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**RESOLUTION ON THE MERCENARY AGGRESSION AGAINST
THE REPUBLIC OF SEYCELLES**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Thirty-eighth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 22 to 28 February, 1982,

Having heard the statement by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Seychelles on the ignominious and cowardly aggression perpetrated against his country on 25 November 1982 by a group of Mercenaries in the pay of international imperialism,

Considering that this aggression against Seychelles and other acts of aggression perpetrated against other African countries form part of a worldwide strategy of international imperialism to destabilize and reconquer independent and sovereign African States,

Considering that in the carrying out of this strategy the fascist and racist regime of South Africa plays the role of a policeman against the Frontline and other African countries,

Recalling the convention on mercenarism adopted by the Fourteenth Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity,

Recalling the United Nations Security Council Resolution 496 (1981) on aggression against the Republic of the Seychelles,

Deeply indignant at this barbaric act and concerned about the grave danger that mercenarism poses to the African peoples and State:

1. **CONGRATULATES** the valiant people of Seychelles and their Government on their resounding victory over the vile mercenaries in the pay of international imperialism;
2. **STRONGLY CONDEMNS** this armed aggression against the people and the State of Seychelles;
3. **STRONGLY CONDEMNS** the fascist and racist regime of South Africa for planning, organizing and financing this barbarous aggression;
4. **VEHEMENTLY DENOUNCES** the violation by this group of mercenaries of civil aviation safety regulations and the hijacking of a civilian aircraft together with its passengers;
5. **STRONGLY CONDEMNS** South Africa and all countries that support it in carrying out its odious policy of expansionism and repeated acts of destabilization and aggression against independent and sovereign African States;
6. **REAFFIRMS** its unflinching support for the Government of Seychelles and its total solidarity with the valiant people of Seychelles in their struggle for the defense of their sovereignty and territorial integrity;
7. **REQUESTS** the Secretary-General of the OAU and the Advisory Committee on Administrative, Budgetary and Financial Matters, to consider the possibility of granting financial assistance to the Republic of Seychelles which suffered from considerable material damage during this aggression;
8. **APPEALS** to those Member States which have not yet done so to sign and ratify the OAU Convention on Mercenarism as early as possible;

9. **FURTHER APPEALS to the United Nations to speed up the drafting of the International Convention against the security, financing and granting of hospitality to mercenaries and guarantee its subsequent signature and ratification by all Member States;**
10. **CALLS ON all Member States and the international community to help in the National reconstruction efforts of Seychelles following the serious and widespread damage caused by this armed mercenary aggression;**
11. **URGES all Member States to give an unreserved support to the Seychelles Government in any action it may take at the UN and within other International Organizations for the defence of its just cause;**
12. **DESIGNATES the following countries to send their representatives at the highest level to support the just claims of the Government of Seychelles during the consideration of the document on the mercenary aggression against its country by the UN Security Council.**

The Countries designated are the three African countries which are members of the Security Council, Uganda, Togo, Zaire as well as:

- **ANGOLA**
- **ALGERIA**
- **BENIN**
- **BOTSWANA**
- **TANZANIA**

13. **REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the OAU to submit a report to the 39th Session of the Council of Ministers on the implementation of this resolution.**

**RESOLUTION ON AFRICAN CANDIDATURES TO
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND AFRICAN SOLIDARITY**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Thirty-eighth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 22 to 28 February, 1982,

Gratified by the decisions usually taken by the Organization of African Unity to submit common African candidatures either to host the Headquarters of international bodies or more generally international organizations in the name of African solidarity,

Recognizing that such an initiative is likely to establish the credibility of the OAU and consolidate African Unity,

Regretting that on several occasions this African solidarity has not always worked in spite of relevant resolutions adopted by the OAU,

Having heard the statement of the representative of the Republic of Gabon:

APPEALS to all Member States of the OAU to scrupulously observe the fundamental principle of solidarity as contained in Article II (a) of the Charter whenever candidatures for posts or for hosting international organizations are submitted to and approved by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government.

RESOLUTION ON DISASTER IN MADAGASCAR

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Thirty-eighth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 22 to 28 February, 1982,

Taking into account the fact that the Democratic Republic of Madagascar suffered severe losses as a result of the Cyclones: Benedicte, Electra, Fida and Gabrielle,

Considering the fact that thousands of people were rendered homeless,

Recognizing the fact that the Democratic Republic of Madagascar is currently experiencing a situation of national disaster,

Considering the need to show solidarity with the people of Madagascar,

Considering that joint assistance from the international community would enable the Democratic Republic of Madagascar to alleviate the consequences of the present national disaster:

1. **REQUESTS** all countries in the international community and particularly Member States of the OAU to offer effective aid to the Democratic Republic of Madagascar:
2. **EMPHASISES** the urgency of this material assistance in view of the critical situation the people of Madagascar are experiencing.

**RESOLUTION ON THE REQUEST BY THE PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO FOR COMPENSATION ON THE
EXPENDITURE IT HAS INCURRED ON ITS TROOPS THAT
SERVED ON THE AFRICAN NEUTRAL FORCE IN CHAD**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirty-eighth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 22 to 28 February, 1982,

Recalling the Lagos Accord on the National Reconciliation in Chad in which it was decided to send an OAU Peace Keeping Force composed of contingents from Benin, the Congo and Guinea to Chad under the auspices of the OAU,

Recalling further Resolution CM/Res.769 (XXXIV) on Chad, particularly its operative paragraph 3 in which OAU accepted to bear the financial burden of the operations of the African Peace Keeping Force in Chad,

Recognizing the fact that only the Congolese contingents of the African Peace Keeping Force were in Chad from January to March 1980,

Recognizing further that this operation had involved the Government of the People's Republic of the Congo in expenses that could have been borne by the Organization,

Having heard the statement of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of the Congo:

1. **ACCEPTS** the responsibility of compensation for the expenditure incurred by Congo on its troops that served on the African Neutral Force in Chad;

- 2. REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the OAU to study, in collaboration with the OAU Advisory Committee on the Administrative, Budgetary and Financial Matters, the practical modalities of paying this compensation, as well as the possible financial implications involved.**

RESOLUTION ON NAMIBIA

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirty-eighth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 22 to 28 February, 1982,

Having examined the report of the Co-ordinating Committee for the Liberation of Africa,

Having heard the statement of the President of the United Nations Council for Namibia and the Representative of SWAPO,

Reaffirming the inalienable rights of the people of Namibia to self-determination, freedom, national independence and territorial integrity including Walvis Bay, Penguin and other offshore Islands, in accordance with all the relevant resolutions and decisions of the OAU, the Movement of the Non-Aligned Countries and the United Nations, in particular General Assembly Resolution 1514 (MV) of 14 December 1960 and Security Council Resolutions 385 (1976) 432 (1978), 435 (1978) and 439 (1978), and the legitimacy of their struggle, especially the armed struggle, to secure the enjoyment of such rights,

Reaffirming the legal responsibility of the United Nations with respect to Namibia in terms of General Assembly Resolutions 2145 (XXI) of 1966 and 2248 (S-V) of 1967,

Bearing in mind the fact that the United Nations Council for Namibia is the sole legal administering authority over Namibia until genuine independence is achieved in the territory, and commending the Council for its work in fulfillment of the mandate entrusted to it by the General Assembly:

- 1. REAFFIRMS the urgent need for the oppressed people of Namibia to exercise, as soon as possible, their inalienable right to self-determination, freedom and national independence in a UNITED NAMIBIA, including Walvis Bay and the PENQUIN and other offshore islands;**
- 2. CONDEMNS the overt and covert collusion of certain Western countries with the South African racists which have obstructed the efforts of the international community to achieve this objective;**
- 3. REAFFIRMS that Security Council Resolution 435 (1978) endorsing the UN Plan for the independence of Namibia is the only basis for a negotiated settlement of the Namibian problem and CALLS FOR the immediate and unconditional implementation of that resolution;**
- 4. REJECTS all and any schemes by certain members of the Western Contact Group aimed at forcing the international community to abandon Security Council Resolution 435 (1978) endorsing the UN Plan for the Independence of Namibia, and depriving the oppressed Namibian people of their hard-won victories in the struggle for national liberation;**
- 5. FIRMLY SUPPORTS the position adopted by SWAPO and Frontline States in their meeting in Lusaka on 23rd January 1982 with respect to the establishment of a simple and fair electoral system which will provide for the realization of the genuine aspiration of the Namibian people;**
- 6. CALLS UPON the Contact Group to desist from any collaboration with the racist regime of South Africa;**
- 7. REITERATES that Namibia is the UN responsibility and consequently CALLS UPON the Contact Group to keep the Secretary-General of the UN fully informed on all aspects of consultations in order to enable him to make**

meaningful contributions towards facilitating the implementation of the UN Plan for the Independence of Namibia;

- 8. RENEWS its pledge to render material, military, financial, political, humanitarian, diplomatic and moral assistance to SWAPO;**
- 9. URGES the OAU Member States to fulfill their commitment to the Namibian Plan of Action and to facilitate its speedy and effective implementation.**

RESOLUTION ON SOUTH AFRICA

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Thirty-eighth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 22 to 28 February, 1982,

Reaffirming that apartheid is a crime against humanity and constitute a threat to world peace,

Further reaffirming that the policies and actions of the apartheid regime, and its escalating acts of aggression, subversion and terrorism against independent African States have resulted in frequent breaches of peace, and have thereby created a highly explosive situation in Southern Africa,

Reiterating that the continuing political, economic and military collaboration of certain Western countries, particularly the United States, with the racist regime of South Africa, has served to encourage its persistent intransigence and defiance of the international community,

Indignant at the activities of those transnational corporations which continue to collaborate with the apartheid regime especially in the military, nuclear, petroleum and other fields, and of those financial institutions which have continued to provide loans and credits to South Africa,

Deploring the attitude of those Western Permanent Members of the Security Council which have so far prevented the Council from adopting comprehensive and mandatory sanctions against South Africa under Chapter VII of the UN Charter,

Recognizing that it is incumbent on the international community to provide all necessary assistance to the oppressed people of South Africa and their liberation

movements in their legitimate struggle for the establishment of a democratic and non-racial State,

Recognizing that the Paris Declaration on Sanctions against South Africa, adopted by the International Conference, held in Paris from 20 to 27 May 1981 provides the framework for effective international action for the elimination of apartheid and averting the growing threat to peace and security:

- 1. VEMEMENTLY CONDEMNNS the apartheid regime for its repeated acts of aggression, subversion and terrorism against independent African States designed to destabilize the whole of Southern Africa;**
- 2. REITERATES its firm belief that the apartheid regime has been encouraged in the perpetration of these criminal acts by the protection afforded by major Western Powers against international sanctions and especially by the pronouncements, policies and actions of the Government of the United States;**
- 3. CONDEMNNS the actions of certain Western Governments, especially the United Kingdom as well as the racist regime of Israel, and those transnational corporations and other organizations which continue to maintain and/or increase their collaboration in economic, military and nuclear fields with the racist regime of South Africa;**
- 4. REAFFIRMS its conviction that comprehensive and mandatory sanctions under Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter, universally applied, are the most appropriate and effective means by which the international community can assist the legitimate struggle of the oppressed people of South Africa and discharge its responsibilities for the maintenance of international peace and security;**

5. **COMMENDS** the African National Congress for intensified mass mobilization and intensified armed liberation struggle;
6. **SALUTES** the valiant struggling people of South Africa on the occasion of the 70th Anniversary of their National Liberation Movement – the African National Congress;
7. **COMMENDS** the PAC for the efforts made to settle its internal problems thus paving the way for the effective conduct of the struggle;
8. **STRONGLY** condemns the continued savage torture and murder of political detainees as exemplified by the recent death of Dr Neil Aggett and the continuing persecution of the 71-year old veteran Trade Unionist, Oscar Mpetla, now critically ill due to torture;
9. **COMMENDS** the International Trade Union Movement for the solidarity action undertaken to protest this brutal repression;
10. **CALLS ON** all governments and non-governmental organizations to undertake special action to give impetus to the campaign for unconditional release of Nelson Mandela and all political prisoners;
11. **URGES** the international community to step up the campaign to stop the execution of the six (6) ANC freedom fighters (Naphtali Manana, Johnson Lubisi, Petros Mashigo, Anthony Tsotsobe, Johannes Shabangu and David Moise) sentenced to death for their part in the fight against apartheid;
12. **CALLS UPON** the international community to step up the campaign to secure the Prisoner of War status to all captured freedom fighters in compliance with the relevant additional protocol of the Geneva conventions;

- 13. VEHEMENTLY CONDEMNS the recent kidnapping of Peter Lengene from Botswana by the terrorist Pretoria regime;**

- 14. URGES all African and international Trade Unions to actively support and participate in the forthcoming conference of Trade Unions scheduled to take place in Brussels this year in order to work out a programme of action for the enforcement of sanctions against South Africa.**

RESOLUTION ON THE GRANTING OF OBSERVER STATUS
TO THE AFRICAN REGIONAL STANDARDIZATION
ORGANIZATION (ARSO)

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Thirty-eighth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 22 to 28 February, 1982,

Bearing in mind the criteria for granting observer status contained in Document CAB/LEG/117/82 adopted by the Fourteenth Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government held in Libreville, Gabon, July 1977,

After taking due cognizance of the relevant report,

After considering the application for observer status submitted by the African Regional Standardization Organization, Doc.CM/1180 (XXXVIII):

DECIDES to grant observer status to the African Regional Standardization Organization (ARSO).

**RESOLUTION ON THE REVIEW OF THE CRITERIA FOR
GRANTING OAU OBSERVER STATUS**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Thirty-eighth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa from 22 to 28 February 1982,

Recalling the criteria for granting OAU Observer Status adopted by the Sixteenth Assembly of Heads of State and Government,

Aware of the need to review the criteria in the light of the Organization's experience in granting Observer Status:

1. **DECIDES to set up a Committee to review the criteria for granting OAU Observer Status with due regard to observations made by Member States contained in the report of Committee 'A';**

The Committee comprises the Member States of the Advisory Committee on Administrative, Budgetary and Financial Matters and any other Member States who so wish to be associated with the work of the committee on the subject;

2. **RECOMMENDS the suspension of consideration of new applications for Observer Status until the adoption of new criteria by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government;**
3. **CALLS ON the Secretary-General to provide the Committee with the classified list of the Organizations that had already been granted Observer Status as well as other detailed information;**

- 4. REQUEST the Committee entrusted with the review of the criteria for granting OAU Observer Status to report to the 40th Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers;**

- 5. REQUEST the Secretary-General to ensure the strict application of the present criteria governing the participation of Organizations that had already been granted Observer Status in the deliberation of the Organization and their access to documents.**

**RESOLUTION ON THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF
19 ON ASSISTANCE TO FRONTLINE STATES**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Thirty-eighth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 22 to 28 February 1982,

Having considered the Report of the Committee of 19 as well as the Report of the Mission undertaken by the Sub-Committee of 19 to some Arab Countries, BADEA and ADB contained in Document CM/1186 (XXXVIII) to solicit assistance for the Frontline States,

Having considered again the proposals by the Chairman of Committee of 19 contained in Document PL/DEC/32(IV) 73.82 on the need to review the mandate of the Committee,

Recalling resolutions CM/Res.577 (XXIX), CM/Res.637 (XXXI), CM/Res.786 (XXXV) and decision AHG/Dec.112 (XVI) Res.1 of the OAU on the necessary assistance to be granted to the Frontline States,

Noting with satisfaction the readiness of the Arab countries and institutions visited to collaborate closely with the Committee of 19 in assisting the Frontline States,

Expressing concern over the grave and ever-increasing economic and social problems facing the Frontline States due to the persistent acts of aggression perpetrated by the racist regime of South Africa,

Recalling the solemn commitment of the OAU to find ways and means of obtaining from extra-African sources financial and material assistance for the Frontline States, victims of aggression by the Pretoria regime, because of their devotion to the African cause,

Appreciating the efforts hitherto exerted by the Committee of 19 and in particular its Chairman, Togo, to accomplish the Mission entrusted to it by the OAU,

Noting with satisfaction the accomplishments of the Frontline States in organizing, with other OAU Member States bordering South Africa joint effort to overcome the political and economic problems created by the racist South African regime particularly in the creation of SADCC:

- 1. NOTES WITH SATISFACTION the Report of the Committee of 19 as well as the Report of the Mission undertaken to some Arab Countries, BADEA and ADB to solicit assistance for the Frontline States;**
- 2. EXPRESSES ITS GRATITUDE to the Arab Countries, and institutions visited by the Committee of 19 for their willingness to assist the Frontline States;**
- 3. COMMENDS the Committee of 19 for successfully accomplishing the Mission entrusted to it;**
- 4. CONSEQUENTLY RECOMMENDS the termination of the mandate of the Committee of 19 on assistance to Frontline States.**

RESOLUTION ON THE SITUATION OF REFUGEES IN AFRICA
ON THE OAU BUREAU FOR REFUGEES AND OTHER OAU
REFUGEE
ORGANS

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirty-eighth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 22 to 28 February, 1982.

Having carefully considered the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the General Secretariat in relation to refugees in Africa and the report of the Fourteenth Ordinary Session of the OAU Commission of Fifteen on Refugees together with the recommendations contained therein on the OAU organs involved in refugee affairs,

Having further reviewed the documents pertaining to the strategy and actions related to the implementation of the recommendations of the 1979 Arusha Conference on the situation of Refugees in Africa, and aware of the existence of the Joint OAU/UNHCR Working Group on the implementation of Arusha recommendations,

Cognizant of the fact that the refugee situation currently obtaining in Africa is fundamentally different from that which was prevailing when the OAU refugee serving organs were first set up more than a decade ago,

Recalling all its previous resolutions on refugee issues and more particularly those dealing with the OAU refugee serving organs, i.e. CM/Res.244 (XVIII), CM/Res.296 (XIX), CM/Res.329 (XXII), CM/Res.346 (XXIII), CM/Res.727 (XXXIII):

I. DECIDES THAT:

- 1. Henceforth, the General Secretariat of the OAU will have a Bureau for Refugees (BR) which will substitute for the present Bureau for the Placement and Education of African Refugees (BPEAR);**
- 2. The OAU Bureau for Refugees, under the guidance of the OAU Commission of Fifteen on Refugees will be entrusted with the responsibility for defining refugee policies, strategies and programmes. The OAU Bureau of Refugees will also serve as the Secretariat of the Joint OAU/UNHCR Working Group on the implementation of the Arusha recommendations;**
- 3. The OAU/BPEAR Co-ordinating Committee will continue to function as an Advisory and Co-ordinating Committee of the OAU Bureau for Refugees, but will henceforth be known as “OAU Co-ordinating Committee on Assistance to Refugees.” It will be composed of representatives from the inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations whose interests in activities in favor of, or contributions to, Africa refugee programmes can be supported by unquestionable evidence;**
- 4. The Co-ordinating Committee under the OAU Commission of Fifteen on Refugees will be responsible for:-**
 - (a) advising the OAU Bureau for Refugees on the general policies governing protection and assistance of refugees in Africa;**
 - (b) co-ordinating the efforts of its member organizations in order to enable the OAU Bureau for Refugees to discharge its duties as efficiently as possible;**
 - (c) assisting the OAU Bureau for Refugees in drawing up and implementing its programmes;**

- (d) advising the Bureau on ways and means of translating into action the 1979 Arusha Conference recommendations;**
- (e) assisting in raising funds for the operational budget of the Bureau;**
- (f) examining the periodic reports of the OAU Bureau for Refugees and advising on their contents; and**
- (g) participating in preparing the operational budget of the OAU Bureau for Refugees.**

II ADOPTS the rules of the OAU Co-ordinating Committee on Assistance to Refugees as recommended by the OAU Commission of Fifteen on Refugees;

III REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the OAU to closely follow-up the implementation of this resolution and to report on action taken to the Fortieth Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers.

**RESOLUTION ON THE RESULTS OF THE
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ASSISTANCE TO
REFUGEES IN AFRICA (ICARA)**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Thirty-eighth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 22 to 28 February 1982.

Having considered the observations of the Secretary-General on the results of ICARA, Document CM/1187 (XXXVIII),

Having reviewed the present situation of the pledges made during ICARA as related to the urgent needs of the ever-increasing refugee population in Africa, and also to the economic constraints confronting the countries of asylum and very seriously limiting their means, to extend assistance to asylum-seekers,

Recalling its resolutions CM/Res. 814 (XXXV), CM/Res. 826 (XXXVI), and
CM/Res.

868 (XXXVII) on ICARA, its preparatory arrangements and its follow-up, as well
as the

UN General Assembly resolution 35/42 which defined the objectives of ICARA,

Noting with deep regret that despite the generous contributions by the international community, the main objective of ICARA which has been “to mobilize additional resources for refugee programmes in Africa” has fallen far short of expectations due to the specified nature of the contributions and the subsequent channeling of funds to the normal programmes on UN Agencies to which contributions would have been in any case made if the ICARA Conference had not been held,

Expressing its gratitude to the countries of asylum for the great sacrifices they are making in granting asylum to refugees in the spirit of African solidarity and traditional hospitality,

Reaffirming the need to translate the principle of “burden-sharing” into action programmes that could alleviate the plight of African refugees and the heavy burden placed on countries of asylum which are often among the Least Developed of the developing countries,

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

- 1. TAKES NOTE of the observations of the Secretary-General on the results of ICARA Document CM/1187 (XXXVIII);**
- 2. COMMENDS the Secretariat for the pertinent and sound observations contained in the report, in as far as they relate to ICARA objectives and to the result so far achieved;**
- 3. FURTHER COMMENDS the tripartite Steering Committee, comprising OAU, UN and UNHCR, for the follow-up actions taken and for the factual and accurate working papers it submitted for consideration by the Council;**
- 4. CONGRATULATES the countries of asylum for the assistance they are extending to the refugees, in spite of the severe constraints they are facing;**
- 5. EXPRESSES ITS GRATITUDE to all the donors whose pledges and contributions have enabled the financing of the normal programmes of assistance of the main refugee-serving and humanitarian agencies and the financing of bilateral assistance to refugees in African countries;**

- 6. OBSERVES that ICARA's objective of "mobilizing additional resources for refugee programmes in Africa" have fallen short of all expectations;**
- 7. APPEALS to all African States, in the spirit of African solidarity, to extend more assistance to refugee programmes in Africa, thus giving true sense and value to the principles of burden sharing in refugee assistance and also self-sustained development through self and collective reliance;**
- 8. CALLS ON all African Governments to consider refugee situations so as to ensure through appropriate policies measures and the creation of the necessary conditions for the voluntary repatriation of Refugees to their countries of origin or their resettlement in the countries of asylum rehabilitation such that the prevailing situations are brought under control.**
- 9. REQUESTS the Secretary-General to undertake through the tripartite Steering Committee, a thorough evaluation of ICARA and its results, and to submit the findings of this evaluation exercise to the 40th Ordinary Session of the Council, so that after assessment of the situations, accurate data collection and feasibility studies of project proposals, the desirability to hold another pledging conference which should yield the additional resources required for refugee related programmes in Africa could be considered;**
- 10. FURTHER REQUESTS the Secretary-General to keep the Secretariat associated with all the activities pertaining to ICARA results, follow-up and evaluation, and to inform the Council of all actions related thereto.**

RESOLUTION ON THE EXPULSION OF SOUTH AFRICA
FROM THE UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION (UPU)

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirty-eighth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 22 to 28 February 1982.

Having considered the Report submitted on the expulsion of South Africa from the Universal Postal Union as contained in Document CM/1154 (XXXVIII) Add.6,

Recalling United Nations General Assembly Resolution 2426 (XXIII) of 18 September 1968 appealing to all the specialized agencies and to all international organizations to take the necessary steps to stop all financial, economic, technical and other aid to South Africa until it abandons its policy of racial discrimination, as mentioned in the same communication to the UPU Executive Council,

Recalling Resolution C2 of the 1974 Lausanne Congress of the UPU, on the exclusion of South Africa from the 17th Congress of the UPU and from all other congresses and meetings of the Universal Postal Union,

Recalling Further Resolution C6 of the 1979 Rio de Janeiro Congress at which a unanimous decision was taken to expel South Africa from the Universal Postal Union,

Bearing in mind the recent maneuvers now being deployed by some member countries of the UPU, especially the nine member countries of the European Economic Community to reverse the decision taken at Rio de Janeiro under the pretext that it was unconstitutional,

Taking into Account the initiative taken by the Government of Socialist Ethiopia which has come out to strongly condemn the attitude of those member countries of the Union who are mounting propaganda to re-admit the racist regime into the UPU:

- 1. REAFFIRMS the provision of Resolution C2 of the 1974 Lausanne Congress and C6 of the 1979 Rio de Janeiro Congress of the Universal Postal Union;**
- 2. URGES the African Group at all international fora, especially at UPU meetings, to mount a strong campaign aimed at debarring the racist regime of South Africa from being admitted to the UPU;**
- 3. FURTHER CALLS on the African Group to mount a strong campaign at UPU meetings, especially at the Union's Congress, so that Resolution C6 meetings on the expulsion of South Africa from the UPU could be continuously repeated and be inserted into all revised Acts of the UPU at subsequent congresses;**
- 4. CALLS UPON the conference of Plenipotentiaries of the Pan-African Postal Union (PAPU) to exert all possible efforts aimed at harmonizing their views with those of other restricted Unions in the UPU family on this matter;**
- 5. CALLS ON the Secretary-General to take up the matter personally with the Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the European Economic Community in order to dissuade the Community from pursuing its present diplomatic maneuvers to admit South Africa into the UPU;**
- 6. FURTHER CALLS on the Secretary-General to communicate to the Director-General of the Universal Postal Union the contents of this Resolution, and to periodically report to the Council of Ministers on its implementation.**

**RESOLUTION ON THE CO-ORDINATION OF THE ACTIVITIES
OF OAU SPECIALIZED AGENCIES**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting at its Thirty-eighth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 22 – 28 February 1982,

Having considered the Report of the Secretary-General on the Co-ordination of the Activities of OAU Specialized Agencies contained in Document CM/1178 (XXXVIII),

Recalling resolution CM/Res. 771 (XXXIV) adopted at its Thirty-fourth Ordinary Session requesting the Secretary-General to co-ordinate and harmonize the activities of the OAU Specialized Agencies,

Bearing in mind the resolution on the Lagos Plan of Action adopted by the 2nd Extra-ordinary Assembly of Heads of State and Government which, **inter alia**, requests the Secretary-General to utilize the resources, among others of the OAU Specialized Agencies in implementing the Plan:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the decision of the 1st Meeting between the OAU Secretary-General and the Heads of OAU Specialized Agencies to establish a forum for consultation and for co-ordinating the activities of their agencies;
2. **APPROVES** the establishment of the Administrative Co-ordinating Committee (ACC) of the OAU as a permanent machinery for the co-ordination and harmonization of the activities of the OAU and its Specialized Agencies;

3. **FUTHER APPROVES** the composition of the **Administrative Co-ordinating Committee (ACC)** will be the **Secretary-General of the OAU** and the **Head of each OAU Specialized Agency**.

**RESOLUTION ON THE PROBLEMS OF AFRICAN LEAST DEVELOPED
COUNTRIES**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Thirty-eighth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 22 to 28 February 1982,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the Least Developed Countries (LDC's) contained in Document CM/1175 (XXXVIII),

Recalling its resolution CM/Res. 887 (XXXVIII) adopted at its Thirty-seventh Ordinary Session in Nairobi, Kenya,

Recognizing the significance of the adoption of the SNPA for the LDC's by the UN conference on LDC's held in Paris in September 1981,

Recalling UNCTAD resolution 122V outlining the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980's for the Least Developed Countries,

Recalling further Chapter X of the Lagos Plan of Action on the Least Developed African Countries, in particular, the objectives, guiding principles and targets of the Plan,

Noting with serious concern the recent pronouncements by certain aid donors that they would use non-economic criteria to determine the beneficiaries from ODA allocation,

Reiterating Africa's concern over the serious and deteriorating economic and social situation of the African Least Developed countries,

Taking account of the fact that many LDC's in Africa are endowed with a considerable variety and quantity of exploitable natural resources, and the need for the development of capabilities at the national and multinational levels among the LDC's to explore, evaluate and exploit these natural resources:

- 1. TAKES NOTE of the report of the Secretary-General on the UN Conference on the Least Developed Countries;**
- 2. COMMENDS the adoption of the Substantial New Programme of Action (SNPA) for the 1980's for the Least Developed Countries by the UN Conference on LDC's held in Paris in September 1981;**
- 3. APPRECIATES the efforts made by Member States, especially those who are not least developed, in participating in the UN Conference on Least Developed Countries in Paris;**
- 4. URGES effective support by the international community and the OAU Member States for full implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries, bearing in mind the objectives, guiding principles and targets in the Lagos Plan of Action;**
- 5. URGES further, aid donors to refrain from using non-economic criteria in the allocation of ODA to the LDC's since this would create discrimination in aid disbursement and thus militate against the full and effective implementation of the SNPA;**
- 6. AGREES that such review meetings should be open to the participation of all OAU Member States;**
- 7. URGES further all OAU Member States to participate in the follow-up activities to the Paris Conference, including participation in the review meetings for the African Least Developed Countries;**

- 8. REQUESTS the Secretariats of the OAU and ECA to participate in all meetings in connection with the monitoring, review and evaluation of the SNPA and to continue to provide in collaboration with UNCTAD all possible technical assistance to African LDC's for these activities;**
- 9. SUPPORTS fully, the effort of the General Secretariat of the OAU to participate in various negotiations within the UN system, on issues that affect the LDC's;**
- 10. REQUESTS further, the Secretary-General of the OAU in co-operation with the Executive Secretary of ECA, to submit periodic reports to the Council on the implementation of this resolution.**

RESOLUTION ON DISABLED PERSONS IN AFRICA

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its 38th Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 22 to 28 February 1982,

Having considered the progress report of the Secretary-General on the activities carried out during the International Year of the Disabled Persons (IYDP 1981), vide document CM/1173 (XXXVIII),

Recalling its various resolutions on IYDP, especially resolution CM/Res. 875 (XXXVII) in which an appeal was made to the UNDP, other international agencies and humanitarian organizations to assist financially towards the establishment of the Regional African Institute for Disabled Persons and the strengthening of regional centers:

1. **CONGRATULATES** the General Secretariat for the commendable report and for the activities it has undertaken within the framework of the IYDP;
2. **REITERATES** its call for financial assistance towards the creation of the Institute and the selection of the centres to service the five regions of the OAU;
3. **AUTHORIZES** the Secretary-General of the OAU to continue carrying out negotiations with funding organizations and other international financiers with a view to having them pledge the necessary funds for the Institute's and selected centres' programmes and their operations;
4. **REQUESTS** the Secretary-General of the OAU to organize a Meeting of Experts in which disabled persons and women will be associated in defining a programme of action in the light of the decisions taken during the IYDP.

- 5. CALLS UPON African States, members of the OAU, who have the necessary industrial capacity and technological know-how to co-ordinate through consultation and exchange of information in the production of the needed supportive aids for the disabled, by using indigeneous materials;**
- 6. CALLS UPON all OAU Member States to render all the necessary support to the establishment of the Institute and to participate fully in the activities of the selected centers by sending experts to train or be further trained;**
- 7. CALLS UPON the Secretary-General to submit a draft agreement of co-operation on the Institute to Member States for comments and to the Council for approval so that the Secretary-General and the Director-General of the ILO can sign it;**
- 8. FURTHER APPEALS to all Member States to carry out programmes in favor of the disabled persons:**
- 9. CONGRATULATES those Member States who have decided to carry out effective programmes for the disabled on a long-term basis;**
- 10. EXPRESSES satisfaction with the United Nations General Assembly Resolution NO. In this respect, the Council strongly supports the creation of a Fund for the Disabled Persons;**
- 11. REQUESTS Member States to strongly support the adoption, by the forthcoming United Nations General Assembly, of a “Decade for the Disabled”; and, in order to achieve this, further requests Member States to deploy every effort in this respect.**

**RESOLUTION ON THE WORLD BANK ENTITLED “ACCELERATED
DEVELOPMENT IN SUB-SAHARA AFRICA: AN AGENDA FOR ACTION”**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Thirty-eighth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 22 to 28 February 1982.

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank) Report entitled “Accelerated Development in Sub-Saharan Africa: An Agenda for Action”: in Document CM/1177 (XXXVIII), and in particular, Addendum I which contains an assessment of the Report by the ADB, ECA and OAU Secretariats,

Recalling the intention of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government in the Lagos Plan of Action, to promote the economic and social development and integration of African economies with a view to achieving an increasing measure of self-reliance and self-sustainment,

Recalling further the basic guidelines for the achievement of the objectives of self-reliance and self-sustainment through a reduction of Africa’s present and extreme dependence on exports of primary products; through the development at national, multi-national and regional levels of complementarities for the exploration, evaluation, extraction and utilization of Africa’s vast natural resources; through the establishment of complementarities of raw materials for expanding and diversified production by way of intra-African trade,

Recognizing that extra-African aid can only serve as a supplement, not the mainstay of Africa’s development,

Noting with serious concern that the strategy to development and economic growth recommended in the World Bank Report is inconsistent with the above basic objectives guidelines, and targets of the Lagos Plan of Action and would in fact perpetuate the present structure of African economies and make them more dependent on agricultural exports and on external markets,

Determined to pursue the objectives of African economic development and growth strategy on the basis of the objectives, guidelines and targets laid down in the Lagos Plan of Action and the Final Act:

- 1. TAKES NOTE of the Report of the Secretary-General in Doc. CM/1177 (XXXVIII), and of the Addendum to it;**
- 2. EXPRESSES appreciation to the OAU Secretary-General, ECA Executive Secretary and the President of ADM for their vigilance and collective initiative in reacting to the World Bank Report;**
- 3. CONSIDERS that the development strategy in the World Bank Report, is basically different from the approach, concepts and objectives of the Lagos Plan of Action and fails to take account of the acceleration of international crisis and its impact especially on Africa;**
- 4. DEPLORES the attempt by the World Bank to divide Africa by confining its Report to sub-Saharan Africa which is inconsistent with the overall objectives of the Lagos Plan of Action and the Final Act of Lagos, which are to integrate African economies;**
- 5. CALLS ON all OAU Member States to press on with full and effective implementation of the Lagos Plan of Action and the Final Act of Lagos at the national, sub-regional and regional levels;**

- 6. URGES the African Governors of the World Bank and of the African Development Bank to adopt a common African position on the World Bank Report at their meetings in Dakar and Lusaka, on the basis of the joint Report of the Secretariats of the ADB, ECA and OAU and taking into account the content of this resolution;**
- 7. URGES also the ECA Conference of African Ministers responsible for economic development and planning to evaluate the World Bank Report in relation to the objectives, guiding principles and targets as well as the basic concepts underlying the Lagos Plan of Action taking into account the joint report of the ADB, ECA and OAU Secretariats, the content of this resolution and the decision of the Dakar and Lusaka Conferences of African Governors of the World Bank and ADB;**
- 8. URGES the Secretary-General of the OAU and the Executive Secretary of the ECA to intensify their activities and efforts with a view to effective implementation of the Lagos Plan of Action and the Final Act of Lagos and to assist African governments in their efforts to implement the Lagos Plan of Action and the Final Act of Lagos;**
- 9. REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the OAU to transmit this resolution to Dakar and Lusaka Conferences of African Governors of the World Bank and ADB, the Executive Secretary of the ECA and the President of the ADB;**
- 10. DECIDES to reconsider this matter at its Thirty-ninth Ordinary Session on the basis of paragraphs 5 and 6 above, with a view to bringing it to the attention of the 19th Assembly of Heads of State and Government.**

**RESOLUTION ON THE DRAFT CO-OPERATION BETWEEN OAU
AND IFAD**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its
Thirty-eighth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa from 22 – 28 February 1982.

Having considered document CM/1182 (XXXVIII) on the draft agreement on co-
operation between OAU AND IFAD,

Noting that the objective of IFAD is the development of agriculture in Member
States:

1. **DECIDES** to authorize the OAU Secretary-General to sign the co-operation agreement between the OAU and IFAD as contained in Document CM/1182 (XXXVIII);
2. **REQUESTS** the OAU Secretary-General to distribute to Member States the final text of the agreement.

RESOLUTION ON THE AGREEMENT ON CO-OPERATION
BETWEEN
OAU AND THE PAN-AFRICAN INSTITUTE FOR DEVELOPMENT
(PAID)

THE Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirty-eighth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa from 22 – 28 February 1982,

Having studied the document CM/1183 (XXXVIII) on the agreement on co-operation between OAU and PAID,

Noting that the objective of PAID is to further the socio-economic development of Member States.

- 1. AUTHORIZES the OAU Secretary-General to sign the agreement on Co-operation between OAU and PAID as contained in Document CM/1183 (XXXVIII);**
- 2. REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General to distribute to Member States the final text of the agreement.**

RESOLUTION ON THE STRUGGLE AGAINST DROUGHT
AND OTHER NATURAL DISASTERS

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its 38th Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 22 to 28 February 1982,

Recalling all the relevant adopted OAU resolutions on Drought and Natural Disasters,

Having in mind the disastrous consequences of drought and other natural calamities on the socio-economic structure of many countries,

Noting with concern the permanent character of drought and other natural calamities, such as cyclones, floods, earthquakes, and locust etc.,

Convinced of the necessity to define a new approach in order thereby to find pragmatic, efficient and more lasting solutions:

1. **REQUEST** the OAU **Ad Hoc** Committee on Drought and other Natural Disasters in its forthcoming meeting in Yaounde (United Republic of Cameroon) to undertake a detailed study of a technical nature with a view to formulating programmes and policies, appropriate and efficient for finding lasting solutions to the problem of drought and natural disasters;
2. **CALLS UPON** Member States of the OAU to establish where-ever possible sub-regional organs such as CILSS to tackle more effectively and efficiently national disasters at the level of the regions;

3. **CONGRATULATES** in this respect the CILSS for its dynamic actions and requests the Secretary-General of the OAU to continue supporting firmly the efforts of of CILSS to combat drought;
4. **APPEALS** to all concerned international organs, financial, regional and international institutions of the Afro-Arab World and all other donor countries to increase their assistance in all forms to African countries subject to drought and other forms of natural disasters;
5. **INVITES FURTHER** the Secretary-General to engage in negotiations with financial institutions and donor countries reinforcing OAU's capacity of rapid intervention to assist African countries that are the victims of drought and other natural disasters;
6. **REQUESTS** all Member States of the OAU to demonstrate effective Solidarity with African counties that are subjected to all forms of natural Disasters;
7. **INVITES** the Secretary-General to carry out a fact finding mission to Eastern and Southern African countries similar to the one undertaken in the Sahelian countries in 1978 in implementation of the decision of the Heads of State on the issue;
8. **REQUESTS** the Secretary-General to report on the issue to the 39th Session of the Council of Ministers.

VOTE OF THANKS

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Thirty-eighth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 22 to 28 February 1982,

Considering the excellent manner in which the Session had been organized both materially and technically, thus enabling the delegates to successfully carry out their deliberations in an atmosphere of frankness and cordiality:

- 1. EXPRESSES its most profound thanks to the host country, Socialist Ethiopia, its Leaders and its people for the warm hospitality which they once again accorded all the delegates in Addis Ababa, historic capital and Headquarters of the Organization of African Unity;**
- 2. THANKS particularly the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Socialist Ethiopia for his personal contribution to the success of the deliberations;**
- 3. FURTHER THANKS the Secretary-General of the OAU, the Secretariat and its technical staff for the spirit of devotion to duty they manifested throughout the duration of the Session;**
- 4. HAILS the formal admission of the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic (SADR) as the 51st Member State of the OAU;**
- 5. CONGRATULATES the Chairman of the Session for all his remarkable qualities and sense of humor which enabled him to steer the deliberations competently and effectively.**