPORTS** the programme of work formulated by the Second  
Meeting of Experts for the implementation of the project;

- 3. INVITES the Secretary-General of the OAU to provide the necessary Financial Assistance to AAC and ensure OAU's full participation in all the AAC activities related to this project;**
- 4. FURTHER INVITES the AAC to intensify its continued co-operation with national, sub-regional, regional, international, inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations as well as non-African countries involved in this project;**
- 5. CALLS ON the Secretary-General of the OAU, in collaboration with the Secretary-General of AAC, to seek other funding sources for the implementation of this project;**
- 6. REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the OAU to submit a progress report on the preparation of the International Hydrogeological Map of Africa to the Forty-second Ordinary Session of the OAU Council of Ministers.**

**RESOLUTION ON INTEGRATED FOUTA DJALLON PROJECT**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fortieth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 27 February to 5 March 1984,

**Having studied** the report of the Secretary-General a.i. concerning the project for the Integrated Development of the Fouta Djallon Highlands,

**Recalling** its Resolution CM/Res.756 (XXXIII), Rev. 1 and CM/Res.811 by the Thirty-third and Thirty-fifth Sessions of the OAU Council of Ministers,

**Considering** the progress made so far with regards to the implementation of the Fouta Djallon Project by the OAU Secretariat, UNDP, UNSO, FAO and UNESCO,

**Noting with appreciation** the commendable efforts and the positive contribution made by the Government of the People's Revolutionary Republic of Guinea, to facilitate and accelerate the implementation of this very important project,

**Convinced** of the advantages which would accrue from the realization of the Fouta Djallon Project for the Development of the West African Sub-region in particular, and Africa in general:

1. **ADOPTS** the Experts' Report and all the recommendations contained in the Document CM/1214 (XL) Rev.1;
2. **APPROVES** the establishment in Labe, People's Revolutionary Republic of Guinea of the International Co-ordination Office for the Fouta Djallon Projects as an in-put of the OAU;

- 3. AUTHORIZES the Secretary-General to sign the Project Document so as to enable immediate implementation of the project by UNDP, UNSO, FAO and other interested international organizations;**
  
- 4. FURTHER AUTHORIZES the Secretary-General to formalize and strengthen co-operation with International Organizations, specially UNDP, UNSO, FAO, UNESCO and UNEP which are parties to the Fouta Djallon Project.**

**RESOLUTION ON THE SECOND MEETING ON THE PUBLICATION  
OF THE FIRST AFRICAN PHARMACOPOEIA**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Fortieth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 27 February to 5 March 1984,

**Having considered the Report of the Secretary-General a.i. the Second Meeting for the Publication of the First African Pharmacopoeia,**

**Considering the importance of the utilization of medicinal plants and traditional medicines throughout Africa,**

**Noting the efforts being made by the OAU in collaboration with the UNIDO, WHO and other international donor agencies towards the establishment of the African Centre for Traditional Medicine - an activity which should logically follow the publication of the Pharmacopoeia:**

- 1. TAKES NOTE with satisfaction of the efforts which have been deployed by the OAU in the preparation and publication of the First African Pharmacopoeia;**
- 2. CONGRATULATES the team of African Experts who have been responsible for the drafting of the First African Pharmacopoeia;**
- 3. REQUESTS the Secretary-General to urge the WHO (Africa) to publish the First African Pharmacopoeia in all the OAU official languages and that the WHO should ensure the circulation of this document among Member States and other international agencies.**

**RESOLUTION ON THE JOINT FAO/WHO/OAU REGIONAL FOOD AND  
NUTRITION COMMISSION FOR AFRICA, SECOND AND THIRD  
SESSIONS**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fortieth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 27 February to 5 March 1984,

Taking cognizance of the Report of the Second and Third Sessions of the Joint FAO/WHO/OAU Regional Food and Nutrition Commission for Africa held in Accra, Ghana, 8 to 11 December 1981 and in Cairo, Egypt, from 24 to 26 October 1983, respectively:

1. EXPRESSES its thanks to FAO for convening the Second and Third Sessions and to the Joint Secretariat for its support to the Joint Commission ever since the holding of the First Session in 1974;
2. NOTES with concern the current critical food and nutrition situation throughout Africa and the poor prospects for the present;
3. ENDORSES the conclusions and recommendations of the Second and Third Sessions of the Joint Commission;
4. URGES all Member States to intensify their efforts towards food self – sufficiency as resolved in the OAU Lagos Plan of Action; to integrate food nutritional consideration in programmes of rural and agricultural development and primary health care, and to undertake within the current five year period multi-sectoral activities for the formulation of national food and nutrition strategies and Programmes, in co-operation with the Joint Secretariat of the Joint FAO/WHO/OAU regional Food and Nutrition Commission for Africa;

- 5. URGES the Joint Secretariat to seek and mobilize the necessary resources and support for its approved programme of work of the Joint Secretariat for 1984 to 1985; and to implement the programme without delay;**
  
- 6. URGES all Member States of the OAU to join the Joint Commission and set up a liaison office to serve as a link between Member States and the Joint Secretariat of the Commission.**

**RESOLUTION ON “ANY OTHER BUSINESS”**

**The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fortieth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 27 February to 5 March 1984,**

**Considering the need to deal with all substantive problems with all the seriousness they deserve,**

**Considering the need to make sure that all decisions taken involve all Member States:**

- 1. REQUESTS all Member States:
  - a) to abstain, in principle, from including important and substantive issues under the item “Any Other Business”;**
  - b) in case discussion on an important and urgent issue becomes necessary under the item “Any Other Business” this issue should, after its inclusion in the agenda, be circulated in writing to the delegations before discussion;****
- 2. CALLS UPON the Secretary-General to ensure compliance with this resolution.**

**VOTE OF THANKS**

**The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Fortieth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 27 February to 5 March 1984,**

**Expressing satisfaction at the excellent atmosphere that led to the smooth running of the deliberations of the Fortieth Ordinary Session in a spirit of brotherhood and cordiality,**

**Expressing satisfaction with the competent manner in which the Chairman of the Council of Ministers has directed the deliberations of this Session:**

- 1. EXPRESSES its PROFOUND GRATITUDE to the Government and people of Socialist Ethiopia for the warm and fraternal welcome accorded the delegations of OAU Member States;**
- 2. FURTHER EXPRESSES its thanks to Comrade Mengistu Haile Mariam, Chairman of the Provisional Military Administrative Council and of COPWE, Commander-in-Chief of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Socialist Ethiopia and Current Chairman of the OAU for his important address, full of wisdom, delivered before this Council's Session and for his continued efforts to bring lasting solutions and peace to Chad and Western Sahara;**
- 3. COMMENDS the Chairman of the Council for the competent manner in which he directed the deliberations during the Session;**
- 4. THANKS the Secretary-General a.i. and the General Secretariat for the lucid and detailed reports presented to the Council and for their devotion to duty manifested throughout the Session.**