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**RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE FORTY-FIRST ORDINARY
SESSION OF THE OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE
OAU ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE,
BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Forty-first Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 25 February to 4 March 1985,

Considering the financial regulations of the Organization of African Unity (CM/836 (XXXI) Rev.5) Annex III,) particularly its Article 30 relating to the setting up by the Council of Ministers, of an Advisory Committee and a Sub-Committee on Administrative, Budgetary and Financial Matters,

Convinced of the importance of the functions entrusted to the Advisory Committee on Administrative, Budgetary and Financial Matters, stipulated in Article 84 of the same financial regulations,

Considering the discriminatory nature of the second operative paragraph of the Resolution CM/528 (XXVIII) with regard to the Member States of the Organization of African Unity, not represented in Addis Ababa,

Desirous of preserving the interest and the equality of rights of all the Member States within the Organization of African Unity and its organs,

After examining the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative, Budgetary and Financial Matters (Document CM/1248 (XXXIX),

DECIDES:

1. to revoke the second operative paragraph of Resolution CM/528 (XXXIII);

- 2. that henceforth all OAU Member States should serve on the Advisory Committee on Administrative, Budgetary and Financial Matters;**
- 3. that the quorum should be formed by two-thirds majority of the Member States represented in Addis Ababa;**
- 4. that in conformity with Paragraph (c) of Article 84 of the Financial Regulations, the rules of procedure should be amended accordingly;**
- 5. that the Sub-Committee on Administrative, Budgetary and Financial Matters be composed of Member States represented in Addis Ababa.**

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE OAU AD-HOC
COMMITTEE ON CONTRIBUTION AND THE SCALE
OF ASSESSMENT

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Forty-first Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 25 February to 4 March 1985,

Having examined the report of the Chairman of the OAU **Ad-Hoc** Committee on the financial problem facing the OAU on account of unpaid contributions due from the Member States as contained in Document No. CM/1256 (XLI),

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

Conscious of the importance of the financial responsibilities of the OAU in general and its obligation with regard to the implementation of the Lagos Plan of Action and the Final Act of Lagos in particular;

1. **APPEALS** to the Member States of the OAU to show more concern for the solvency of the OAU and the collective integrity of its members by regularly honoring their financial obligations to the Organization;
2. **URGENTLY APPEALS** to the Member States which contest the Scale of Assessment or any other state which so desires, to forward to the General Secretariat all concrete technical suggestions for the future review of the OAU Scale of Assessment;
3. **INVITES** Member States to furnish the General Secretariat with exact information on their population, gross national product, national income,

gross domestic product per capita income, budgetary revenue and public expenditure, their balance of payments situation their liquid assets and other relevant data;

Since these statistical data must be furnished annually,

4. INVITES the Ad-Hoc Committee to take into consideration Article 23 of the OAU Charter in the future evaluation of the Scale of Assessment;
5. URGES the Secretary-General a.i. of the OAU to send quarterly reminders to Member States on the status of their contributions to the Organization and to continue with his personal contacts at the level of the Heads of State and Government to ensure that their countries' contributions have been paid.

RESOLUTION ON THE 1985-86 OAU BUDGET AND PROGRAMME

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Forty-first Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 25 February to 4 March 1985,

Having considered the Secretary-General's Financial Report on the performance of the 1984-85 Budget as contained in Document CM/1247 (XLI), the Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative Budgetary and Financial Matters Document CM/1248 (XLI), the Report on the 1983/84 Financial Year Document CM/1252 (XLI), the Report on the 1983/84 Financial Year Document CM/1252 (XLI), the Annual Report of the Budget Control Division for the 1983/84 Financial Year and comments of the General Secretariat Document CM/1253 (XLI), the Report of the Board of External Auditors on the OAU Accounts for the 1983/84 Financial Year and Comments of the General Secretariat Document CM/1250 (XLI), requests for the refund of expenses incurred for the OAU Peace-keeping Force in Chad and the Comments of the General Secretariat Document CM/1254 (XLI), the Statement of Contributions due to the Ordinary Budget of the OAU as at 31 January 1985 Document CM/1256 (XLI), the Draft Programme and Budget for the 1985-86 Financial Year Document CM/1249 (XLI), Vol.III, Rev.1 and CM/1249 (XLI) Vol. III, Rev.1 and CM/1249 (XLI) Vol. II, Rev.2.,

Having considered the excellent report presented by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee as contained in Document CM/1248 (XLI) on the Thirty-ninth Ordinary Session of the said Committee,

Having thoroughly considered the General Secretariat's Draft Programme and Budget for the 1985/86 Financial Year Documents CM/1249 (XLI) Vol. I, Rev.1 and CM/1249 (XLI) Vol.II, Rev.2,

Desirous of maintaining a sound financial management,

Anxious to make the OAU's institutions most effective and the staff most efficient and to avoid the proliferation of the said institutions,

Conscious of the economic crisis facing all OAU Member States,

Deeply concerned about the ever increasing outstanding contributions and the need to take urgent steps to solve this important problem likely to paralyze the activities of the OAU General Secretariat:

- 1. CONGRATULATES the Current Chairman of the OAU on the initiatives he continues to take in calling upon Member States to pay their arrears and contributions to the current budget and REQUESTS him once more to use his good offices to urge his colleagues, Heads of State and Government, to honor their country's financial obligations to the OAU;**
- 2. CONGRATULATES the Member States which have fully paid up their contributions to the Organization;**
- 3. FURTHER CONGRATULATES the members of the Board of External Auditors and the Advisory Committee on their commendable work and Vigilance;**
- 4. CONGRATULATES the OAU Secretary-General a.i. on his sound financial management, and REQUESTS him to see to it that a more judicious use be made of the funds available;**
- 5. APPEALS to Member States which have not yet done so, to meet their financial obligations, and pay their outstanding arrears and their contributions to the current budget;**
- 6. URGES the Secretary-General a.i. to contact Member States directly in order to urge them to honor their financial obligations to the OAU as stated in Article 97 of the OAU Financial Rules and Regulations;**

- 7. CALLS UPON the Secretary-General a.i. to continue to apply the strictest measures of austerity in the administration of the budget;**
- 8. CALLS UPON the Advisory Committee and the General Secretariat to observe greater austerity when drawing up other budgets taking into account the particularly difficult economic situation facing Member States;**
- 9. ADOPTS the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative Budgetary and Financial Matters (Document CM/1248 (XLI), APPROVES the 1985-1986 Programme and ADOPTS the budget of US\$23,254,236.00 for the Headquarters of the General Secretariat and its Regional and Sub-regional Offices;**
- 10. DECIDES to refer to the Assembly of Heads of State and Government for further consideration the requests for refund of expenses incurred for the OAU Peace-Keeping Force in Chad (Document CM/1254 (XLI)).**

**RESOLUTION ON THE ROOT CAUSES OF
REFUGEES IN AFRICA**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Fortieth-first Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 25 February to 4 March 1985,

Recalling its deliberations during its Fortieth Ordinary Session held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 27th February to 5 March 1984 on the serious refugee situation in Africa especially on the question of the root causes of refugees in Africa,

Recalling Resolution CM/Res.939 (XL) adopted at the Fortieth Ordinary Session of the Council where the Council decided to “include a special item relating to the root causes of the refugees in Africa on the agenda of its Forty-first Ordinary Session and requested the Secretary-General in close collaboration with the OAU Commission of Fifteen on Refugees to present a report on the subject”,

Cognizant of the fact that a lot of documentation and data already exist on the root causes of refugees in Africa in the General-Secretariat of the OAU, the United Nations system and within Member States,

Further noting that no useful purpose would be served by appointing an independent African expert to carry out a study of the root causes of refugees:

1. EXPRESSES its appreciation to the Secretary-General a.i for his preliminary report on the root causes of the refugee problem in Africa and his proposals for dealing with the question;
2. CALLS ON the Secretary-General to collect and collate all available information and data relating to the root causes of the refugee problem in Africa in consultation with relevant authorities of Member States;

- 3. URGES Member States to make available all information and data relating to the subject to the Secretariat;**
- 4. REQUESTS the Secretary-General in collaboration with the OAU Commission of 15 on Refugees to present a comprehensive report to the Forty-second Session of the Council of Ministers with recommendation for the solution of the refugee problem in Africa and also in conformity with the international instrument governing the status of refugees.**

RESOLUTION ON NAMIBIA

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Forty-first

Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 25 February to 4 March 1985,

Having noted the report of the Forty-third Session of the OAU Liberation Committee and having heard the statement made by the representative of SWAPO,

Reaffirming all its previous resolutions on Namibia,

Gravely concerned with the stalemate in the peaceful process for attaining Namibia's independence and the continuing illegal occupation of Namibia by racist South Africa in defiance of the resolutions and decisions of the United Nations, the Non-Aligned Movement and the OAU,

Gravely concerned also at the deteriorating situation, insecurity, and instability prevailing in and around Namibia due to perpetual aggression by the Pretoria racist regime which has far reaching serious implications and poses a threat to peace and security in the region,

Reiterating the legal responsibility of the United Nations over Namibia the unequivocal duty of the United Nations Security Council to ensure the implementation of its resolutions, particularly Resolution 435(1978),

Reaffirming that the United Nations Council for Namibia is the legal administering authority for Namibia until independence,

Cognizant of the role of the international community in particular the Non-Aligned Movement in its support for the struggle of the Namibian people under the leadership of

SWAPO and in assisting the United Nations Security Council Resolution 435 (1978),

Perturbed and indignant that Security Council Resolution 435 (1978) remains unimplemented because of the US Government and the racist South Africa's continued insistence on extraneous and irrelevant issues, such as the withdrawal of Cuban forces from Angola,

Outraged by the racist regime's perfidious maneuvers to impose a puppet regime on the Namibian people against their will and using the national resources of Namibia for the realization of these diabolical maneuvers and schemes:

- 1. UNQUIVOCALLY CONDEMNS racist South Africa's continued illegal occupation of Namibia against the will of the people of Namibia and in defiance of the wishes of the international community;**
- 2. UNRESERVEDLY CONDEMNS the Pretoria regime and its allies especially the US Administration for obstructing the implementation of Security Council Resolution 435 (1978);**
- 3. TOTALLY REJECTS all attempts by the US Administration and the racist South African regime to link Namibia's independence to extraneous and irrelevant issues contrary to Security Council Resolutions particularly Resolutions 435 (1978) and 539 (1983) and all relevant Resolutions of the General Assembly of the United Nations and the OAU;**
- 4. UNRESERVEDLY CONDEMNS the United States policy of Constructive Engagement with the racist regime of South Africa in perpetuating the illegal occupation and illegal exploitation of the natural resources of Namibia and encouraging the terrorist policy of destabilization against the Frontline States particularly Angola and Mozambique;**

5. **REAFFIRMS** that the only basis for a peaceful settlement of the Namibian problem is the unconditional implementation of Security Council Resolution 435 (1978);
6. **REQUESTS** the United Nations Security Council to convene as a matter of priority to examine the Namibian Question with a view to ensuring the speedy and unconditional implementation of its Resolution 435 (1978) and **CALLS UPON** all OAU Member States to participate at a high level at that Session;
7. **VEHEMENTLY CONDEMNS** and **REJECTS** the creation (establishment) of the Multi-party Conference and **CALLS ON** all countries not to recognize, any puppet regime that may (might) be installed as a result of the continuing sinister attempts by the racist Pretoria regime to achieve such an inimical end;
8. **UNEQUIVOCALLY CONDEMNS** the military conscription of the Namibian people introduced by the racist regime since October 1984;
9. **COMMENDS** SWAPO for its successful efforts in intensifying the armed liberation struggle which remains the only effective means of achieving Namibia's independence;
10. **REAFFIRMS** its support for legitimacy of the armed liberation struggle and all other forms of struggle by the Namibian people under the leadership of SWAPO;
11. **URGES** Member States to implement the Arusha Plan of Action on Namibia with special reference to the contribution to the special fund on Namibia so as to enable SWAPO to continue to effectively enhance the national liberation struggle;

- 12. RENEWS its firm support to the Secretary-General of the UN for the continuous efforts he is deploying with the view to accelerating the independence of Namibia as well as to the UN Council for Namibia, the legal administering authority of the territory until its independence;**
- 13. FULLY SUPPORTS the convening of a special meeting on Namibia of the Co-ordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement in New Delhi, India on 19 April 1985 and urges high level participation by all OAU Member States;**
- 14. CALLS UPON all Member States who have not yet done so to clear their arrears and pay their current assessment to the Special Fund of the Liberation Committee;**
- 15. FURTHER CALLS UPON all member states to increase bilateral material and financial assistance to SWAPO;**
- 16. APPEALS to Africa's friends, peace loving forces and the whole of the international community of good-will to increase material and financial assistance to the struggling people of Namibia through SWAPO;**
- 17. DECIDES to remain seized with the question of Namibia's independence as a priority matter.**

RESOLUTION ON THE CURRENT SITUATION
IN SOUTH AFRICA

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Forty-first Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 25 February to 4 March 1985,

Having learnt with indignation of the recent massacre of Africans at Crossroads in South Africa peacefully demonstrating against forceful removals by the racist authorities resulting in more than twenty people being killed and over two hundred injured,

Outraged by the death sentences imposed on SIPHO BRIDGET XULU and CLARANCE FAITH PAYI, two members of the ANC, including the continuing killings of the oppressed Africans in South Africa, its support for all forms of struggle including the armed struggle being waged for the liberation of the people of South Africa,

Gravely concerned at the current mass arrests, detentions and spate of treason and security trials stage managed by the regime against opponents of apartheid, including prominent leaders of the United Democratic Front like Albertina Sisulu, Co-President of the UDF and others,

Aware of the conditional offer to release Nelson Mandela and other political prisoners:

1. **SUPPORTS** the legitimate struggle being waged by the National Liberation Movements in all its forms including the armed struggle for the liberation of the people of South Africa;
2. **HAILS** the categorical rejection by Nelson Mandela of the conditional offer of release and denounces this as a new dilatory maneuver;

3. **REITERATES** its demand for the immediate and unconditional release of Nelson Mandela, Zephania Mothopeng and other political prisoners;
4. **CALLS ON** the Secretary-General in conjunction with other international and regional organizations to intensify the international campaign for the release of these freedom fighters;
5. **CONDEMNS MOST VEHEMENTLY** the death sentences imposed by the Pretoria regime on Sipho Bridget Xulu and Clarence Faith Payi, members of the ANC;
6. **REJECTS AND DENOUNCES** in the strongest terms this dastardly act of the racist regime and demands that the death sentences imposed on them be set aside and that they be treated as prisoners of war in accordance with the Geneva Protocols;
7. **VIGOROUSLY CONDEMNS** the wanton murder of defenceless demonstrators killed at Crossroads who were protesting against the forced removals designed to denationalize, dispossess and relocate the African majority to so-called homelands;
8. **STRONGLY CONDEMNS** the racist regime for its continued campaign of repression against the opponents of apartheid in particular members of the United Democratic Front;
9. **STRONGLY CONDEMNS** the continued acts of repression, detention and summary trials, and the covert attempts to create discord and split the ranks of the National Liberation Movements;
10. **ENTRUSTS** the African Group at the UN to convene an urgent meeting of the Security Council to examine this grave situation prevailing in South Africa.

**RESOLUTION ON THE OAU CHAD PEACE KEEPING
FORCE MISSION TO CHAD**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Forty-first Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 25 February to 4 March 1985,

Having examined the Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative, Budgetary and Financial Matters on the consideration of request for refund of expenses incurred for the OAU Peace-Keeping Force sent to Chad contained in Document CM/1254 (XLI),

Recalling Resolution CM/769 (XXXV) of the Council of Ministers and AHG/101 (XVII) of the Seventeenth OAU Summit relating to dispatch of a Pan-African Peace-Keeping Force to Chad,

Further Recalling the mandate of the Advisory Committee on Administrative, Budgetary and Financial Matters to consider the financial implications of the OAU Peace-Keeping Force in Chad:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative, Budgetary and Financial Matters on the consideration of requests for refund of expenses incurred for the OAU Peace-Keeping Force sent to Chad, Document CM/1254 (XLI);
2. **AGREES** to submit the issue, in all its aspects, to the forthcoming Session of the OAU Assembly of Heads of State and Government.

RESOLUTION ON THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF
AN OAU POLITICAL SECURITY COUNCIL

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Forty-first Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 25 February to 4 March 1985,

Having considered the report of the Second Meeting of the **Ad-Hoc** Ministerial Committee of Twelve on the proposed establishment of an OAU Political Security Council, contained in Document CM/1271 (XLI),

Having heard the interventions of the various delegations on this issue,

Recalling Resolutions CM/Res.789 (XXXV) and CM/Res.860 (XXXVII) relating to the proposed establishment of a Political Security Council within the Organization of African Unity,

Welcoming again the legitimate concerns expressed by the Government of Sierra Leone to see OAU equipped with an important and permanent organ capable of dealing swiftly and effectively with crises affecting the political and security matters of the African Continent,

Further conscious of the economic difficulties currently facing Member States of the Organization and in a bid to avoid the proliferation of institutions within the OAU, which Member States cannot finance in their present difficult economic situation:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the report of the Second Meeting of the **Ad-Hoc** Ministerial Committee of Twelve, contained in Document CM/1271 (XLI) and its Annexes I – III;
2. **RECOGNIZES** that it is premature and inopportune to establish a Political Security Council in the present political and economic situation;

3. **THANKS** the Government of Sierra Leone for its initiative aimed at maintaining peace and ensuring peaceful and rapid settlement of differences on the African Continent;
4. **TERMINATES** the mandate of the Ad-Hoc Ministerial Committee of Twelve;
5. **REQUESTS** the Committee on the review of the Charter of the Organization of African Unity to seek appropriate ways and means enabling Africans to face situations of crisis in Africa.

RESOLUTION ON THE SITUATION IN THE
MIDDLE EAST

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Forty-first Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 25 February to March 1985,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General a.i. of the Organization of African Unity on the Middle East (Document CM/1262 (XLI),

Recalling the successive resolutions adopted by previous sessions of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government, and the Council of Ministers of the OAU on the situation in the Middle East,

Guided by the principles and purposes of the Charters of the Organization of African Unity and of the United Nations and by the common determination of the African and Arab peoples to fight jointly for the safeguarding of their freedom,

Noting with deep concern that in spite of the many resolutions adopted by the United Nations General Assembly, the Security Council and the Organization of African Unity urging Israel to withdraw from Arab territories occupied since 1967 including Jerusalem not only has Israel persistently refused to comply with these resolutions but continues to pursue its policy of expansionism and occupation,

Recalling also the numerous recommendations and resolutions adopted by the various Conferences of the Non-Aligned Movement on the situation in the Middle East,

Deploring the systematic obstruction by Israel of all efforts made towards reaching a peaceful solution to the problem,

Fully conscious of the fact that the massive military, economic and other assistance as well as the political and moral support given to Israel by some powers, the United States of America in particular, enables it to pursue its aggression and encourages it to perpetrate acts of terrorism and illegal occupation of part of the territories in the region,

Noting with concern that the alliance between the racist regimes of Israel and of South Africa is aimed at promoting the policy of terrorism and liquidation of the Palestinians and Arabs in the occupied territories on the one hand and of the majority black population of South Africa and Namibia on the other:

1. **REAFFIRMS** all previous resolutions adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the OAU and its total and effective support for the Palestinian people under the dynamic leadership of its sole and authentic representative, the Palestinian Liberation Organization;
2. **FURTHER REAFFIRMS** its total support for the Arab countries, victims of Israeli aggression and its support for the Palestinian people in their just struggle to recover their usurped rights and their occupied territories;
3. **CONDEMNS VIGOROUSLY** the establishment of settlements by Israel in Palestine and in the other occupied territories and the turning of Jerusalem into a Jewish city and its proclamation as its capital;
4. **STRONGLY COMMENDS** the militant role of the Lebanese people in confronting the Zionist Israeli aggression and **VEHEMENTLY CONDEMNS** the aggressions perpetrated against Lebanon and the continued occupation of its territories;
5. **RECOMMENDS** that Member States renew their firm determination not to establish or re-establish diplomatic ties with Israel, a natural and unconditional accomplice of racist South Africa;

6. **FURTHER STRONGLY CONDEMNS** all partial agreements and separate treaties which constitute a flagrant violation of the rights of the Palestinian people, the principles of the Charters of the OAU and of the UN as well as the resolutions adopted during the various international meetings on the Palestinian Question, and which makes it impossible for the Palestinian people to realize their aspirations, namely, to return to their Fatherland, to have self-determination and to exercise total sovereignty over their territory;
7. **STRONGLY CONDEMNS** Israel, the occupying force for not complying with the provisions of the Fourth Geneva Convention of 12 August 1949 on the protection of civilians in times of war;
8. **URGES** Israel to put an immediate end to the illegal occupation of Southern Lebanon and **CONSIDERS** as null and void any measure taken by Israel in occupied Arab territories aimed at exploiting their resources and **REQUESTS** all States, International Organizations and Investment Agencies not to recognize Israel's authority in these territories and not to co-operate with it, under any form whatever, to exploit these resources and sources of energy;
9. **LAUNCHES AN URGENT APPEAL** to the international community to exert on Israel a really effective pressure in all fields in order to compel it to comply with the decisions of the international community and **REITERATES** its request to the Security Council to take the necessary measures to compel Israel to put an end to its occupation of the Arab and Palestinian territories and to enable the Palestinian people to exercise their national rights in conformity with the recommendations adopted by the UN Special Committee on the Exercise of Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian people;
10. **REQUESTS** the OAU Secretary-General to follow the situation in the Middle East Question and to report on it to the next Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity.

RESOLUTION ON THE QUESTION OF PALESTINE

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Forty-first Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 25 February to 4 March 1985,

Recalling the resolutions adopted by the previous sessions of the Council of Ministers and the Assembly of Heads of State and Government on the problem of the Middle East and on the Question of Palestine,

Guided by the principles and purposes of the Charters of the Organization of African Unity and of the United Nations and by the common destiny against Zionism and Racism for the cause of freedom, independence and peace,

Recalling that the question of Palestine constitutes the very core of the Middle East conflict and that the PLO is the only legitimate representative of the Palestinian people,

Reiterating the relevant decisions of the OAU making the question of Palestine an Arab and African issue,

Conscious of the seriousness of the present situation resulting from the continued occupation of Palestinian and Arab territories by Israel, its refusal to respect the resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council of the United Nations, its firm determination to establish settlements, in the occupied Arab territories, especially in Jerusalem, thus altering the geographical, demographic, cultural and social characteristics of Palestine,

Reaffirming the legitimacy of the struggle of the people of Palestine led by the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) to recover their land and exercise their national rights,

Further reaffirming that a just and lasting peace can only be achieved when the people of Palestine exercise their inalienable rights, particularly their right to return to their homeland, the recovery of national sovereignty, their right to self-determination and their right to establish an independent state on their territory,

Considering the recommendations adopted by the UN Special Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian people,

Noting with grave concern that the alliance between the Zionist regime of Israel and the racist regime of South Africa aims at intensifying acts of terrorism and genocide against the people of Palestine and South Africa:

- 1. REAFFIRMS all previous resolutions on the question of Palestine and reiterates its unwavering support for the people of Palestine led by the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), their sole legitimate representative, and REAFFIRMS the right of the people of Palestine, to continue their struggle under all political and military forms as well as the use of all means to liberate their occupied territory and to recover their inalienable national rights; particularly the right to return to their homeland, the exercise of their right to self-determination and to establish an independent state in their territory;**
- 2. STRONGLY CONDEMNS all maneuvers and formulae aimed at preventing the people of Palestine from exercising their right to self-determination, to achieve their national aspiration to return to their homeland and exercise their freedom and complete sovereignty;**
- 3. STRONGLY CONDEMNS any initiatives, measures or agreement which do not take into account the aspirations of the people of Palestine and of their sole legitimate representative, the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO); CONSIDERS null and void any agreement on the question of Palestine without the participation of the Palestine liberation Organization;**

4. **STRONGLY CONDEMNS** the expansionist policies pursued by Israel and aimed at imposing a fait accompli in the occupied territories, also **CONDEMNS** the policy of expansion, establishment of settlement, expropriation of lands and the massive or individual extermination of people with a view to forcing them to emigrate, to modify the demographic characteristics of the territory, and expel the leaders of the people of Palestine, thinkers as well as other Arab people, especially the Lebanese people;
5. **STRONGLY CONDEMNS** Israel's expansionist, colonialist, racist and terrorist actions against the Palestinian people as well as against the Lebanese people;
6. **FURTHER CONDEMNS** the collusion between the Zionist regime of Israel and the racist regime of South Africa and **CALLS UPON** all Member States to intensify their efforts to face the danger and to strengthen the struggle against Zionism, Racism and Imperialism. To this end, **CALLS UPON** the African States, and Members of the League of Arab States to include in the Agenda of all sessions the following item "Collusion between South Africa and Israel";
7. **CALLS UPON** the international community to exert more pressure on Israel in all fields so as to compel it to conform to the charter of the United Nations and with the resolution adopted on the question of Palestine, **EMPHASIZES** the efforts deployed by the United Nations Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the people of Palestine and **CALLS UPON** the Security Council to implement the recommendation of this Committee adopted by the General Assembly;
8. **CALLS UPON** the Security Council to take effective measures to guarantee the exercise by the people of Palestine of their national and inalienable rights recognized by the United Nations General Assembly and **CONSIDERS** that Security Council Resolution 242 of 22 November 1967 does not guarantee the

future of the Palestinian people and their inalienable right nor does it provide a basis for a just solution to the question of Palestine;

- 9. FIRMLY SUPPORTS the Arab Peace Plan adopted at the Twelfth Arab Summit held at Fez on 9 September 1982, as an important contribution to the search for a just, comprehensive and lasting settlement of the Middle East conflicts; and CALLS for the implementation of General Assembly Resolution 39/49 of 11 December 1984 on the holding of an International Peace Conference on the Middle East;**
- 10. COMMENDS the United Nations Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian people for its efforts aimed at resorting the inalienable rights of the people of Palestine;**
- 11. REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General to follow the development of the question of Palestine and to report to the next Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity.**

RESOLUTION ON AFRO-ARAB CO-OPERATION

The Council of Ministers of the organization of African Unity meeting in its Forty-first Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 25 February to 4 March 1985,

Having closely examined the report of the Secretary-General a.i. on Afro-Arab Co-operation (CM/1275 (XLI));

Recalling the contents of Resolution CM/Res.933 (XL) of the Fortieth Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers of the OAU held at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 27 February to 5 March 1984,

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

Reaffirming its total commitment and total readiness to deploy all efforts with a view to constantly reinforcing Afro-Arab Co-operation in all the areas defined by the First Afro-Arab Summit of Cairo,

Convinced of the need to review the normal functioning of the organs of the Afro-Arab Co-operation in accordance with the timetables defined by the First Afro-Arab Summit of Cairo:

1. **ENDORSES** the recommendations of the Seventh Session of the Standing Commission of Afro-Arab Co-operation held at Tripoli, People's Socialist Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, from 2 to 4 August 1984;
2. **CONGRATULATES** the two Secretaries-General of the OAU and the League of Arab States for the continuing efforts they have deployed with a view to implementing the aims and objectives of Afro-Arab Co-operation;

- 3. ENCOURAGES the two Secretaries-General of the OAU and the Arab League to pursue their efforts so as to strengthen Afro-Arab Co-operation within the framework of the implementation of the Lagos Plan of Action and the Aman Strategy and thus contributing in ensuring the complementarity of thus contributing in ensuring the complementarity of the economies of the two regions;**
- 4. REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the OAU, in collaboration with the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States, to undertake all necessary consultations so as to ensure the adherence to the programme of work defined for the meetings of the organs of Afro-Arab Co-operation;**
- 5. REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the OAU, in collaboration with the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States and Member States, to extend all necessary assistance to host governments for the holding in April 1985 of the First Session of the Joint Afro-Arab Ministerial Conference in Tripoli, People's Socialist Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and the Eight and Ninth Sessions of the Standing Commission for Afro-Arab Co-operation scheduled to convene respectively at Damascus (Arab Republic of Syria) and at Ougadougou (People's Democratic Republic of Burkina Faso) on the dates to be determined after due consultations;**
- 6. REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the OAU, in collaboration with the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States, to take the necessary measures with a view to finalizing the two studies respectively devoted to the promotion of trade exchanges between the African countries and the Arab countries and the promotion and guarantee of Afro-Arab Investments.**

RESOLUTION ON THE SPECIAL EMERGENCY
ASSISTANCE FUND FOR DROUGHT AND
FAMINE IN AFRICA

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Forty-first ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 25 February to 4 March 1985,

Recalling Resolution AHG/Res.133 (XX) by which the Assembly of Heads of State and Government decided to establish a Special Emergency Assistance Fund for Drought and Famine in Africa,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General a.i. Doc.CM/1285 (XLI) containing the proposals for operation of the Special Fund,

Conscious of the urgency and gravity of the social and economic problems confronting African countries affected by drought and famine,

Fully conscious of the need to mobilize all efforts and resources for providing urgent relief assistance to African States suffering from the ravages of drought and desertification,

Aware of the need to launch immediately the Fund and to ensure the early commencement of its operation:

1. **DECIDES** that the Special Emergency Assistance Fund for Drought and Famine in Africa shall commence its operations immediately;
2. **FURTHER DECIDES** to immediately create in Interim Policy Committee composed of the following 12 representatives of Member States, Algeria, Burkina Faso, Botswana, Burundi, Cameroon, Kenya, Libya, Mali, Mozambique, Nigeria, Senegal and Tanzania which shall:

- (i) act as the supreme organ of the Fund whose functions shall include policy determination and the drawing up of the criteria for approval of loans or grants including their terms and conditions;**
 - (ii) select beneficiary countries and decide on the amounts of grants or loans, as appropriate, which shall be given to them;**
 - (iii) take appropriate measure and actions to mobilize resources for the Fund;**
 - (iv) draw up the Statute for the Fund for the consideration by the Forty-second Session of the Council of Ministers;**
 - (v) draw up its rules and operating procedures by referring to the report of the Forty-first Session of the Council of Ministers.**
- 3. DECIDES that the financial resources shall be entrusted to the African Development Bank (ADB) for administration and management for the purposes stated in Resolution ANG/Res.133 (XX) of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the OAU;**
- 4. AUTHORIZES the Secretary-General of the OAU to conclude with ADB a suitable provisional Trust Instrument for the purposes mentioned above;**
- 5. CALLS ON the Secretary-General of the OAU to lend the Interim Policy Committee, the necessary administrative support for the execution of its mandate on the basis of the existing means and facilities within the Secretariat;**
- 6. DECIDES also that contributions to the Fund shall be voluntary, and shall be made in cash and that these contributions could be from African and non-African sources;**

- 7. CALLS UPON all Member States of the OAU and the international community to contribute generously to the Fund.**

RESOLUTION ON ECONOMIC PROBLEMS OF AFRICA

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Forty-first Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 25 February to 4 March 1985,

Recalling Resolution AHG/Res.132 (XX) adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government at its Twentieth Session on Africa's Economic Problems,

Having considered the report of the First Meeting of the Steering Committee established by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government by Resolution AHG/Res.132 (XX) and in particular the draft economic agenda items contained therein,

Taking into account all the views expressed at this present Session on the report of the Steering Committee and on the draft proposed economic agenda items for the 21st Assembly of Heads of State and Government,

Recognizing the need for a careful preparation for the Twenty-first Assembly of Heads of State and Government in particular the selection of priority issues and identification of concrete measures to deal with both the emergency situation and long-term structural problems confronting African countries,

Mindful of the need to involve fully the ECA Conference of Ministers responsible for economic planning in Africa in the preparation for the Twenty-first Assembly, and any other African or international Conferences on African economic issues,

Reaffirming its commitment to the objective, principles and guidelines on the development strategy of the Lagos Plan of Action and the Final Act of Lagos:

- 1. TAKES NOTE WITH APPRECIATION of the report of the first meeting of the Steering Committee contained in Document CM/1284 (XLI) and the proposals therein;**
- 2. AGREES that detailed preparations for the Twenty-first Assembly should be based on the priority areas and issues included in the proposed draft agenda set out in this report of the Steering Committee;**
- 3. URGES the ECA Conference of Ministers responsible for economic planning in Africa to focus its deliberations on the issues in the draft agenda and to recommend concrete measures to be taken including proposals for the follow-up and monitoring;**
- 4. CALLS ON THE ADB and any other UN and International Economic Institutions to provide input into the preparations for the Twenty-first AHG within their respective fields of competence and on the basis of the draft agenda proposed by the Steering Committee;**
- 5. URGES FURTHER the Steering Committee at its Second Meeting to take fully into account the recommendations emerging from this Session as well as the forthcoming ECA Conference of Ministers and to finalize the preparatory arrangements including documentation for the Twenty-first Assembly of Heads of State and Government;**
- 6. INVITES Member States wishing to do so to submit written proposals to the Secretary-General by the end of April 1985 for consideration by the Steering Committee;**
- 7. REQUESTS the Secretary-General a.i. of the OAU and the Executive Secretary of ECA to continue to provide technical support to the Steering Committee.**

RESOLUTION ON UNESCO

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Forty-first Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 25 February to 4 March 1985,

Recalling Resolution AHG/Res.127 (XX) which reaffirms the duty of all countries to endeavor to preserve and consolidate international institutions, particularly those of the United Nations System, which were primarily established to preserve world peace,

Noting with concern a certain trend which if continued would lead to negation of the principles and purposes for which these organizations were established,

Recalling the appeal to the United States to reconsider its decision to withdraw from UNESCO,

Noting with deep regret the subsequent withdrawal of the United States from UNESCO, the notices of such withdrawal given by the United Kingdom and Singapore and the consequences of such withdrawal on the Organization and its Member States,

Bearing in mind the necessity to ensure that UNESCO continues its noble task of contributing to peace and security by promoting collaboration among the nations through education, science and culture in order to further universal respect for justice, for the rule of law and for human rights and fundamental freedoms which are affirmed for the peoples of the world, without distinction of race, sex, language or religion by the Charter of the United Nations.

Considering that it is important to maintain and further strengthen the fruitful co-operation existing between the OAU and UNESCO in the fields of Education,

Science, Culture and Communications, particularly after the first meeting of the OAU/UNESCO Joint Consultative Committee (5 – 7 December 1984),

Having heard the statement made by the Deputy Director-General of UNESCO:

1. **REITERATES** its dedication to the ideal and objectives of international co-operation as clearly set out in the Charter of the United Nations and in UNESCO;
2. **EXPESSES** its full support for the policies and programmes of the Organization approved by its legislative bodies;
3. **REAFFIRMS** its full confidence in the wise leadership of Mr Amadou Makhtar M'bow, Director-General of UNESCO and his persistent efforts to uphold the ideals of the Organization;
4. **URGES** the Director-General in particular to continue in his efforts to preserve the integrity of the policies and programmes of UNESCO democratically approve by the Member States of the Organization;
5. **INVITES** African Member States of UNESCO as an act of international solidarity in support of an organization of inestimable value to international co-operation, to:
 - (i) **pay** as a matter of urgency their arrears of assessed contribution;
 - (ii) **forego** the surpluses due to them as a result of monetary fluctuations during the budgetary period 1981 – 1983;
 - (iii) **make** any other voluntary contributions within their financial capabilities.
6. **CALLS ON** all States to rededicate themselves to the pursuit of peace, through international co-operation and based on the intellectual and moral solidarity of all mankind.

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE CANDIDATURE
FOR THE POST OF THE UNITED NATIONS
HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Forty-first Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 25 February to 4 March 1985.

Having taken cognizance of the statement made by the Head of the Egyptian Delegation on the candidature of Dr Boutros GHALI, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the post of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,

Having heard the statement of the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mali on the need for Africa to support this candidature,

Conscious of the importance of the post for Africa, at a time when more than half of the world refugee population is composed of Africans and when these refugees need aid and assistance which the international community provides through the United Nations High Commission for Refugees,

Convinced that the time has come for an African to fill this post:

DECIDES to recommend for approval the candidature of Dr Boutros GHALI, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Egypt to the post of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to all Governments of OAU Member States and to the 21st Summit of the Organization.

**RESOLUTION ON THE DRAFT CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE OAU AND THE LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES IN THE FIELD OF
SANCTIONS AGAINST THE TWO RACIST REGIMES OF SOUTH AFRICA
AND ISRAEL**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Forty-first Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 25 February to 4 March 1985,

Having considered the follow-up report submitted by the Secretary-General a.i. in Document CM/1270 (XLI) as well as its Annex dealing with the Agreement between the OAU and the League of Arab States in the field of Sanctions against the two racist regimes of South Africa and Israel,

Convinced that this Draft Agreement aims at strengthening the bonds of solidarity between the African and the Arab peoples pursuant to the Political Declarations of the First Afro-Arab Summit Conference held in Cairo in March 1977,

Reaffirming its determination to promote and strengthen all the structures set up to intensify co-operation between the two Secretariats of the OAU and Arab League within the context of the objectives and guidelines of the First Afro-Arab Summit Conference held in Cairo in March 1977;

Recalling its resolution CM/940 (XL) by which it approved the General Agreement on Co-operation between the OAU and the Arab League,

Noting that the Draft Agreement in question was adopted by the Council of the League of Arab States and by the Standing Commission at its Seventh Ordinary Session held in Tripoli, Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya from 2 to 4 August 1984:

- 1. TAKES NOTE of the report contained in Doc. CM/1270 (XLI) submitted by the OAU Secretary-General a.i.;**
- 2. CONGRATULATES the two Secretaries-General of the OAU and the League of Arab States on the efforts they have deployed in co-ordinating the activities which are of common interest to the two Organizations in the field of Afro-Arab Co-operation;**
- 3. APPROVES the Draft Co-operation Agreement between the OAU and the Arab League in the field of Sanctions against the racist regimes of South Africa and Israel contained in the Annex of Doc. CM/1270 (XLI);**
- 4. AUTHORIZES the OAU Secretary-General to undertake the necessary consultations with his counterpart of the League of Arab States for the signing of this Agreement.**

RESOLUTION ON AFRICAN ACCOUNTING COUNCIL
AS A SPECIALIZED AGENCY

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Forty-first Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 25 February to 4 March 1985,

Considering the application submitted by the African Accounting Council (ACC) to become a Specialized Agency of the OAU,

Considering that this body comprises 31 OAU Member States that it is a technical body in the field of Accounting and Standardization of Accounting Systems, that it has proved its competence to the entire satisfaction of its Member States, and that its services can be of great use to the OAU especially now that the latter is preparing to hold its Second Economic Summit:

1. **DECIDES** to confer on the African Accounting Council (AAC) the status of Specialized Agency of the OAU; and
2. **AUTHORIZES** the Secretary-General to conclude an agreement with this body to this effect, in conformity with the current practice.

RESOLUTION ON THE SECOND CONFERENCE
ON ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES IN AFRICA

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Forty-first Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 25 February to 4 March 1985,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General a.i. on the Second International Conference on Assistance to Refugees in Africa (ICARA II) – Document CM/1258 (XLI) particularly with regard to the Declaration and Programme of Action adopted by the Conference,

Recalling the General Assembly Resolution 39/139 of 14 December 1984 on ICARA II adopted at its 39th Session,

Noting with satisfaction the high level of participation of representatives from more than 200 states, organizations and agencies in ICARA II,

Deeply concerned with the increase in the population of refugees and the serious deterioration of the living conditions of the refugees as a result of the current drought and other natural calamities,

Aware that this serious situation caused by the growing refugee population has increased further the social and economic burden on the host countries,

Desirous of the need to ensure that the projects submitted to ICARA II are fully funded and implemented as soon as possible in order to forestall increase in their cost due to lapse of time:

- 1. TAKES NOTE WITH APPRECIATION of the report of the Secretary-General a.i. on the Second International Conference on Assistance to Refugees in Africa, Document CM/1258 (XLI);**
- 2. EXPRESSES ITS DEEP APPRECIATION and gratitude to all the donor countries and organizations and agencies present at ICARA II for their participation in the Conference and positive response to the appeal for assistance;**
- 3. CONGRATULATES the United Nations Secretary-General for his careful preparations of ICARA II, in close consultation with the OAU Secretary-General, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme;**
- 4. REITERATES ITS APPEAL to donor countries, the international community and all organizations and agencies with refugee programmes to provide the additional resources required for ICARA II projects;**
- 5. EMPHASIZES the complementarity of refugee aid and development assistance in the quest for durable solution;**
- 6. ENDORSES the ICARA II Declaration and Programme of Action and calls upon all Member States concerned, donor countries and organizations and agencies with refugee programmes in Africa to vigorously ensure the implementation of the Programme of Action;**
- 7. REQUESTS Member States concerned to provide necessary information to the Secretary-General and continue to work in close co-operation with him on implementation of their respective projects;**
- 8. REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General to closely monitor the implementation of the ICARA II projects in close co-operation with the UN**

Secretary-General, so as to enable him to report to the 42nd Session of the Council of Ministers.

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE
ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY (OAU) AND THE COUNCIL FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RESEARCH IN AFRICA
(CODESRIA)**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Forty-first Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 25 February to 4 March 1985,

Recalling the spirit of the Lagos Plan of Action adopted by the Second Extraordinary Assembly of Heads of State and Government held in Lagos, Nigeria on 28 and 29 April 1980, calling for an individual and collective self-reliant and self-sustaining development in Africa,

Considering the Resolution on the Lagos Plan of Action which, among other things, requests the Secretary-General of the OAU to take all the measures necessary to facilitate the implementation of the Lagos Plan of Action by enlisting the support of the Specialized Agencies of the OAU with the financial and technical assistance of the Specialized Agencies of the ECA and appropriate national and international bodies;

Determined to promote the use of African expertise for the attainment of the objectives of the Lagos Plan of Action and the Final Act of Lagos:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of document No. CM/1286 (1286 (XLI) presented by the General Secretariat relating to the Draft Co-operation Agreement between the OAU and CODESRIA;
2. **AUTHORISES** the Secretary-General of the OAU, working in consultation with the Executive Secretary of CODESRIA, to take the steps required to conclude a Co-operation Agreement between the Organization of African

**Unity and the Council for the Development of Economic and Social Research
in Africa.**

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE DRAFT CULTURAL CO-OPERATION
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE OAU AND ALESCO**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Forty-first Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 25 February to 4 March 1985,

Having examined the report of the General Co-operation Doc. CM/1265 (XLI),

Having analyzed the Draft Cultural Co-operation Agreement between the OAU and ALESCO.

Convinced of the similarity of the objectives of the Organization of African Unity and the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization,

Conscious of the importance of Education, Culture and Science in the strengthening of Afro-Arab Co-operation:

1. **HAILS** the efforts being made and actions being taken by the General Secretariat of the OAU and the Office of the ALESCO to facilitate and promote Afro-Arab Cultural Co-operation;
2. **APPROVES** the Draft Cultural Co-operation Agreement between the OAU and ALECSO;
3. **AUTHORIZES** the OAU Secretary-General to sign this Agreement.

RESOLUTION ON THE GRANTING OF OAU OBSERVER STATUS
TO THE CONFEDERATION OF AFRICAN MEDICAL
ASSOCIATIONS AND SOCIETIES (CAMAS)

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Forty-first Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 25 February to 4 March 1985,

Considering the application for OAU Observer Status submitted by the Confederation of African Medical Associations and Societies (CAMAS),

Considering that this body comprises 34 Member States of the OAU, that it is a technical body in the medical field, that it has proved its competence to the entire satisfaction of its Member States and that its services can be of great use not only to the OAU but also to the Member States,

Considering that CAMAS can assist African Governments in attaining the objectives set for 'Health for all by the year 2000':

DECIDES to grant OAU Observer Status to the Confederation of African Medical Associations and Societies (CAMAS).

RESOLUTION ON INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION
FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF EDUCATION IN AFRICA

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Forty-first Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 25 February to 4 March 1985,

Having heard the Report of the Secretary-General on International Co-operation for the Development of Education in Africa, (CM/1166 (XLI),

Recalling conclusions of the Fifth Conference of African Ministers of Education and Economic Planning held in Harare (Zimbabwe) from 26 June to 3 July 1982,

Recalling the objectives that Member States have set for themselves in the Lagos Plan of Action with regard to the development of human resources and the role of Education,

Conscious of the importance of international co-operation in the field of Education:

1. **ADOPTS** the Report of the General Secretariat and the proposals contained therein;
2. **CALLS ON** the Secretary-General of the OAU to take the necessary steps to convene, in co-operation with the Advisory Committee on Administrative, Financial and Budgetary Matters, the OAU Commission on Education, Science, Culture and Health;
3. **CALLS ON** UNESCO, UNDP and other international or inter-African Organizations to assist the General Secretariat of the OAU with a view to ensuring the successful implementation of the proposals contained in the Report referred to above (CM/1266 (XLI));

4. **REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General to ensure the necessary co-ordination among the various sub-regional educational and training institutions;**
5. **APPEALS to Member States to intensify their co-operation in the field of education.**

**RESOLUTION ON THE RECOGNITION OF STUDIES: CERTIFICATES,
DIPLOMAS, DEGREES AND OTHER QUALIFICATIONS IN HIGHER
EDUCATION IN THE AFRICAN STATES**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Forty-first Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 25 February to 4 March 1985,

Having heard the report of the Secretary-General on the recognition of studies, certificates, diplomas, degrees and other qualifications in Higher Education in the African States CM/1276 (XLI),

Recalling the Co-operation Agreement between the OAU and UNESCO concluded in July 1968,

Desirous of strengthening and increasing their co-operation in matters relating to education and the use of human resources with the aim in particular of encouraging the advancement of knowledge of achieving a constant and gradual improvement on the quality of higher education and of promoting economic, social and cultural development in each of the African countries and the Continent as a whole,

Convinced that the recognition of studies, certificates, diplomas, degrees and other academic qualifications in higher education which would ensure the greater mobility of students and experts throughout the African Continent is one of the conditions necessary for accelerating the development of the region which implies that increasing number of scientists, technologists, technicians and specialists will be trained and their services fully utilized:

1. WELCOMES UNESCO's initiative in preparing a Convention on the recognition of studies, certificates, diplomas, degrees and other academic qualifications in higher education in the African States;

2. **NOTES WITH SATISFACTION** the results of the International Conference of States held in Arusha from 1 to 5 December 1981;
3. **URGES** Member States which have not yet done so, to take as early as possible the necessary measures, so as to make the said Convention, operational by depositing the instrument of ratification or by acceding to it.

**RESOLUTION ON THE MEMORANDUM OF CO-OPERATION
BETWEEN THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY AND
THE INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK CENTRE FOR AFRICA**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Forty-first Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 25 February to 4 March 1985,

Having heard the report of the Secretary-General on the proposed Memorandum of Co-operation between the Organization of African Unity and the International Livestock Centre for Africa (IL/CIPEA),

Recognizing the importance of Resolution AHG/Res.1 (II) Rev.3 in which the Heads of State and Government of the OAU adopted the Lagos Plan of Action,

Recognizing the commitment of the Heads of State and Government of the 20th Summit meeting of the OAU to giving top priority to agriculture,

Recognizing the urgent need for strengthening existing national, regional and international research institutions so as to quickly solve problems raised by accelerated agricultural development,

Desirous of establishing an effective co-operation within the respective scopes of competence of the OAU and ILCA to enable them to attain their common objectives in the field of economic and social development pursuant to the Charter of the OAU and the mandate of ILCA:

1. APPROVES the Memorandum of Co-operation between the OAU and ILCA;
2. AUTHORIZES the Secretary-General to sign it as soon as possible.

RESOLUTION ON AFRICA-WIDE BIOLOGICAL CONTROL SERVICE

ABC 5 (JP 38)

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Forty-first Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 25 February to 4 March 1985:

- 1. TAKES NOTE of the research carried out to control the vegetable pests of cassava affecting this crop in several Member States;**
- 2. TAKES NOTE of the limited application of the research results in some Member States with beneficial effects;**
- 3. EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION to the following organizations which have funded research and also supported the field application of the results in Member States BKAWIKORD of Austria, BMZ and GTZ of Federal Republic of Germany, DCA of Switzerland, IFAD of Rome, USAID of Washington, IDRC of Canada, EMBRAPA of Brazil, CIAT of Colombia and FAO of Rome;**
- 4. URGES the International donors and agencies to continue their financial and technical support for the eradication of these pests in collaboration with the OAU/STRC/IAPSC and in compliance with the OAU Phytosanitary Convention and the International Conventions;**
- 5. RECOMMENDS the establishment of an African Biological Control Service for the Control and Eradication of Vegetable Pests in all Member States.**

RESOLUTION ON AFRICAN PHARMACOPOEA

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Forty-first Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 25 February to 4 March 1985,

Considering the importance of traditional medicine in the delivery of health care in Africa,

Realizing that the ideal goal of health for all by the year 2000 can be achieved if traditional medicine is developed and encouraged:

- 1. URGES the Inter-African Committee of Pharmacopoea (Traditional Medicine) to continue to intensify its work on Volume II of the African Pharmacopoea;**
- 2. EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION to WHO Africa for its support to the OAU/STRC and its Inter-African Committee on Traditional Medicine and Pharmacopoea for the first volume of the African Pharmacopoea;**
- 3. URGES the WHO Africa to support the OAU/STRC in the preparation and publication of Volume II of the African Pharmacopoea;**
- 4. NOTES the achievements of the OAU sponsored scholar in acquiring the higher degree of Masters in Philosophy of the University of Nigeria in the field of Pharmacognory Traditional Medicine;**
- 5. REQUESTS the OAU/STRC to continue its efforts in the area of research into Traditional Medicine and Ethnobotanical Surveys of Member States;**

- 6. COMMENDS the efforts of OAU/STRC in the production of scholars in this field of Traditional Medicine and requests African Institutions capable of training scholars and technicians to communicate their interest to the OAU/STRC Executive Secretariat.**

RESOLUTION ON SAFGRAD JP 31
SEMI-ARID FOOD GRAIN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Forty-first Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 25 February to 4 March 1985:

1. **EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION to USAID and IFAD for their continued support of SAFGRAD;**
2. **TAKES NOTE of the considerable progress made in Agricultural Research in the Semi-Arid Regions of Africa;**
3. **ENDORSES the principle of preparation of a Master Plan and its subsequent implementation for SAFGRAD.**

RESOLUTION ON AGRICULTURAL MANAGEMENT TRAINING
PROGRAMME FOR AFRICA

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Forty-first Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 25 February to 4 March 1985:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Technical Assistance Grant from IFAD to the OAU/STRC for Agricultural Management Training Programme for Africa and accepts it with gratitude;
2. **CONSIDERS** this programme to be of considerable importance in the development of human resources for agricultural production;
3. **TAKES NOTE** of the initiative of ICAD with formulation of this programme and the subsequent collaboration which exists between OAU/STRC, ADB, EDI of World Bank and IFAD in the execution of the programme;
4. **URGES** the President of IFAD to continue support for the four sub-programmes which are proposed for 4 years and requests President of IFAD to support sub-programmes for all the Member States of OAU;
5. **EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION** to the Presidents of ADB, EDI of World Bank and IFAD for their invaluable contribution to the successful initiation and commencement of this programme.

**RESOLUTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL HYDROGEOLOGIC
PROGRAMME OF CARTOGRAPHY FOR AFRICA (IHPCA)**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Forty-first Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 25 February to 4 March 1985,

Having heard the progress report of the OAU Secretary-General a.i. and that of the Secretary-General of the Association of African Cartography “AAC” on the International Hydrogeologic Programme of Cartography for Africa (IHPCA) since its Fortieth Session in conformity with Resolution CM/Res.945 (XL),

Recalling its Resolutions CM/Res.336 (XXIII), CM/Res.450 (XXV), CM/Res. 702 (XXXII) and particularly Resolution CM/Res.945 (XL) adopted at its Fortieth Session,

Expressing its appreciation for the significant progress made by the AAC in the implementation of this programme:

1. CONGRATULATES the Secretary-General of the Association of African Cartography on the highly commendable efforts he has made, in spite of the limited financial and human resources placed at his disposal, for the execution of the OAU Project to draw the International Hydrogeological Map of Africa;
2. FULLY APPROVES the fundamental guidelines of the IHPCA as stated in the preliminary study undertaken by the OAU, and the recommendations of the Second Meeting of Experts held in Dakar in December 1983;
3. REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General to give top priority to this programme, provide the AAC with the necessary financial assistance and

ensure the full participation of the OAU in all AAC activities relating to this programme;

- 4. CALLS UPON African countries to include IHPCA in their programmes; co-operate fully with and contribute to AAC both in data collection and the execution of the said programme:**
- 5. REQUESTS African countries which have not yet done so, to urgently appoint their national IHPCA correspondent to give him the necessary mandate to act effectively and in collaboration with the AAC in all matters pertaining to the speedy execution of the IHPCA Projects;**

RESOLUTION ON DEVELOPMENT OF CARTOGRAPHY IN AFRICA

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Forty-first Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 25 February to 4 March 1985,

Having heard the report of the Secretary-General of the African Cartography Association (ACA) on the condition of African Cartography its impact on economic development and its repercussions on the implementation of the Lagos Plan of Action,

Considering the scientific, technical and economic importance of Cartography in general and, in particular, a harmonized geodesic network for all African countries,

Noting with satisfaction the progress made so far as a result of efforts made by several African and non-African countries as well as regional and international organizations:

1. **COMMENDS** the Secretary-General of the African Cartography Association on the excellent work accomplished;
2. **CALLS UPON** the OAU to sponsor the work of the ACA so as to ensure the success of the continental geodesic network and to obtain the support of all African countries for this essentially scientific operation;
3. **FURTHER CALLS UPON** the OAU to co-operate with ACA in close collaboration with the ECA and Regional Organizations for the holding of a meeting of a select group of African experts, which will examine the state of African Cartography and propose the basis for its development for the implementation of the Lagos Plan of Action;

- 4. INVITES the African countries to support national cartography services, include them among national priorities and vote sufficient operational budget for them in accordance with the recommendation contained in Chapter III para 87 (i) of the Lagos Plan of Action;**
- 5. FINALLY CALLS UPON the OAU in co-operation with the ECA to continue to monitor African Cartographic activities and lend the necessary support to the ACA programmes;**
- 6. EXPRESSES ITS THANKS to all non-African countries, regional, international, inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations which have indicated to the OAU and the ACA their intention to participate in the execution of the IHPCA in conformity with the guidelines laid down in the preliminary study;**
- 7. CALLS UPON the OAU and the ACA to:**
 - (i) Collaborate with non-African institutions and international organizations to collect the available data necessary for the implementation of the IHPCA;**
 - (ii) Intensify their efforts, in collaboration with African countries, in order to introduce IHPCA to the decision-making bodies of international organizations, of the Arab League and non-African Institutions so as to obtain the financial and technical assistance necessary for its implementation;**
- 8. REQUESTS the Secretary-General to include the IHPCA in the Agenda of the next Economic Summit Conference.**

**RESOLUTION ON CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY (OAU) AND THE UN
CENTRE FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENT (HABITAT)**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Forty-first Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 25 February to 4 March 1985,

Having examined the Memorandum of understanding between the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and the UN Centre for Human Settlement (HABITAT), Doc. CM/1283 (XLI),

Considering the need for the OAU and Habitat to implement some specific programmes on Human Settlement,

Recalling Resolution AHG/Res.117 (XIX) by which the 19th Assembly of Heads of State and Government endorsed the UN General Assembly Resolution 37/221 designating 1987 as the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless and requested the Secretary-General of the OAU to co-operate with the Executive Director of the UN Centre for Human Settlement (HABITAT) to ensure the full realization of the goals and objectives of the International Year within the African region,

Conscious of the necessity for international co-operation in furtherance of socio-economic development,

Aware that such co-operation would enhance and sustain the general well-being of the African peoples:

1. APPROVES the Co-operation Agreement between the OAU and the UN Centre for Human Settlement (HABITAT);

- 2. AUTHORIZES the OAU Secretary-General a.i. to sign the Joint Co-operation Agreement with the Executive Director of UN Centre for Human Settlement as soon as possible.**

RESOLUTION ON AFRICAN PHYTOSANITARY RESEARCH
AND TRAINING CENTRE

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Forty-first Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 25 February to 4 March 1985,

Realizing that the OAU has a technical Bureau called the Inter-African Phytosanitary Council (IAPSC) in Yaounde, Cameroon which is responsibility for phytosanitary activities,

Considering the extreme importance of control and eradication of pests from the agricultural sector in all Member States,

Conscious of the need to protect stored food from destruction by pests and thus ensure food security:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the proposed establishment of the African Phytosanitary Research and Training Centre (APSTRC);
2. **AGREES** in principle to the establishment of the above Centre subject to the submission by the Secretariat of relevant feasibility study, financial implications and taking into account the remarks made by Member States.

RESOLUTION ON THE YEAR OF CARTOGRAPHY IN AFRICA

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Forty-first Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 25 February to 4 March 1985,

Having noted that cartography and remote sensing techniques are the bedrock of a planned economy and form the basis for natural resources inventory, exploration, exploitation and rational utilization which are the essential ingredients for the dynamic economic and social development of Africa,

Mindful of the urgent need to take positive actions towards the strengthening of national cartographic and related institutions through provision of the required budgets and recognition:

1. **NOTES WITH SATISFACTION** the steps already taken by the ECA Conference of Ministers to proclaim 1986 Year of Cartography in Africa;
2. **ENDORSES** the principle behind the declaration of the Year of Cartography by the African Association of Cartography and, accordingly, proclaims 1986 as the “Year of Cartography in Africa”;
3. **REQUESTS** the Secretary-General a.i. of the OAU to establish effective collaboration with the Executive Secretary of the ECA with a view to ensuring the success of activities for the Year and to take necessary actions that will ensure the realization of the intended objectives;
4. **URGES** Member States to give all necessary support to regional and national organizing committees as well as to activities planned for the commemoration of the Year of Cartography in their respective countries.

**RESOLUTION ON THE CONVENING OF AN ANNUAL
MEETING OF AFRICAN MINISTERS OF HEALTH**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Forty-first Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 25 February to 4 March 1985,

Considering that the growth of nations depends on the sound health and well-being of their peoples,

Considering that sound health spearheads economic development as noted in the Lagos Plan of Action,

Desirous of fulfilling the objective set forth by the theme: “Health for all by the Year 2000”,

Considering that it is necessary for Africa to adopt a common stand on health matters before the WHO Annual General Assembly,

Desirous of ensuring that the health needs of the Continent are adequately taken care of by the WHO:

1. **DECIDES** to recommend to the Assembly of Heads of State and Government the convening of an annual meeting of African Ministers of Health of Member States for consultation with a view to harmonizing the African stand on the agenda items of the WHO General Assembly and other matters of interest to the African continent in the field Health;
2. **FURTHER RECOMMENDS** that this meeting for consultation is held in Addis Ababa, Headquarters of the Organization of African Unity, before each session of the WHO General Assembly.

RESOLUTION ON THE WORLD WOMEN CONFERENCE

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Forty-first Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 25 February to 4 March 1985,

Having heard the rapporteur's report of Committee B on Agenda Item (d) relating to the report of the Secretary-General a.i. on the African Regional Women Conference held in Arusha, Tanzania in October 1984 in preparation for the 1985 World Women Conference in July 1985,

Conscious of the active participation of women in the liberation struggle of the African continent and their role in Africa's development,

Considering the programme of activity contained in Chapter XII of the Lagos Plan of Action on Women and development,

Further considering the numerous activities undertaken by the Pan-African Women Organization (PAWO) as part of the United Nations Women Decade and the implementation of the Lagos Plan of Action,

Conscious of the honour and privilege it is for Africa to host in July 1985 in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya, the World Women Conference that will examine the contribution of all regions of the world towards the attainment of the objectives of the United Nations Women's Decade:

1. **COMMENDS** the Secretariats of the OAU, ECA and the Pan-African Women's Organization for the efforts they have made to facilitate the harmonization of their positions on items included in the Agenda of the World Women Conference;

- 2. APPEALS URGENTLY to all OAU Member States to give special attention to the preparation for this Conference, to participate in it at the highest level and to ensure as far as possible that their delegations are led by women;**
- 3. URGES the OAU Secretary-General a.i. to support by all means possible the actions undertaken by the Pan-African Women's Organization to realize the objectives of the United Nations Women's Decade and those of the Lagos Plan of Action;**
- 4. REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General a.i. and the ECA Executive Secretary to support fully and to pool all the necessary resources in order to ensure maximum African participation in the World Women Conference with a view to defending the African stand adopted at the Arusha Regional Conference on the vital problems facing African Women;**
- 5. REQUESTS the Advisory Committee on Administrative, Budgetary and Financial Matters to take the necessary steps to make available to the Pan-African Women's Organization the subvention normally granted by the OAU to such programmes of activity to enable the Organization to contribute positively and effectively to the participation of African women in the World Women Conference in NAIROBI.**

VOTE OF THANKS

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Forty-first Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 25 February to 4 March 1985,

Expressing its satisfaction with the excellent arrangements which have contributed to the smooth running of the deliberations of the Forty-first Ordinary Session in a spirit of brotherhood and cordiality,

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

- 1. EXPRESSES ITS PROFOUND GRATITUDE to the Government and people of Socialist Ethiopia for the warm and fraternal welcome accorded to the delegations of OAU Member States;**
- 2. EXPRESSES FURTHER its thanks to Comrade Mengistu Haile Mariam, Chairman of the Provisional Military Administrative Council of the Workers Party of Ethiopia and Commander in Chief of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Socialist Ethiopia, for the important address which was delivered on his behalf by Comrade Fikre Selassie Wogderes, Vice-Chairman of the Council of Ministers;**
- 3. COMMENDS the Chairman of the Council for the competent manner in which he directed the deliberations of this Session;**
- 4. THANKS the Secretary-General a.i. and the General Secretariat for the lucid and detailed reports presented to the Council and for their devotion to duty as clearly manifested throughout the Session;**

- 5. COMMENDS and THANKS to the Secretary-General a.i. of the OAU and the Executive Secretary of the ECA for their co-ordination in making preparations for this very successful Session of the Council of Ministers.**