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RESOLUTIONS OF THE
SIXTEENTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
HELD IN ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA, FROM
11 TO 14 JUNE 1971

PROBLEMS OF THE SEA-BED

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Sixteenth Ordinary Session, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 11 to 14 June 1971,

Being informed by the African Group at the United Nations of the urgent need to participate profitably and effectively in the exploitation of the sea-bed,

Determined to protect the individual national interests of Member States in this connection, and especially within their territorial waters,

1. RECOMMENDS that the Assembly of Heads of State and Government to issue the necessary directives on the vital and urgent problem of international regulation of the exploration, exploitation and utilization of the natural resources of the sea and its sub-soil, having particular regard to the legitimate interests of the African countries;
2. REQUESTS the Scientific Council of Africa, to which legal and economic experts are to be attached, and the Legal Section of the Secretariat, to undertake a study of all aspects of the problem of the exploration, exploitation and utilization of the natural resources of the sea and its sub-soil, and to prepare for Member States as soon as possible a memorandum designed to facilitate the harmonizing of their positions in regard to this problem, with a view to presenting a united front at international meetings on the subject.

FINANCING THE PRESENT SOUTH WEST AFRICA CASE

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Sixteenth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 11 to 14 June 1971,

Having taken note of document CM/358 on the Financing of the South West Africa Case and also noted that a certain amount of expenditure has already been incurred,

Recalling Resolution CM/Res.231 (XV) on South West Africa Case,

APPROVES the expenditure already incurred;

DIRECTS the Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Financial Matters to make recommendations to the Council of Ministers on the question of approving future funds before meeting any further obligations for this representation at the Hague;

EXPRESSES its appreciation of the generosity of the countries who expressed their wishes to refund the amount paid to the representatives.

COMMISSION OF MEDIATION, CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Sixteenth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 11 to 14 June 1971,

Taking note of Document CM/359 on the changes in the working arrangements of the Commission of Mediation, Conciliation and Arbitration,

1. DECIDES to reassess Member States on the basis of the total actual expenses already incurred by the Commission of Mediation, Conciliation and Arbitration, during the period if had a separate budget;
2. REQUESTS the Administrative Secretary General to examine the implications of this decision and propose a suitable procedure of recovering the arrears and making refunds to the Member States concerned;
3. URGES all Member States to pay their arrears;
4. REQUESTS the Administrative Secretary General to find ways and means of disposing of all the assets of the Commission of Mediation, Conciliation and Arbitration.