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**RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION AND APPRECIATION TO**  
**THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA FOR HOSTING**  
**THE SECOND WORLD BLACK AND AFRICAN FESTIVAL**  
**OF ARTS AND CULTURE FROM JANUARY 15 TO FEBRUARY 12, 1977**  
**IN LAGOS AND KADUNA**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of Africa Unity, meeting in its Twenty-Eight Ordinary Session in Lome, Togo, from 21 to 28 February 1977.

**Recalling** the decision adopted at the end of the First World Black and African Festival of Arts and Culture, known as the World Festival of Negro Arts, held in Dakar, Senegal, in 1966, by which Nigeria was invited to host the Second Festival,

**Convinced** that the Second World Black and African Festival of Arts and Culture offered the African Peoples the world over, an opportunity to demonstrate resolutely and confidently their undeniable dignity, their immortal originality and their personality,

**Convinced further** that African Peoples had demonstrated in Lagos as they will soon do in areas in Southern Africa under white domination, that no amount of inhumanity can destroy the African soul, that soul which is daily manifesting its powerful force which will soon triumph over repression,

**Noting** the contribution of enormous resources of the Federal Military Government and people of Nigeria in planning and organizing of the FESTAC II,

1. **HIGHLY COMMENDS** and expresses deep and profound appreciation to the Government and People of Nigeria for this invaluable contribution to the promotion of the entire African cultural heritage;
2. **APPRECIATES**, in particular, the kind support of General Olusegun Obansajo, Head of State of the Federal Government of Nigeria and Honorary president of the FESTAC II and the Government and people of Nigeria who had made this Festival such a resounding success.

**RESOLUTION ON SPORTING LINKS WITH SOUTH AFRICA**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of Africa Unity, meeting in its Twenty-Eight Ordinary Session in Lome, Togo, from 21 to 28 February 1977.

**Recalling** Resolution CM/Res. 488 (XXVII) of 1976 on sporting links with South Africa.

**Noting** the impressive impact of the concerted action of the OAU General Secretariat, the Supreme Council of sports in Africa, African States and their friendly allies, in boycotting the 1976 Montreal Olympic Games as a sign of disapproval of the participation of New Zealand Country which collaborates with South Africa in the field of Sports,

**Considering** that the New Zealand authorities have not taken effective measures to cut sporting links between New Zealand and apartheid South Africa,

**Conscious** of the concerted action of certain interested parties to undermine the solidarity demonstrated by Africa and some other countries that supported the cause of justice in the Montreal boycott,

1. **REITERATES** its strong condemnation of all countries and International Organizations which still maintain sporting links with apartheid South Africa,
2. **PRAISES** the courage of all OAU Member States and International Organization which boycotted the 1976 Montreal Olympic Games as a sign of solidarity with the suppressed people of South Africa;
3. **APPEALS** to all countries particularly New Zealand to withdraw support for apartheid by cutting sporting links with Racist South Africa;
4. **CALLS UPON** all OAU Members to refrain from participating in all sporting events taking place in 1977 and 1978 in which New Zealand or any other country maintaining sporting links with South Africa would participate;

5. **CALLS UPON** the International Community to continue to demonstrate its solidarity with Africa in this struggle against apartheid;
6. **REQUESTS** the OAU Secretary-General, in co-operation with the Supreme Council for Sports in Africa, to follow-up the implementation of this Resolution.

**RESOLUTION ON ARMED AGGRESSION AGAINST**  
**THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BENIN**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of Africa Unity, meeting in its Twenty-Eight Ordinary Session in Lome, Togo, from 21 to 28 February 1977.

**Having examined** the case of armed aggression against the People's Republic of Benin on 16 January 1977;

**Having heard** the Report of the OAU Fact-Finding Commission composed of Libya, Guinea, Nigeria, Mozambique, Niger, Angola, Zambia and a Representative of the General Secretariat which visited Benin on 23 February 1977,

**Aware** of the gravity of the situation,

**Having heard** statements by the Heads of Delegations of Benin, Morocco and Gabon,

1. **STRONGLY CONDEMNS** the act of armed aggression against the People's Republic of Benin and **CONGRATULATES** the heroic brotherly people of Benin on their courageous routing of the aggression;
2. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Fact-Finding commission and **DONGRATULATES** the members of the Commission and the OAU General Secretariat on the mission they have accomplished;
3. **INVITES** the Chairman of the Council of Ministers and the OAU Administrative Secretary-General to forward the whole dossier immediately to the Current Chairman of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government to enable him inform his colleagues of this important question so that they could examine it as early as possible;

4. **EMPOWERS** the African Group at the United Nations to act in solidarity with Benin during the debate of the case by the United Nations Security Council;
5. **INVITES** the Commission of Enquiry and the Administrative Secretary-General to pursue the matter and report to the OAU Heads of State and Government on any new information brought to their attention.



**RESOLUTION ON THE ORDINARY SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of Africa Unity, meeting in its Twenty-Eight Ordinary Session in Lome, Togo, from 21 to 28 February 1977.

**Having considered** the Report of the Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Financial Matters as well as the Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on OAU Structural Reform;

**Considering** that the Charter provides for two Ordinary Sessions of the Council of Ministers in a year,

**Convinced** that the February Session should be devoted to the consideration of administrative, financial and institutional matters and adoption of the Budget of the Organization of the Budget of the Organization of African Unity for the next financial year,

**DECIDES** without prejudice to the provisions of Article 15:

1. that rule 6 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council of Ministers should be amended by deleting the words “inter alia” at paragraph 2 of Rule 6;
2. that henceforth, all the Member States represented in Addis Ababa as well as Ethiopia, shall be members of the Advisory Committee on budgetary and Financial Matters except the countries providing the OAU External Auditors;
3. that the members of the Advisory Committee on budgetary and Financial Matters be henceforth assisted by Experts from Member States, particularly, during the December Session. The Advisory Committee shall examine in detail the budgetary and financial proposals and shall submit its recommendations to the February Ordinary Session of the Council.

**RESOLUTION ON THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM AND THE PALESTINIAN  
QUESTION**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of Africa Unity, meeting in its Twenty-Eight Ordinary Session in Lome, Togo, from 21 to 28 February 1977.

**Having considered** the Reports of the Administrative Secretary-General of the OAU on the middle East problem (Document CM/Res. 792 (XXVIII) and CM/Res. 793 (XXCIII)), on the Palestinian question,

**Having heard** the statement delivered during the session by H.E. the Minister of State for Foreign Relations of the Arab Republic of Egypt,

**Recalling** the Resolutions adopted by previous sessions of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government and the Council of Ministers on the Middle East and the occupied Arab territories and on the Palestinian problem and, in particular, AHG/Res. 76 (XII) and CM/Res. 459, CM/Res. 460 (XXVI) and CM/Res. 482 (XXVII),

**Guided** by the principles and objectives of the OAU and the UN Charters and the common destiny of the African and Arab peoples and their continued joint struggle for the exercise of their rights, freedom peace and independence,

**Reaffirming** that just and lasting peace cannot be attained except on the basis of total Israeli withdrawal from all the occupied Arab territories and the recognition of the national legitimate rights of the Palestinian people to sovereignty and national independence and its right to self-determination and the creation of its own State,

**Noting** with indignation that the alliance between Israel and the racist regime in South Africa and Zimbabwe aims at the continuation of the policy of terrorism and extermination of the Palestinian and Arab peoples in the occupied Arab territories and the African peoples in South Africa, Namibia and Zimbabwe, and that Israel and the racist regimes are pursuing identical methods and maneuvers.

1. **ENDORSES** the Reports of the Secretary-General as contained in Documents CM/792 (XXVIII) and CM/793 (XXVIII);
2. **TAKES NOTE** of the stand adopted by the Minister of State of the Arab Republic of Egypt on the Middle East problem and the Palestinian Question;
3. **FURTHER ENDORSES** Resolution CM/Res.459, CM/RES. 460, CM/Res. 481 and CM/Res. 482 by which the Council reaffirmed its total and effective support for Egypt, the Arab Frontline States and the Palestinian people;
4. **STRONGLY CONDEMNNS** the alliance between Israel and the racist regimes in south Africa, Zimbabwe and **INVITES** all Member States to be vigilant against the challenges posed by this alliance;
5. **REQUESTS** the Administrative Secretary-General to follow-up the developments on the two questions and present a Report to the Twenty Ninth Session of the Council of Ministers.

**RESOLUTION ON COMORO ISLANDS, SUBMITTED BY COMORO**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of Africa Unity, meeting in its Twenty-Eight Ordinary Session in Lome, Togo, from 21 to 28 February 1977.

**Considering** the relevant Resolution adopted by the Twenty-Seventh Ordinary Session and approved by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government in Mauritius,

**Having examined** the Administrative Secretary-General's Report on Comoro Island (Document CM/Res. 791 (XXVIII)),

**Having heard** the statement by the Head of the Delegation of Comoro in the developments in the situation in the Republic of Comoro,

**Aware** of the numerous difficulties still facing the State of Comoro as a result of the occupation of Mayotte by France,

**Anxious** to contribute to finding a solution to the problem,

1. **INVITES** the Committee of Seven on Comoro to meet in an African Capital outside the OAU Ordinary Session before the Summit Conference of Heads of State and Government in Libreville;
2. **DECIDES** that on the basis of the Report of the Committee of Seven, a strategy and practical means of action should be mapped out for the speedy liberation of the Mayotte Island of Comoro and be submitted for consideration by the Heads of State and government in Libreville;
3. **INVITES** the United Nations Secretary-General, in collaboration with the OAU Secretary-General, to take practical initiatives for the application of the Resolution on the Mayotte Island of Comoro adopted at the United Nations 31<sup>st</sup> Session during the 21 October 1976 sitting, particularly, its operative paragraph 6.

**RESOLUTION ON OAU STRUCTURAL REFORM**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of Africa Unity, meeting in its Twenty-Eight Ordinary Session in Lome, Togo, from 21 to 28 February 1977.

**Having examined** the Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on OAU Structural Reform,

**Noting** that member States of OAU have been duly notified of the proposed amendments to the Charter as contained in Document CM/770 (XXVII) during the Twenty-Seventh Ordinary Session of the Council of Minister in accordance with Article 33 of the Charter,

1. **DECIDES** to adopt the recommendations of the Report on the raising of the salaries of Statutory and Non-Statutory staff members of the OAU General Secretariat and on the improvement of the conditions of service of Non-Statutory members (Document CM770(XXVII) Part 3 Chapter 18) and the relevant parts of Document CM.770 (XXVII) Rev. 1 Annex1;
2. **REFERS** the examination of the dossier on Structural Reform Staff Rules and Regulations and Financial Rules to the next Session of the Council of Ministers.

**RESOLUTION ON THE REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**ON BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of Africa Unity, meeting in its Twenty-Eight Ordinary Session in Lome, Togo, from 21 to 28 February 1977.

**Having examined** the Report of the Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Financial Matters (Document CM781 (XXVIII) and its recommendations on the Financial Report for 1975/76 Financial Year, the Statement of Arrears of Contributions owed to various OAU Budget, the Report of the External Board of Auditors, the review of the scale of assessment of contributions and budgetary appropriations for the Financial Year 1977/78,

1. **ADOPTS** the Draft Budget for the Financial Year 1977/78 – Document CM/777(XXVIII) Rev. 1 plus Annex I Rev. as well as the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on budgetary and Financial Matters;
2. **CONGRATULATES** the Members of the Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Financial Matters on their excellent, comprehensive and in-depth work;
3. **CONGRATULATES** also the External Board of Auditors on the accuracy of its Report and **REQUESTS** the Administrative Secretary-General to always refer to the recommendations of the Board of Auditors for the improvement of the financial management of the Organization;
4. **INVITES** all the members of the External Board of Auditors to assume wholeheartedly their responsibilities and not absent themselves from audit meetings programmed in agreement with the OAU General Secretariat;
5. **CALLS ON** the Administrative General-Secretary to obtain up-to-date data from the United Nations to enable him amend Document CM/778(XXVIII)

6. **DECIDES** to exempt Mozambique, Cape Verde Islands, Angola, Sao Tome and Principe and Guinea Bissau from payment of their contributions to the budget for the 1977/78 Financial Year;
7. **DECIDES** that there shall be no further exemptions from payment of contributions to the OAU Budget as from the 1978/79 Financial Year.

**RESOLUTION OF THE GRANT OF SUBVENTIONS**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of Africa Unity, meeting in its Twenty-Eight Ordinary Session in Lome, Togo, from 21 to 28 February 1977.

**Having considered** the applications for subventions submitted by the various African Organizations – Documents CM/786 (XXVIII) to CM/802 (XXVIII),

**DECIDES** to grant subventions to the following recognized African Organizations and Associations:

1. Organization of African Trade Union Unity	120,000.00
2. Association of African Universities	50,000.00
3. Association for the Development of Documentation, Libraries and Archives in Africa	30,000.00
4. Pan African Youth Movement	60,000.00
5. Supreme Council of Sports in Africa	130,000.00
6. Association of Agricultural Sciences	50,000.00
7. Anti-Apartheid Committee	30,000.00
8. Encyclopaedia Africana Project	<u>30,000.00</u>
	<u>500,000.00</u>



**SECOND RESOLUTION ON COMORO ISLANDS**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of Africa Unity, meeting in its Twenty-Eight Ordinary Session in Lome, Togo, from 21 to 28 February 1977.

**Having heard** statements by the Heads of Delegation of the Republic of Comoro and the Democratic Republic of Madagascar on the Majunga affair,

1. **REQUESTS** the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity to take immediate action in co-operation with the Government of the Republic of Comoro and the Democratic Republic of Madagascar with a view to settling this problem;
2. **REQUESTS** the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity to instruct the appropriate departments to lend their full assistance for the repatriation of refugees and their resettlement in the Republic of Comoro.

**RESOLUTION ON ASSISTANCE TO ANGOLA**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of Africa Unity, meeting in its Twenty-Eight Ordinary Session in Lome, Togo, from 21 to 28 February 1977.

**Having been informed** of the difficult socio-economic situations in the People's Republic of Angola as a result of the two national liberation wars, particularly, after South African aggression,

**Having taken note** of the fact that the data used by the General Secretariat in assessing the contribution of Member States to the Ordinary budget of the Organization of African Unity do not correspond to the present economic situation of the People's Republic of Angola,

**Having heard** the statement made by the leader of the delegation of the People's Republic of Angola,

**DECIDES** to draw upon the Assistance Fund set up by the OAU to help the countries affected by drought and other natural disasters, the amounts needed by the People's Republic of Angola after it has submitted to the General Secretariat a list of its needs in this field.

**RESOLUTION ON THE SETTING UP OF AN OAU SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL  
PROGRAMME FOR ASSISTANCE TO SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENTS**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of Africa Unity, meeting in its Twenty-Eight Ordinary Session in Lome, Togo, from 21 to 28 February 1977.

**Having considered** the Reports on the hardships that the young people of the armed struggle in South Africa as well as for the development of their country after the attainment of majority rule,

1. **DECIDES** to set up a special programme for the provision of educational, vocational and other training facilities in Africa and other counties in order to prepare these young people to serve their country usefully after the attainment of majority rule;
2. **DECIDES FURTHER** to set up a Special Committee of Experts from the following countries: Lesotho, Swaziland, Botswana, Ethiopia, Mozambique, Angola, Guinea Bissau, Egypt and Nigeria to assess the requirements of these young people in terms of assistance and submit a Report and concrete proposals to the next 29<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Ministers.
3. **CALLS UPON** the Secretary-General of the OAU to organize a meeting of the Committee during the Afro-Arab Summit in Cairo.

**RESOLUTION ON NAMIBIA**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of Africa Unity, meeting in its Twenty-Eight Ordinary Session in Lome, Togo, from 21 to 28 February 1977.

**Having considered** the Report of the Co-ordinating Committee for the Liberation of Africa especially the relevant paragraphs on Namibia,

**Recalling** the relevant Resolutions of the United Nations and the OAU on Namibia,

**Concerned** about the imposition of a so-called self-government on the people of Namibia against their wishes,

**Concerned** about the establishment of a South African military base in the territory of Namibia and the training of UNITA and FNLA rebels in the said territory,

1. **REAFFIRMS** OAU support for SWAPO as the sole authentic representative of the people of Namibia,
2. **DENOUNCES and CONDEMNS** South Africa's intention to impose a self-government on the Namibian people against their wishes, and **CALLS ON** the Pretoria Regime to negotiate the Namibian independence with SWAPO, the authentic representative of the people of the territory on the basis of the conditions SWAPO has laid down (see page 18 Document CM790 (XXVIII));
3. **CALLS ON** Member States of the OAU to deny recognition to any government installed in Namibia either through the Turnhale Tribal Conference or through any other means which are not in conformity with the relevant Resolution of the United Nations and the OAU.

4. **REQUESTS** the OAU Member States not to grant permission for visits to their respective countries by the participants in the Turnhale tribal talks or any Namibian in the South African service of propagating, in favour of the forthcoming self-government to be imposed on Namibia as any such permission would be interpreted as recognition of these tribal talks and subsequently their so-called self-government;
  
5. **CONDEMNS** South African for giving military training to the UNITA-FNLA rebels in Namibia in order to send them to murder innocent people in the People's Republic of Angola, a Member State of the OAU, as well as in Namibia.

**RESOLUTION ON SOUTH AFRICA**

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**Recalling** its resolution committing Member States not to recognize the so-called independent Bantustans,

**Hailing** the general uprising of the people of South Africa against the Apartheid regime,

**Outraged** by the current wave of terror, wanton assassination of political detainees and other atrocities perpetrated against the opponents of the Vorster regime,

**Gravely concerned** about the aggressive designs of the Pretoria regime and, in particular, the so-called Defense Act which arrogates to South Africa the right to perpetrate aggression against the entire African continent,

**Outraged** by the nuclear collaboration involving the United States, West Germany, France and Israel towards enabling South Africa to produce atomic weapons,

**Further noting** with grave concern that some governments spear-headed by the United States in pursuing their so-called strategic, economic and other interests designed to further their imperialistic ends continue to collaborate with the Pretoria regime and thereby aid and abet it to pursue its criminal activities,

**Convinces** that the situation in South Africa constitutes a grave threat to international peace and security,

1. **PROCLAIMS** that the racist regime of south Africa is illegitimate and has no right to represent the people of South Africa;

2. **REAFFIRMS** the legitimacy of the armed struggle for the over-throw of the Apartheid regime and for the seizure of power by the people of South Africa or the establishment of a democratic State that will secure to the people of this country their inalienable right to self-determination without distinction of colour, race, creed or sex;
3. **DECLARES** that the wanton assassinating of detainees in the prison cells and torture chambers is a cowardly and criminal act of terrorism by the Pretoria regime and calls for world-wide condemnation;
4. **WELCOMES** the decision of the United Nations General Assembly calling for an urgent meeting of the Security Council; and **CALLS UPON** the Governments of the United States, the United Kingdom and France to demonstrate their proclaimed opposition to Apartheid by adopting a positive attitude to enable the Security Council to take effective action under Chapter 7 of the United Nations Charter;
5. **CALLS ON** all States still engaged in strategic, economic, military and other forms of collaboration with the settler and racist regime to cease forthwith any such collaboration with that regime;
6. **CALLS ON** OAU Member States to step up their diplomatic, economic, political and military isolation of Israel and to support the just cause of the Palestinian people;
7. **CALLS UPON** Member States of the League of Arab States also to adopt the liberation struggle in Southern Africa as their struggle and grant observer status, financial and material assistance to the Liberation Movements recognized by the OAU, thus laying concrete and lasting basis for a genuine Afro-Arab co-operation;
8. **CALLS ON** OAU Member States and all justice-loving nations the world-over, to step-up their diplomatic political, moral, material and financial assistance to the Libations Movements recognized by the OAU,

9. **COMMITTS** Member States not to accord recognition to the Bantustan of Bophuthatswana whose so-called independence is scheduled for 5 December 1977.



**RESOLUTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of Africa Unity, meeting in its Twenty-Eight Ordinary Session in Lome, Togo, from 21 to 28 February 1977.

**Having taken note** of the interim Report of the Administrative Secretary-General (Document CM/804 (XXVIII)),

**Noting** that the differences existing between coastal and land-locked or the geographically disadvantaged States constitute a serious obstacle to the effectiveness of the African stand,

**Considering** the imperative need to strengthen the unity of action in Africa at the next session of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea,

**Recalling** the relevant Resolution CM/Res. 514 (XXVII) adopted by the Heads of State and Government in Mauritius,

1. **EXPRESSES** satisfaction with the work done by the General Secretariat and urges it to continue its efforts towards harmonizing the stand of the whole African Group at that Conference;
2. **APPROVES** the decision of the African Group at the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea to hold a meeting of African Experts before the sixth session;
3. To this end **CALLS ON** the Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Financial Matters to release the necessary funds for organizing this preparatory meeting;
4. **REITERATES** its approval to all African countries to present a united front at the Sixth Session of the Conference;

5. **APPEALS** to all Member States to make available to this Conference competent and qualified experts;
  
6. **RECOMMENDS EARNESTLY** that the Administrative Secretary-General of the OAU send a team from the Secretariat to follow, under the best condition, the negotiations at the Sixth Session, which will be held in New York in May 1977.

**RESOLUTION ON DROUGHT AND OTHER NATURAL DISASTER IN AFRICA**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of Africa Unity, meeting in its Twenty-Eight Ordinary Session in Lome, Togo, from 21 to 28 February 1977.

**Considering** the catastrophic effects caused by the spread of drought and other disasters in Africa,

**Considering** Document CM/797 (XXVIII) and the Recommendations of the Fourth Session of the OAU **Ad Hoc** Committee on Drought and Other Natural Disasters in Africa,

**Recalling** Resolutions CM/Res. 336 (XXIII), CM/Res. 406 (XXIV), CM/Res. 450 (XXV) and CM/Res. 465 (XXVI),

1. **CONGRATULATES** the General Secretariat and the **Ad Hoc** Committee on Drought and Other Natural disasters, on their useful work,
2. **REITERATES** its appeal to all Member States to make available to the General Secretariat adequate information about the extent of drought and other natural disaster, the action taken, the assistance secured and their needs;
3. **APPEALS** to all Member States to honour their commitments by paying their annual obligatory contributions to the Emergency Relief Fund which consists of 1/15<sup>th</sup> of each Member State's contribution to the OAU Ordinary Budget starting from January 1976 to January 1980;
4. **APPEALS FURTHER** to those Member States who had paid certain grants to the OAU General Secretariat as assistance to the drought affected sister States prior to the establishment of the Emergency Relief Fund, to indicate to the General Secretariat whether these grants should be considered as their obligatory contributions or as voluntary gifts;

5. **DECIDES** that:

- a) Madagascar should become a member of the OAU **Ad Hoc** Committee on Drought and Other Natural Disaster and that the composition of this Committee should be on equitable geographical basis;
- b) out of the Drought Emergency Relief Fund, the amount of US\$ 80,000.00 should be sent to the Government of Cape Verde Islands as an immediate assistance for combatting drought, as indicated in document CM/797 (XXVIII);
- c) the OAU **Ad Hoc** Committee on Drought and Other Natural Disaster examine with urgency the request made by Chad, defined criteria;
- d) those affected Member States, that have not yet done so, should establish national Committees for combatting other natural disasters so as to better organize national efforts on the basis of the principle of self sufficiency;
- e) the OAU General Secretariat contact the UN and its Specialized Agencies as well as other International bodies for more assistance in favour of afflicted Member States;
- f) the OAU General Secretariat and UN bodies and specialized Agencies should undertake joint action in order to give a more substantial assistance to the affected Member States;
- g) OAU General Secretariat should establish, before the end of 1977, the necessary machinery for the drawing of the hydrogeological map of Africa,
- h) the General Secretariat should undertake information and publicity activities likely to further enhance the awareness of world public opinion.

**RESOLUTION ON THE SECOND ALL-AFRICA TRADE FAIR**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of Africa Unity, meeting in its Twenty-Eight Ordinary Session in Lome, Togo, from 21 to 28 February 1977.

**Recalling** its Resolution CM/Res. 443 (XXV), CM/Res. 468 (XXVI) and CM/Res. 504 (XXVII) on the Second All-African Trade Fair,

**Having examined** the Report of the Administrative Secretary-General on the results of the Second All-Africa Trade Fair,

**Convinced** that the Second All-African Trade Fair offered a unique opportunity for the expansion and promotion of intra-African Trade and the exchange and dissemination of information,

**Further convinced** that the success of the All-Africa Trade Fair was due to the efforts and enormous work accomplished by the Government of the Peoples' Democratic Republic of Algeria,

1. **EXPRESSES** satisfaction at the results of the Second All-Africa Trade Fair and the work done by the OAU, the Committee of Ten and the Government of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria to ensure its success;
2. **CONGRATULATES** the Government of the Popular and Democratic Republic of Algeria on the steps it had taken to make the All-Africa Trade Fair a resounding success which reflected the African solidarity;
3. **CONGRATULES FURTHER** the Member States which participated in the Second All-Africa Trade Fair on their contribution to its success;
4. **CALLS ON** all Member States to participate fully in the Third All-Africa Trade Fair.

**RESOLUTION ON DRAFT CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE  
OAU AND THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of Africa Unity, meeting in its Twenty-Eight Ordinary Session in Lome, Togo, from 21 to 28 February 1977.

**Considering** the important role being played by the intellectual property, namely literary and artistic works, inventions and trade marks, cultural and economic development of countries throughout the world,

**Considering** that international co-operation in this field is based essentially on conventions administered by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO),

**Noting** that WIPO, and Inter-governmental Organization of universal scope, now belongs to the United Nations System,

**Considering** that since it became a part of the UN System, WIPO has strengthened considerably its activities in favour of developing countries and African countries in particular,

**Considering also** the urgent need for African States to promote intellectual creativity and encourage investments in production dissemination of information and ideas, transfer of technology and the establishment of the fair trading practices,

**Noting further** that the WIPO assists developing countries in the promotion of their industrialization, trade and cultural, scientific and technical development by modernising their system of industrial property and royalties as well as in meeting some of their needs in the field of technical documentation and transfer of technology and technical know-how,

1. **INVITES** OAU Member States, which have not yet done so, to consider the possibility of acceding to the Convention establishing WIPO, and to the two main Conventions administered by it, namely the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property and the Berne convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works;

2. **APPROVES** the Draft Co-operation Agreement between the OAU and WIPO;
3. **AUTHORIZES** the Administrative Secretary-General of the OAU to sign the Co-operation Agreement between the OAU and WIPO.

**RESOLUTION ON THE THIRD CONFERENCE OF  
AFRICAN MINISTERS OF INDUSTRY**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of Africa Unity, meeting in its Twenty-Eight Ordinary Session in Lome, Togo, from 21 to 28 February 1977.

**Having received and considered** the Report of the Administrative Secretary-General on the Third Conference of African Ministers of Industry (Document CM/794 (XXVIII)),

**Mindful** of the importance of promoting industrialization in Africa and the need for industrial co-operation among African countries,

**Taking note** of the efforts undertaken by OAU, ECA and UNIDO, so as to transform into action the programmes and priority projects for the acceleration and pursuit of the process of industrialization in Africa,

1. **REQUESTS** all Member States of the Organization to take appropriate measures to implement the decisions taken as contained in Part II of the said Report;
2. **URGES** all Member States of the Organization of African Unity to take immediate action at the national level, with a view to releasing Africa's objective, i.e., the production target of 2% of world industrial production, by the turn of the century;
3. **EMPHASIZES** the need for the governments to establish and strengthen the machinery for project formulation, planning and implementation and, to institute the necessary procedures for the review and appraisal of industrial activities in their respective countries;
4. **NOTES** with appreciation the steps already taken by the Administrative Secretary-General of the OAU, the Executive Secretary of ECA and the Executive Director of UNIDO towards the establishment of:



- i) a Centre for consultative engineering
  - ii) a Centre for iron and steel industry
  - iii) a Centre for the petrochemical industry
  - iv) a Centre for the design adaptation and transfer of industrial technology
  - v) a Centre for solar energy testing and development
5. **REQUESTS** the OAU Administrative Secretary-General to provide a sum of US\$ 100,000.00 in the 1978/79 budget as a token contribution towards the establishment of these Centres;
6. **EXPRESSES** its warm appreciation for the catalytic role of the Committee and **EXPRESSES** its gratitude for its efforts and the successful role it is playing in the monitoring and promoting industrial development in African countries;
7. **REQUESTS** the Assembly of Heads of State and Government to give its full political support to the recommendations of the Third Conference of Ministers of Industry;
8. **REQUESTS** all Member States to participate fully and effectively in the Fourth Conference of African Ministers of Industries scheduled to take place in Lagos this year, with a view to realizing the operative paragraphs of the foregoing provisions.

**RESOLUTION ON AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING UNION OF  
AFRICAN RAILWAYS AS SPECIALIZED AGENCY OF OAU**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of Africa Unity, meeting in its Twenty-Eight Ordinary Session in Lome, Togo, from 21 to 28 February 1977.

**Recalling** its Resolution CM/Res. 507 (XXVII) granting the Union of African Railways the status of Specialized Agency of the OAU,

**Having received and considered** the Report of the Administrative Secretary-General on the Draft Agreement establishing the Union of African Railways as Specialized Agency of the OAU,

1. **ENDORSES** the Agreement establishing the Union of African Railways as a Specialized Agency of the OAU;
2. **RECOMMENDS** that the Administrative Secretary-General be authorized to sign the Agreement with the Secretary-General of the Union of African Railways.

**RESOLUTION ON THE EXTRAORDINARY SUMMIT OF**  
**THE GROUP OF 77**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of Africa Unity, meeting in its Twenty-Eight Ordinary Session in Lome, Togo, from 21 to 28 February 1977.

**Noting** that the results of the negotiations held between the developed and developing countries within the framework of the North-South dialogue which had been adjourned were disappointing so far,

**Considering** that it is indispensable for the developing countries to meet within the framework of their appropriate body to hold consultations on the widest possible basis and to adopt resolutions likely to strengthen their stand during the possible resumption of the dialogue with the developed countries,

**CALLS ON** the Administrative Secretary-General to consult the Group of 77 in Geneva on the possibility of organizing a Summit conference of the Group of 77 and to report thereon the Fourteenth Ordinary Session of the Assembly of heads of State and Government.

**VOTE OF THANKS**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of Africa Unity, meeting in its Twenty-Eight Ordinary Session in Lome, Togo, from 21 to 28 February 1977.

**EXPRESSES** its most profound thanks to the President of the Republic and president-Founder of the R.P.T., General GNASSINGBE EYADEMA, The Government, the R.P.T. and the people of Togo for all the facilities made available and the arrangements made for the organization of this Session which, in their perfect forms, have contributed to us resounding success;

**CONVEYS** to the President of the Republic of Togo, its sincerest gratitude for this opening address whose spirit of generosity, peace and unity deeply inspired the Council and guided its deliberations;

**EXPRESSES** its profounding gratitude to the authorities and the brotherly people of Togo for the very warm hospitality, genuinely African and particularly warm welcome extended to all delegates.