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**RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE THIRTEENTH ORDINARY**  
**SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**  
**HELD IN ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA**  
**FROM 27 AUGUST TO 6 SEPTEMBER 1969**

RECOMMENDATION ON THE UNIDO

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirteenth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 27 August to 6 September 1969,

Having considered the Secretariat's report on the Third Session of the Industrial Development Board,

Noting that none of the African members of the Industrial Development Board have resident representation in Vienna,

Considering that the General Secretariat of the OAU is already servicing African groups in UNCTAD and the ILO,

Recognizing that industrialization is an indispensable step in the development process,

- (1) CALLS on all African members of the Industrial Development Board, to endeavour to establish resident representation in Vienna, with a view to following up the activities of the UNIDO which is one of the most important international organizations dealing with development problems and solution;
- (2) AUTHORIZES the Administrative Secretary General to organize the African Group in the UNIDO and supply it with the necessary services so as to ensure the harmonization of African views and the successful defence of African interests in this forum.

RESOLUTION ON THE FIRST ALL-AFRICAN HIGHWAY CONFERENCE

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirteenth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 27 August to 6 September 1969,

Noting the report of the Administrative Secretary General on the first All-African Highway conference expected to take place in Addis Ababa, from 20 – 25 October 1969,

Fully appreciative of the initiative of the Imperial Ethiopian Government and the International Road Federation in convening the Conference,

Being aware that the construction, improvement and linking of Highways are of paramount importance for the economic integration of Africa,

1. URGES all Member States of the OAU to do all they can to attend the First All-African Highway Conference;
2. REQUESTS the Administrative Secretary to render any possible assistance to ensure the success of the Conference and report the proceedings to the Fourteenth Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers.

RESOLUTION ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS IN AFRICA

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirteenth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 27 August to 6 September 1969,

Recalling the resolutions already adopted in 1966 and 1967 on the establishment of a modern and efficient all African telecommunications network,

Noting with satisfaction the energetic action undertaken by the ITU:

- to provide the African countries with the technical assistance necessary for the development of their networks;
- to improve the training of staff responsible for the installation, maintenance and operation of these networks through the establishment of national and multi-national vocational training centers;
- to consider what measures should be taken for the speedy provision of an All-African network, especially as far as the establishment of international and continental links and the profitability of investments are concerned;

Conscious of the fact that this action must be followed up at both national and regional levels,

Welcoming the close co-operation that exist between ECA, OAU and ITU in the development of telecommunications in Africa,

- (1) CALLS UPON the said Organizations to continue their action along these lines and to co-operate still more closely in the interests of the development of the African

economies, which depend to a large extent upon the stage of development reached in telecommunications networks;

- (2) RECOMMENDS the African countries to give very high priority to the establishment of an African telecommunications networks;
- (3) INVITES the African countries concerned to support the requests recently conveyed to UNDP for a pre-investment study and for the establishment of multi-national vocational training centers;
- (4) URGES the countries to participate actively in this study, both in cash and in kind, by temporarily seconding senior staff from their administrations to the ITU team of experts responsible for carrying out these studies, for the duration of their stay in the country concerned.

RESOLUTION ON THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirteenth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 27 August to 6 September 1969,

Having studied the report of the Administrative Secretary General of the Organization of African Unity on the ECA Ninth Session and the first meeting of the ECA Executive Committee,

Convinced that regional economic commissions have an important part to play in the second United Nations Development Decade,

Recalling resolutions 1709 (XVI) and 1823 (XVII) of the General Assembly of the United Nations, and resolutions 793 (XXX), 823 (XXXII) and 879 (XXXIV) of the economic and social Council on decentralization of the economic and social activities of the United Nations and strengthening of the regional economic commissions,

Considering memoranda Nos. 1 and 2 of the Executive Committee of the Economic Commission for Africa and the resolutions adopted at the Ninth Session of the Commission,

- (1) INVITES Member States to take the necessary steps to strengthen multinational co-operation, and so pave the way for the implementation of multinational and sub-regional programmes;
- (2) ENDORSES all the resolutions adopted during the Ninth Session of the ECA and in particular the changes in the institutional machinery, organization, structure and functions of the Commission as proposed by resolutions 188 (IX), 189 (IX) of the Commission and the strengthening of the relations between the OAU and the ECA as proposed by resolution 190 (IX) of the Commission;

- (3) URGES ALSO member States of the Organization of African Unity as well as their representatives at the United Nations General Assembly and its other organs to harmonize Nations General Assembly and its other organs to harmonize their positions to give active support to the resolutions and work programmes of the Economic Commission for Africa in order that the necessary resources can be provided to the strengthen the activities of the Commission within the African region;
- (4) RECOMMENDS that the United Nations make available to ECA adequate resources in order to strengthen the Secretariat of the Commission as well as its sub-regional offices, so as to enable African States to obtain the services required during the Second United Nations Development Decade;
- (5) REQUESTS the Administrative Secretary General of the OAU in close co-operation with the Executive Committee of the ECA, the Executive Secretary of the ECA and the Secretary General of the UN to give their fullest co-operation and assistance to the African representatives at the UN for the implementation of the resolutions of the Ninth Session of the Economic Commission for Africa;
- (6) REQUESTS the Administrative Secretary General of the OAU to follow closely the implementation of this resolution and to report on this to the political bodies of the OAU.

RESOLUTION ON AFRICAN CAMBERS OF COMMERCE

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirteenth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 27 August to 6 September 1969,

Having studied the report of the Administrative Secretary General of “African Chambers of Commerce”,

Recognizing the need for sufficient information on the different African markets with a view to achieving their integration,

Convinced that Chambers of Commerce and/or Organizations of similar competence can play a prominent role in intra-African trade,

CALLS on Member States:

1. to assist the Secretariat in the compilation of facts,
2. to respond to inquiries with a view to embark on the second phase envisaged in document CM/286 (Part 2).



RESOLUTION ON INTERNATIONAL LIQUIDITY CREATION

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirteenth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 27 August to 6 September 1969,

Having studied the report of the General Secretariat of the OAU dealing with “International Liquidity Creation and its implications for African countries”,

Being aware of the shortcomings of the existing international Monetary System with regard to the development needs of the African countries,

Reaffirming the recommendations contained in resolution CM/Res. 179 (XII) passed at the Twelfth Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers,

RECOMMENDS that Member States:

- (1) INSTRUCT the African Governors of the IBRD and the IMF, within the context of the forthcoming Joint Annual Meeting of these two organizations and with a view to reaping maximum benefit from the new SDRS facility, to negotiate for:
  - the easing of conditions attached to IMF drawings at the higher credit installments;
  - the increase of IMF quotas of OAU Member States;
  - a link between the SDRS facility and development finance through the periodic replenishment of IDA resources through the pledging of a uniform portion of the SDRS accruing the Part I countries of the IDA;

- (2) REQUESTS the Administrative Secretary General to persist in his efforts to service the activities of the African Governors of the IMF and the IBDR, with a view to firmly establishing active African participation in the decision-making process of the IMF and the IBRD.

RESOLUTION ON LABOUR

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirteenth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 27 August to 6 September 1969,

Having studied the report of the Administrative Secretary General of the OAU on the Conference of African Labour Ministers and on the Fifty-third Session of the International Labour Conference (document CM/286, (Part 7),

Considering the resolutions of the Eighth Session of the conference of African Labour Ministers,

Recalling its resolution CM/Res. 129 (IX) on labour, adopted at its Ninth Ordinary Session held in Kinshasa, in September 1967;

- (1) ENDORSES the resolution MAT/Res. 13 (VIII) of the African Labour Ministers, on their Rules of Procedure;
- (2) CONSEQUENTLY AUTHORIZES the Administrative Secretary General of the OAU to strengthen the services of the Secretariat of the Conference of African labour Ministers;
- (3) INVITES the African Labour Ministers to maintain and develop relations of co-operation with the Administrative Secretary General of the OAU by providing him with any information likely to facilitate the task entrusted to him;
- (4) URGENTLY REQUESTS the Administrative Secretary General of the OAU to give all necessary assistance to the African Group in the International Labour Organization at all ILO meetings of interest to Africa;

- (5) REITERATES its appeal to the Member Countries of the Organization of African Unity to choose African nationals for the delegations to represent African Governments, employers and workers at the various meetings of the International Labour Organization;
  
- (6) REMINDS all Member States of the necessity for African representatives at the ILO (governments, employers and workers) to maintain and strengthen their unity of action for the defence of African interest in the International Labour Organization.

RESOLUTION ON INTER-AFRICAN TECHNICAL  
ASSISTANCE

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirteenth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 27 August to 6 September 1969,

Recalling its resolution Cm/Res. 164 (XI) on inter-African technical assistance,

Having studied the report of the Administrative Secretary General of the Organization of African Unity on the implementation of the above-mentioned resolution,

Desirous of ensuring and promoting employment as a priority in the Member States which have an unfulfilled need for cadres and skilled African manpower,

Convinced of the important contribution that the progressive development of an inter-African technical assistance system will make to the solution of unemployment and underemployment problems in Africa,

Noting that the Economic Commission for Africa has for a long time been compiling the files of African experts wishing to work within the framework of inter-African technical assistance,

Noting with satisfaction the enthusiasm and interest shown by African cadres in taking part in the operation and hence in the development of an inter-African technical assistance system;

Convinced of the necessity for each member State to have a national technical assistance planning service,

Convinced that such a policy is likely to strengthen African understanding, co-operation, solidarity and unity:

- (1) REMINDS Member States of resolution CM/Res. 164 (XI) on inter-African technical assistance adopted in Algiers in September 1968;
- (2) INVITES interested Member States to specify in their offers of employment conditions of service they propose to accord to prospective candidates;
- (3) CHARGES the Administrative Secretary General of the OAU with compiling an up-to-date list of offers of employment and also of available manpower from interested Member States for dissemination within the continent;
- (4) REQUESTS the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to continue to receive the files of African experts and to extend his activities to cadres at all levels;
- (5) RECOMMENDS all Member States to strengthen their collaboration with the Administrative Secretary General of the OAU and the Executive Secretary of ECA by providing them with any information necessary for the accomplishment of the tasks assigned to each.

RESOLUTION ON AFRICA AND UNCTAD

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirteenth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 27 August to 6 September 1969,

Having studied the report of the Administrative Secretary General on Africa and UNCTAD,

Aware of the fact that up to now very little progress has been achieved in solving the problems facing the developing countries in the field of trade and development,

Deploring that the industrialized countries' political irresolution should be the main obstacle to the efforts made by the developing countries in their struggle against under-development,

Recognizing that with regard to its African objectives, the UN First Development Decade fell far short of expectations,

Noting that the preparations for the Second United Nations Development Decade are in the final phase and that the success of the decade will depend on effective pursuance of a well planned strategy for the decade,

Convinced of the usefulness of strengthening African permanent representation in Geneva,

Keeping in mind that it is essential that a ministerial meeting of the Group of 77 be convened before the third UNCTAD,

Noting further that the OAU Expert Committee on Trade and Development and the ECA Working Party on Intra-African Trade has met in Geneva from 18 to 23 August 1969 and harmonized African views and formulated recommendations relating to all aspects of trade and development,

(1) DECIDES

- (a) to adopt the recommendations of the fourth joint meeting of the OAU Expert Committee on Trade and Development and the ECA Working Party on Intra-African Trade held in Geneva from 18 to 23 August 1969;
- (b) to urge African States, members of the Trade and Development Board, its standing Committees as well as its institutional machinery to defend those African views and recommendations with a view to having them accepted by the whole world community;
- (c) to ask the fourteenth session of the OAU Council of Ministers, meeting in February 1970, to give policy guidance on the subject of the offers of the OECD countries, and that a special meeting of interested African countries should be convened in Addis Ababa immediately after the fourteenth session of the Council which should include experts conversant with trade and tariff problems in order to consider the technical aspects of the offers from the OECD countries and to prepare the African position before the fourth session of UNCTAD's Special Committee on Preference;
- (d) to instruct the OAU and the ECA Secretariat to expand their participation and servicing of the African group to include, besides the meetings of the Trade and Development Board, the meetings of the major standing committees of UNCTAD namely the Special Committee on Preference, the Committee on Commodities and the Committee on Growth, Finance and Aid, and to report to the Council of Ministers on what takes place during these meetings;
- (e) again to urge African countries who have not yet done so to establish permanent representation at Geneva;



- (f) to convene a ministerial meeting of the Group of 77 before the third UNCTAD;
  - (g) to ask Member States of the OAU to intensify their efforts towards enhancing by all appropriate means the value of the product which they put on the market, and to organize, preferably on a collective basis, and effective marketing network;
- (2) REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the OAU to extend all assistance possible towards the implementation of this Resolution;
- (3) URGENTLY APPEALS to the industrialized countries to show greater understanding, and hence render more assistance in the implementation of the overall strategy of development as defined in the Algiers Charter and specified in the various UNCTAD recommendations.

RESOLUTION  
ON THE FIRST ALL-AFRICA TRADE FAIR

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirteenth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 27 August to 6 September 1969,

Reaffirming resolution CM/Res.127 passed at the Ninth Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers,

Convinced that an All-Africa Trade Fair offers the best forum for the exchange and dissemination of information on Intra-African trade,

Having considered the reports submitted by the Secretariat and the Government of the Republic of Kenya on the First All-Africa Trade Fair:

- (1) DECIDES that the First All-Africa Trade Fair will be held in Nairobi, Kenya, from 28<sup>th</sup> September 1971, to date to be fixed by the “Organizing Committee”;
- (2) INSTITUTES an “Organizing Committee” composed of the following nine Member States: Kenya (the host country), Senegal, Nigeria, Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Tanzania, Madagascar, Algeria and the United Arab Republic;
- (3) AGREES that the “Terms of reference” of the “Organizing Committee” be as outlined in paragraphs 16 of the Secretariat’s document (CM/286, Part 1);
- (4) DECIDES FURTHER that this First All-Africa Trade Fair be restricted, exclusively and without ambiguity, to OAU Member States only;

- (5) APPROBES the convening of a “Trade for Development Symposium” a little before, or concurrently with the First All-Africa Trade Fair;
- (6) CALLS ON all Member States to extend all possible assistance to the “Organizing Committee” to spare no effort in bringing this important task to fruition;
- (7) URGES Member States of the “Organizing Committee” to spare no effort in bringing this important task to fruition;
- (8) CALLS ON the “Organizing Committee” to submit a detailed report to the Fourteenth Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers, scheduled for February 1970, so as to facilitate early appropriations for the Fair;
- (9) INVITES the Government of Kenya and the Administrative Secretary General of the OAU to submit a report on the financial implications of staging the First All-Africa Trade Fair to the Fourteenth Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers, scheduled for February 1970;
- (10) INVITES the Administrative Secretary General to service the meetings of the “Organizing Committee”.

RESOLUTION ON INTER-AFRICAN LEGAL CO-OPERATION

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirteenth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 27 August to 6 September 1969,

Having taken cognizance of the information provided by the Secretariat concerning the projected conclusion of a treaty on legal co-operation,

Recalling resolution CM/Res. 107 (IX) adopted in Kinshasa in September 1967 on this subject,

Noting that, despite this resolution, only fourteen Member States have forwarded their comments and suggestions on inter-African legal co-operation:

- (1) DECIDES to postpone consideration of the projected conclusion of a treaty on inter-African legal co-operation until the Fourteenth Session of the Council of Ministers;
- (2) DRAWS THE ATTENTION of all Member States to the urgent need for the conclusion of a treaty on legal co-operation;
- (3) CALLS UPON all Member States who have not yet complied with resolution CM/Res. 107 (IX) to convey to the General Secretariat as soon as possible their comments and suggestions on the projected conclusion of a treaty on inter-African legal co-operation.

RESOLUTION ON INTER-AFRICAN CULTURAL FESTIVAL

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirteenth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 27 August to 6 September 1969,

Having noted with great satisfaction that the First All-African Cultural Festival was successfully held in Algiers, Algeria, from 21 July to 1 August 1969, as reported in document CM/287 (Part) Annex 1,

Noting that the symposium held during the Festival adopted an All-African Cultural Manifesto, and called for the establishment of a Pan-African Association of Cinematography:

- (1) RECORDS its satisfaction at the success of the First All-African Cultural Festival;
- (2) EXPRESSES its gratitude to all those who contribute to this great success of the Organization of African Unity;
- (3) TAKE NOTE of the All-African Cultural Manifesto; and
- (4) ENCOURAGES the formation of a Pan-African Association of Cinematography as an independent organization having observer status with the OAU.

MOTION OF THANKS

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirteenth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 27 August to 6 September 1969,

Having considered the report on the First Pan-African Cultural Festival held in Algiers from 21 July to 1 August 1969 as submitted in document CM/287 (Part 2) Annex 1,

Noting that the Festival was a great success and contributed positively to the cause of African Unity,

Considering the liberal financial and material contribution made by the Algerian Government in connection with the Festival:

- (1) CONGRATULATES the Algerian Government and its people for their substantial contribution to the Festival;
- (2) EXPRESSES its thanks to the President, the Government and people of the Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria for their contribution and for the brotherly hospitality they bestowed on all of those who participated in the Festival;
- (3) ADDRESSES its congratulations to the Preparatory Committee and the General Secretariat of the OAU for their contribution in the success of the First Pan-African Cultural Festival.

RESOLUTION ON PORTUGAL'S ACT OF AGGRESSION  
AGAINST THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirteenth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 27 August to 6 September 1969,

Having heard the declaration of the Head of the Guinean Delegation concerning the act of piracy perpetrated by the Portuguese against a Guinean motor launch in Guinean territorial waters,

Having been informed that this act of provocation resulted in the death of one person and in serious injuries to three others,

Having further learned that Portugal, in violation of the principles of International Law, seized the above-mentioned vessel and took 21 persons prisoner:

1. VIGOROUSLY CONDEMNS the illegal action by Portugal;
2. EXPRESSES its complete solidarity with the Guinean Government;
3. CALLS UPON Portugal to set free immediately the Guinean citizens arbitrarily detained and to return the seized vessel without delay;
4. INVITES the General Secretariat of OAU and the African Group at the United Nations to take appropriate measures to induce the international community to impress upon Portugal strict respect for the sovereignty of States in accordance with Article 2 of the United Nations Charter;
5. DEMANDS a formal apology by Portugal for this act of piracy as well as ample compensation for the physical, material and mental sufferings endured by the victims;

6. ADDRESSES an urgent appeal to the Secretary General of the United Nations to exert all his influence to ensure that Portugal returns the Guinean motor launch and immediately sets free its passengers;
7. EMPOWES the Chairman to address to the President of the Republic of Guinea an expression of the sympathy and active solidarity of the OAU with the Government and People of Guinea.



RESOLUTION ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE BUREAU OF  
PLACEMENT AND EDUCATION OF REFUGEES IN AFRICA

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirteenth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 27 August to 6 September 1969,

Aware of the importance and even gravity of the problem of refugees in Africa,

Desirous of achieving an African solution to this problem,

Recognizing the essentially social and humanitarian nature of the problem and anxious to adopt measures to improve the living conditions of the refugees and to help them lead a normal life,

Convinced that Africa cannot solve this distressing problem alone without the assistance of the international community,

Expressing its gratitude to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, to international institutions and to humanitarian and voluntary organizations which give generous assistance to refugees in Africa,

Thanking the various countries which have helped the Bureau achieve its objectives'

Congratulating the Bureau on the work done:

1. NOTES the report of the Administrative Secretary General of the Organizing of African Unity on the activities, of the Bureau of Placement and Education of Refugees;

2. REQUESTS Member States to co-operate closely with the Bureau by providing it with all the assistance required in the accomplishment of its humanitarian task for the benefit of the refugees;
3. APPEALS to the UNHCR, to international organizations, humanitarian institutions and voluntary agencies for additional assistance to the extent the Bureau considers necessary to enable it to bring its activities to a successful conclusion.

RESOLUTION ON ENLARGEMENT OF THE COMPOSITION  
OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirteenth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 27 August to 6 September 1969,

Convinced of the need for the equitable representation of African States within the principal organs of the United Nations,

Recalling the amendments to the United Nations Charter concerning the enlargement of the composition of the Security Council and of the Economic and Social Council,

Considering that the present composition of the International Court of Justice does not fully reflect an equitable representation of the African continent:

1. RECOMMENDS Member States of the OAU to raise the question of enlargement of the International Court of Justice in the United Nations General Assembly and the Security Council;
2. RECOMMENDS FURTHER that this question be placed as soon as possible, on the agenda of the Twenty-Fourth Ordinary Session of the United Nations General Assembly, on behalf of the Member States of the OAU;
3. REQUESTS the Member States to concert their efforts to ensure that this question is given favourable consideration by the United Nations General Assembly and the Security Council;

4. REQUESTS the African Group at the United Nations to take all the necessary steps to implement the present resolution and to report to the next session of the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity.

RESOLUTION ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE  
AFRICAN GROUP AT THE UNITED NATIONS

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirteenth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 27 August to 6 September 1969,

Aware of the importance of the work performed by the African Group and the Executive Secretariat in co-ordinating African diplomacy at the United Nations,

Taking into account the efficiency of the African Group and the need to reinforce African cohesion and representation in international bodies;

Recalling its resolutions CM/Res.8(I) of August 1963, CM/Res.54 (IV) of March 1965 and CM/Res.121 (IX) of September 1967:

- (1) TAKES NOTE of the report on the activities of the African Group at the United Nations;
- (2) AGAIN RECOMMENDS Member States as far as possible to give their representatives sufficiently flexible instructions to enable the African Group to adopt a common stand on matters submitted to it;
- (3) URGENTLY REQUESTS the African Group to draw up draft rules of procedure and a policy on the nomination of Africans to posts in the various organs of the United Nations, which will be submitted to the Council of Ministers for approval at its Session in February 1970;
- (4) DECIDES for the sake of equity and efficiency to align the Executive Secretary with his counterparts and to provide the OAU Executive Secretariat at the United Nations

with adequate material means to enable it to carry out its duties under the best possible conditions.

RESOLUTION ON THE LIBERATION COMMITTEE

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirteenth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 27 August to 6 September 1969,

Having considered the report of the Liberation Committee,

Having heard the statement of the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Senegal,

Aware of the need to achieve greater effectiveness in the liberation struggle,

RECOMMENDS to the Assembly of Heads of State and Government to establish a committee entrusted with the task of conducting a study, after consultations with the liberation movements, and all Member States of the OAU, of the mandate, the structure and the composition of the Coordinating Committee for the Liberation of Africa.

RESOLUTION ON DECOLONISATION AND APARTHEID

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirteenth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 27 August to 6 September 1969,

Recalling resolutions CM/150 to CM/155 adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government at its Fifth Session held in Algiers, and in particular paragraph 3 of resolution CM/155,

Having closely examined the reports submitted by the Administrative Secretary General on the territories still under colonialism and subject to the hateful doctrine of apartheid,

Noting with concern that not only has there been no improvement in the situation of the population, but that on the contrary conditions have worsened in these territories,

Convinced that the support given in various forms by NATO Member States enables these racist regimes to intensify their war of colonial domination and therefore constitutes a major obstacle to the liberation struggle of the African peoples concerned,

Recalling the defiance of world opinion by the South African regime in its persistent refusal to implement United Nations resolutions on Namibia,

Noting that Portugal has persisted in the intransigent attitude towards the aspirations to independence of the territories under its domination,

Condemning the illegal racist minority regime of Ian Smith which has imposed an obnoxious constitution on Zimbabwe in order to consolidate colonialism and racism,



Condemning likewise the fact that the United Kingdom as administering power, has not taken the necessary steps to put an end to this regime,

Realizing the difficulties and obstacles to be overcome in the successful conclusion of liberating Africa from foreign powers and racist and illegal regimes,

1. REAFFIRMS the legitimacy of the struggle launched in Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Angola, Guinea (Bissau), Namibia, South Africa, so-called French Somaliland (Djibouti), the so-called Spanish Sahara and the Comoro Islands;
2. DECIDES to submit the following recommendations to the Sixth Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government:
  - (a) That all the liberation movements be required to form a common fighting front in order to achieve an early and speedy victory over the forces of oppression and exploitation;
  - (b) That no assistance be extended to liberation movements not recognized by OAU;
  - (c) That more substantial aid be extended to the liberation movements materially, financially and diplomatically;
  - (d) That better use be made of the information media of OAU Member States, to promote psychological warfare in the territories under foreign domination;
  - (e) That a new and well-conceived diplomatic and political offensive be launched by OAU Member States at all levels within international organizations to achieve the ultimate aim of the liberation of Africa;

- (f) That world opinion be awakened and consistently kept alive to the crimes perpetrated against a section of Africa by the colonial and racist regimes of South Africa, Portugal and the United Kingdom;
- (g) That OAU Member States contribute, as far as their resources permit, to the United Nations Fund for territories under colonial and racist domination in Southern Africa;
- (h) That an urgent appeal be addressed to the great powers, which are permanent members of the Security Council, to meet their obligations in respect of the problems of colonialism and apartheid with a view to safeguarding international peace and security;
- (i) That Spain be urged to implement resolution 2428 (XXIII) of the United Nations General Assembly on the so-called Spanish Sahara;
- (j) That France be called upon to meet the aspirations to independence of the peoples of the so-called French Somaliland (Djibouti) and the Comoro Islands;
- (k) That the responsibility of the United Kingdom, as administering power, for the deterioration of the situation in Zimbabwe be reaffirmed;
- (l) That OAU Member States should exert every possible effort to have the South African Regime which, according to the United Nations Charter, has no legal basis, excluded from the United Nations and from other international organizations.