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RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE FORTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

RESOLUTION ON THE PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1988-89

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Forty-seventh Ordinary Session, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 22 to 27 February 1988,

<u>Having considered</u> the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative, Budgetary and Financial matters on the management of the finances of the Organization during the period 1986-87, Document CM/1459 (XLVII),

<u>Having examined</u> the recommended programme and budget of the General Secretariat for the financial year 1988-89, Document CM/1458 (XLVII) Rev. 1,

Desirous of ensuring sound financial management in the Organization,

<u>Aware</u> of the difficult economic and financial conditions prevailing in all OAU Member States,

<u>Deeply concerned</u> about the ever increasing arrears of contributions due to the Organization's operating budgets and the need for urgent steps to be taken to resolve this very pressing problem which, if not resolved, could paralyze the activities of the General Secretariat:

- 1. CONGRATULATES the OAU Current Chairman on the positive initiatives he has continuously taken to encourage Member States to pay their arrears and their contributions to the current budget;
- 2. COMMENDS member States which have fully paid up their assessed contributions and APPEALS to all Member States which have not yet done so to pay their contributions;

- 3. TAKES NOTE of the work done by the Board of External Auditors and the Advisory Committee in appraising and monitoring the financial and management activities of the General Secretariat;
- 4. ENCOURAGES the Secretary-General to continue the efforts he has embarked on to promote greater efficiency in the management of the Organization's financial, material and human resources;
- 5. APPROVES the 1988/89 programme and ADOPTS the Budget of US\$25,029,744.00 for the operations of the Organization for the financial year;
- 6. AUTHORIZES the Secretary-General to implement the budget and, in consultation with the Advisory Committee on Administrative, Budgetary and Financial Matters, to resolve all administrative and financial issues contained in the Committee's Report and recommendations within the ceiling of the approved budgetary expenditure stated in paragraph 5 above in accordance with the Financial Rules and Regulations.

DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OR THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE, BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Forty-seventh Ordinary Session, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 22 to 27 February 1988,

<u>Having considered</u> report CM/1461 (XLVII) on the above-mentioned Draft Rules of Procedure,

Having heard the statement made by the Chairman of the advisory Committee,

Noting that the Committee has so far functioned without Rules of Procedure,

<u>Convinced</u> that the Committee has to deal with new matters requiring the use of specific Rules of Procedure:

- 1. COMMENDS the delegation of Zaire for the initiative taken in raising this matter and in drafting the Rules of Procedure;
- 2. CONGRATULATES the Chairman and members of the Committee on having considered this draft in the spirit of solidarity which has enabled them to reach a consensus on most of the delicate issues;
- 3. ADOPTS the Draft Rules of Procedure as contained in Document CM/1461 (XLVII) taking into account the corrections pointed out by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee in this statement;
- 4. DECIDED that the aforementioned Rules of Procedure should be enforced as from this Session.

PRESOLUTION ON THE REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE REVIEW OF THE SCALE OF ASSESSMENT OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Forty-seventh Ordinary Session, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 22 to 27 February 1988,

<u>Having considered</u> the report of the Standing Committee on the Review of the Scale of Assessment, Document CM/1465 (XLVII),

<u>Desirous</u> of reviewing the Nairobi Scale of Assessment which had been in force for more than six years and regarded by the majority of Member Countries as not indicative of the real conditions currently obtaining in Member Countries which determine their capacities to contribute to the Organization's budget,

<u>Recalling</u> the decision of the Council of Ministers that the Standing Committee on the review of the Scale of Assessment prepares and submits a Scale of Assessment to the Forty-seventh Session of the Council of Ministers,

Noting with appreciation the work done by the Standing Committee on the Review of the Scale of Assessment of the OAU as contained in its report, Document CM/1464 (XLVII):

- 1. RECOGNIZES the possibility to review the Scale of Assessment every five years in the light of changes likely to occur in the factors agreed on for the establishment of the Scale of Assessment;
- 2. DECIDES to adopt the Scale of Assessment proposed by the Standing Committee on the Review of the scale of assessment of the Organization of African Unity as contained in Table 6 of Document CM/1465 (XLVII);

3. CHARGE	CHARGES the Secretary-General to implement the new Scale of		
Contribut	ions which will apply for a period of	five years beginning June1,	
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RESOLUTION ON THE CELEBRATION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH			

ANNIVERSARY OF THE OAU

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Forty-seventh Ordinary Session, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 22 to 27 February 1988,

<u>Taking note</u> of the interim report of the Programme Committee for the celebration of the Twenty-fifth (25th) Anniversary of the Organization of African Unity (Document CM/1482 (XLVII)),

<u>Recalling</u> the relevant clauses of resolution CM/Res.1078 (XLV) adopted by the Forty-fifth Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers held in Addis Ababa, from 23 to 28 February 1987,

<u>Considering</u> that after a quarter of a century of existence, the time has come to take stock of the achievements and failures of our Organization and identify its future prospects,

<u>Desirous</u> of making this a memorable occasion both at Headquarters and in Member States:

- 1. ADOPTS the proposals on the events to commemorate the 25th
 Anniversary as contained in the report of Committee A;
- 2. CONGRATULATES the Programme Committee on its interim report and urges it to finalize the programme contained in its report before the end of May 1988;
- 3. REQUESTS all Member States, regional and sub-regional offices of the OAU, Liberation Movements, Specialized Institutions of the OAU, Organizations with OAU Observer Status, to take all necessary steps to ensure that the Twenty-fifth Anniversary is celebrated with pomp and pageantry and to make national and international opinion aware of the objectives of the OAU.

RESOLUTION ON THE

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE PLIGHT OF REFUGEES, RETURNEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Forty-seventh Ordinary Session, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 22 to 27 February 1988,

<u>Having considered</u> the report of the OAU Commission of Fifteen on Refugees on the general situation of refugees in Africa and especially with regard to the preparations underway for the holding of an International Conference on the Plight of Refugees, Returnees and Displaced Persons in Southern Africa,

<u>Recalling</u> its Resolution CM/Res.1117 (XLVI) of July 1987, on the grave and deteriorating situation of refugees, returnees and displaced persons in the Southern Africa region, and the consequent heavy burden borne by the countries of the region,

<u>Noting with appreciation</u> the steps so far taken by the Secretary-General towards the convening of the International Conference with a view to: sensitizing the international community to the plight of refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Southern Africa;

Noting with satisfaction the co-operation and support of the United Nations Secretary-General and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees which have culminated in the adoption of UN General Assembly Resolution 42/106 of December 1987, calling on the United Nations system for its support in the preparation and organization of the Conference,

Emphasizing the need for all Member States of the OAU to fully participate at the Ministerial level, in the said Conference,

<u>Recognizing</u> the importance and urgency to prepare comprehensive and exhaustive documentation reflecting the situation and magnitude of the burden

borne by the countries of the region as well as the plight of refugees, returnees and displaced persons:

- 1. TAKES NOTE WITH APPRECIATION of the reports of the OAU

 Commission of Fifteen on Refugees and of the OAU Secretary-General
 highlighting the plight of refugees, returnees and displaced persons in
 Southern Africa in particular;
- 2. EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION to the Secretary-General for the action so far taken towards the convening of the International Conference on the Plight of Refugees, Returnees and Displaced Persons in Southern Africa;
- 3. EXPRESSES FURTHER ITS GRATITUDE to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees and the UNDP Administrator for their support, co-operation and the concrete contributions they are making towards the realization of the Conference;
- 4. NOTES WITH APPRECIATION the gesture demonstrated by the Government of Norway in accepting to host the Conference in Oslo, from 29 to 31 August 1988;
- 5. COMMENDS the Steering Committee of the Conference for the initiatives and actions so far taken to mobilize human, financial and material resources needed for the preparation of the said Conference and URGES it to continue with its efforts to ensure the success of the Conference;
- 6. APPEALS to the Frontline and other neighboring independent States in Southern Africa to give all the needed assistance and co-operation to the inter-agency missions which will soon visit these States for the purpose of preparing technically sound and comprehensive documentation for presentation of the Conference;

- 7. EXHORTS all Member States of the OAU and all the National Liberation Movements recognized by the OAU to ensure their full and effective participation in the said Conference and accordingly URGES all Member States to be represented at Ministerial level;
- 8. CALLS FURTHER on the Member States of the United Nations and the international community, including non-governmental organizations which contribute to humanitarian programmes in Africa, to demonstrate their commitment and adherence to the principles of burden sharing and international solidarity by fully participating in the Conference and by making concrete contributions to the realization of the Conference's objectives.

RESOLUTION ON SOUTHERN AFRICA

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Forty-seventh Ordinary Session, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 22 to 27 February 1988,

<u>Cognizant</u> that the year 1988 marks the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the founding of the Organization of African Unity,

<u>Recalling</u> the purposes and principles of the Charter of the Organization of African Unity, in particular, the African commitment to the total emancipation of the African territories which are still colonized,

<u>Mindful</u> of the need to review the liberation struggle in Southern Africa in all its aspects,

<u>Recalling and reaffirming</u> all the resolutions adopted by the Council of Ministers on Southern Africa,

<u>Noting</u> the very critical situation of violence being continuously perpetrated against the Frontline and other Neighboring States by the racist regime in Pretoria,

<u>Nothing further</u> the continued presence of South African regular forces in Southern regions of the People's Republic of Angola, and the continuous threat that these forces pose to that country,

<u>Aware</u> of the tenacity, resilience and readiness of the Angolan armed forces and greatly encouraged by its military successes against the regular South African army, its battalion of mercenaries and bandit surrogates,

<u>Aware</u> of the efforts that the Member States of the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference (SADCC) are exerting in their attempts to consolidate their co-operative relationships and reinforce regional cooperation,

<u>Noting also</u> the contemptuous action of the racist regime in its banning of seventeen democratic organizations in South Africa,

<u>Further noting</u> the condemnable attempts by the racist regime to divide the majority population by encouraging "black on black violence",

<u>Keenly aware</u> of the determination of the racist Pretoria regime to escalate the acts of banditry in the Frontline and other Neighboring States, and thereby derail the efforts of the SADCC Member States,

<u>Taking into account</u> the declarations of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government on Southern Africa in particular, AHG/Decl. 2 (XXIII); and most especially AHG/Decl. 1 (XXII), which established the Committee of Heads of State on the Question of Southern Africa:

- 1. REAFFIRMS ITS COMMITMENT to the total eradication of colonialism from Africa, and also, its determination to bring about the independence of Namibia, and the elimination of apartheid from South Africa;
- 2. FURTHER REAFFIRMS ITS UNFLINCHING SUPPORT to the National Liberation Movements of Namibia and South Africa, and the commitment to increase financial and material assistance to them;
- 3. URGES the Member States, to increase their assistance to the Frontline and other Neighboring States to enable them fulfill Article II (1c) of the Charter of the Organization: defend their sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence;
- 4. FURTHER URGES the international community to unreservedly condemn the continued presence of South African troops in the Southern regions of the People's Republic of Angola and also the continuous acts of

aggression and destabilization perpetrated by the Pretoria regime against the Frontline States;

- 5. CONGRATULATES the armed forces of the People's Republic of Angola (FPLA), for its successful military campaigns against the bandit surrogates of Pretoria, and its resilient defence of the Southern parts of Angola against the South African regular army;
- 6. FURTHER CONGRATULATES and COMMENDS the Government and people of the People's Republic of Angola for the great sacrifices they continue to make in the name of Africa in the struggle for independence in Namibia and for freedom in South Africa;
- 7. REAFFIRMS ITS TOTAL SUPPORT for the efforts of the Member States of the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference to consolidate their co-operative relationships and break their economic dependence upon South Africa;
- 8. REITERATES the need for increased assistance to be given to the Frontline States to enable them withstand the acts of destabilization being waged by the racist regime of South Africa and its bandit surrogates;
- 9. STRONGLY CONDEMNS the racist Pretoria regime for its contempt for international public opinion, and for its immoral and illegitimate action banning seventeen democratic organizations including the broadly based United Democratic Front (UDF);
- 10. REITERATES ITS CONVICTION that the racist Pretoria regime must be isolated internationally, because of its blatant rejection of all peaceful means to bring about meaningful and acceptable change in South Africa;
- 11. CALLS UPON the United Nations Security Council to rise up to its responsibilities and invoke the measures outlined in Chapter 7 of the United Nations Charter against the racist regime in Pretoria;

12. REQUESTS the Co-ordinating Committee for the Liberation of Africa to submit to the Forty-eighth Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers, a document reviewing the situation of the liberation struggle in Southern Africa and outlining a new strategy for the acceleration of the total liberation of Africa and the final elimination of apartheid.

RESOLUTION ON NAMIBIA

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Forty-seventh Ordinary Session, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 22 to 27 February 1988,

<u>Cognizant</u> of the fact that 1988 marks the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the founding of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), and renewing its commitment to work in earnest for the total liberation of Namibia in fulfillment of one of the cardinal principles of the Charter of the OAU, namely, "to eradicate all forms of colonialism from Africa",

<u>Remembering with sadness</u> that 1988 also marks the tenth anniversary of the brutal massacre carried out at Kassinga, on 4 May, 1978 by the fascist troops of the racist Pretoria regime, resulting in the killing and wounding of more than 1,000 innocent Namibian men, women and children,

<u>Recalling and reaffirming</u> all the previous resolutions and decisions on Namibia adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government and the Council of Ministers including the Arusha Plan of Action and the Solidarity Fund in support of SWAPO in the liberation struggle,

Expressing unswerving support for Security Council Resolutions 435 (1978) and 601 (1987) and General Assembly Resolutions 1514 (XV) of 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and People's, 2145 of 27 October, 1966 and 2248 (S – V) of 19th May, 1967,

<u>Firmly convinced</u> about the urgent necessity to vigorously encourage the ever growing world-wide solidarity campaign aimed at mobilizing increased and allround support, including military and financial support, to the heroic struggle of the people of Namibia, under the leadership of SWAPO, their sole and authentic representative, to end racist South Africa's illegal occupation, colonialism, military build-up and brutal repression in their country,

<u>Indignant</u> about the continued assistance rendered to racist South Africa by its powerful Western allies which continue to frustrate all the efforts of the international community aimed at imposing mandatory sanctions against South Africa including the exercise of vetoes in the Security Council in defence of apartheid and in opposition to democratic elections in Namibia,

Strongly urging the international community to increase financial, material, military and political support to the Frontline States so as to enable them to resolve their economic problems, which are largely a direct consequence of Pretoria's policies of aggression and sabotage, and to defend themselves better against its persistent military campaign to destabilize them,

Taking note with satisfaction the detailed report submitted by the Current Chairman of the Liberation Committee,

Taking note with satisfaction of the comprehensive report submitted by the Executive Secretary, Appreciating the efforts by the People's Liberation Army of Namibia (PLAN), SWAPO's military wing, to advance the armed struggle to new heights and to score significant victories in the battlefield against the vicious enemy during the period under review:

- 1. VEHEMENTLY CONDEMNS the racist regime of South Africa for its continued illegal occupation military build-up, brutal repression of the Namibian people, dilatory tactics and its stubborn refusal to sign and observe a cease-fire with SWAPO, to pave the way towards the speedy implementation of Security Council Resolution 435 (1978), which, it must be stated with deep regrets will mark the tenth anniversary this year;
- 2. STRONGLY URGES all Governments, International and National Organizations and individuals, especially those that maintain close links with the racist Pretoria regime to support the holding of free and fair elections, under the supervision and control of the United Nations in Namibia, on the basis of Security Council Resolution 435 (1978);

- 3. REITERATES the continued legal and direct responsibility of the UN over Namibia until the achievement of genuine independence;
- 4. WELCOMES the determination by the UN Secretary-General in his recent reports on Namibia submitted to the Security Council that all outstanding issues relevant to the implementation of Resolution 435 have now been resolved;
- 5. CALLS UPON the UN Secretary-General to intensify his efforts to arrange, in the context of Security Council Resolution 601 (1987), a cease-fire between SWAPO and the Botha regime as a first step leading to the emplacement of UNTAG in Namibia and the conduct of free and fair elections as provided for in the UN Plan for the independence of the Territory;
- 6. COMMENDS SWAPO for once again, expressing readiness, as an act of political will and flexibility, to sign and observe a cease-fire with the Botha regime, but, at the same time EXHORTS it to remain vigilant, in the face of the enemy's unceasing obfuscations, and continue unabated with the intensification of the armed struggle until the Botha regime is prepared to sign a cease-fire agreement;
- 7. STRONGLY URGES the Security Council to convene at the Ministerial level and take all the necessary practical steps in order to give an added impetus to the current efforts of the UN Secretary-General in terms of Resolution 601 (1987), and to ensure that Namibia does not continue to languish under South Africa's illegal occupation and colonial tyranny ten years after the adoption of UN Resolution 435 (1978);
- 8. ENCOURAGES the UN Council for Namibia, in fulfillment of the mandate entrusted to it more than 20 years ago, to take all the necessary steps, in co-operation with SWAPO and the OAU, to establish itself in Namibia to organize the transition process and to hand-over power to Namibian people on the basis of their freely and democratically expressed wishes.

RESOLUTION ON SOUTH AFRICA

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Forty-seventh Ordinary Session, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 22 to 27 February 1988,

<u>Having considered and examined</u> the Executive Secretary and Standing Committee on Policy, Information and Defence concerning the situation in South Africa,

<u>Having also heard</u> statements by the African National Congress (ANC) and the Pan-Africanist Congress (PAC) on the grave situation in South Africa as well as on their activities generally,

<u>Noting with concern</u> the ever-increasing repression of the oppressed people of South Africa as exemplified by the continuing State of Emergency, arbitrary arrest and detention judicial murders, and further curbs on press freedom,

<u>Noting further with concern</u> the masterminding of the so-called black on black violence by the racist South African regime as part of its efforts to divert attention from its obnoxious apartheid system,

<u>Taking note</u> of the release of Mr. Govan Mbeki, Mr. John Nkosi and others from prison and <u>also taking note with concern</u> of the restrictions placed on their free movement and action,

<u>Noting with appreciation</u> the growing militancy in the resistance of the oppressed as characterized by strikes and boycotts,

<u>Bearing in mind</u> the solemn commitment of all Member States of the OAU to eliminate apartheid by all means possible:

1. COMMENDS the oppressed people of South Africa and their vanguard movements for their resillience and courage in the struggle for freedom

and EXHORTS them, workers in industrial mines, farmers, students, the employed as well as the unemployed to increase the tempo of their resistance;

- 2. CALLS ON all Member States of the OAU to step up their assistance to the struggling people of South Africa through their National Liberation Movements recognized by the OAU and on the occasion of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the OAU, to organize fund-raising activities to support the Liberation struggle;
- 3. FURTHER CALLS ON all Member States, in conformity with ILO and OAU Labour Commission's decisions, to discourage their nationals from working in South Africa;
- 4. URGES all OAU Member States and the international community to impose comprehensive and mandatory sanctions against South Africa as that remains the only peaceful weapon to avert a blood-bath;
- 5. VEHEMENTLY CONDEMNS the Reagan Administration, the Governments of the United Kingdom, the Federal Republic of Germany for their persistent opposition to sanctions against South Africa;
- 6. REQUESTS the Current Chairman and the Secretary-General of the OAU as well as all Foreign Ministers of the Member States to make representations to those countries opposed to sanctions about Africa's concern that their opposition to sanctions only serves to embolden the Pretoria regime in its defiance of the international community, its campaign of state terrorism in South Africa and Namibia and in its destabilization of the Frontline and neighboring States;
- 7. WELCOMES the release of Govan Mbeki, John Nkosi and others from long prison term sentences but STRONGLY CONDEMNS the Pretoria regime for the restrictions imposed on them and on their movements, and DEMANDS the immediate removal of the restrictions;

- 8. VIGOROUSLY CONDEMNS the death sentences imposed on over 40 patriots including the Sharpeville six and APPEALS to the international community to exert pressure on the racist regime to rescind the sentences;
- 9. REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the OAU to disseminate widely to the international community the important conclusions of the Arusha Conference;
- 10. DEMANDS ONCE AGAIN the immediate release of Nelson Mandela, Zephania Mutopeng and all other political prisoners;
- 11. VEHEMENTLY CONDEMNS the racist South Africa regime for the acts of massacre against the black population by its sponsored Inkatha Movement with the help of the racist police force;
- 12. FURTHER STRONGLY CONDEMNS the racist South African regime for being responsible for the so-called black on black conflict and calls upon the oppressed people of South Africa to close ranks and stop dissipating their energies on such unproductive conflict.

Reservation expressed by: Tunisia: Operative Para 5

RESOLUTION ON SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Forty-seventh Ordinary Session, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 22 to 27 February 1988,

<u>Having considered</u> the report of the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity on the Middle East as contained in Document CM/1472 (XLVII) Rev. 1,

<u>Guided by</u> the principles and purposes of the Charters of the OAU and the United Nations and by the common determination of the African and Arab peoples to fight jointly to safeguard their freedom,

<u>Recalling</u> 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,

Noting with deep concern that inspite 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 expansionist and occupation policy,

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

Noting with concern that the alliance between the Zionist regime of Israel and the apartheid regime of South Africa is aimed at promoting the policy of terrorism and liquidation of the Palestinians and the 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 and the Council of Ministers of the OAU and its total and effective support for the Palestinian people under the dynamic leadership of its sole and legitimate representative, the Palestine Liberation Organization;
- 2. FURTHER REAFFIRMS its total support for the Arab countries, victims of Israel aggression, and its support for the Palestinian people in their just struggle to recover their usurped "inalienable" rights and their occupied territories;
- 3. 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 time of war;
- 4. CONDEMNS VIGOROUSLY the establishment of settlement by Israel in Palestine and in the other occupied territories and the Judaisation of the city of Jerusalem and its proclamation as its capital;
- 5. MAKES AN URGENT APPEAL to the international community to exert effective pressure on Israel in all fields so as to force it to comply with the decisions of the international community and REITERATES ITS REQUEST to the Security Council to take the necessary measures to secure international protection to the Palestinian people in the occupied territories and to compel Israel to end its occupation of the Arab and Palestinian territories and to help the Palestinian people to exercise their national rights, in accordance with the recommendations adopted by the UN Special Committee on the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people;
- 6. STRONGLY CONDEMNS all agreements concluded separately and all commitments made individually which constitute a flagrant violation of the rights of the Palestinian people and which hinder the fulfillment of the aspirations of that people such as the return to their homeland, the exercise of its right of self-determination and its full sovereignty over its territory;

- 7. STRONGLY SUPPORT the convening of the International Conference on the Situation in the Middle East with the participation of the permanent members of the Security Council of the United Nations, and the participation on equal footing of all the concerned parties including the Palestine Liberation Organization, the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people;
- 8. STRONGLY COMMENDS the heroic role of the Lebanese people in confronting Israel's aggression and VEHEMENTLY CONDEMNS the aggressions perpetrated against Lebanon and the continued occupation of its territories;
- 9. 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;
- 10. DEMANDS ISRAEL to put an immediate end to the illegal occupation of Southern Lebanon and considers null and void any measures taken by Israel in the occupied Arab territories aimed at exploiting their resources and REQUESTS all States, International Organizations and Investment Agencies not to co-operate with it, in any form whatsoever, in its exploitation of these resources and sources of energy;
- 11. STRONGLY CONDEMNS the unholy alliance between racist South African regime, and Israel and their co-operation in atomic field which threatened security and peace in Africa and the Middle East and their similarity of oppression, aggression and destabilization of neighboring states in Southern Africa and middle East respectively;
- 12. REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General to monitor the developments in the Middle East question and to report to the next Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity.

Reservations expressed by:

Cameroon: Preambular Para 6
Libya: Operative para 7

Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Liberia, Togo, Zaire: Operative Para 9

Cameroon: Operative Para 11

RESOLUTION ON THE QUESTION OF PALESTINE

The Council of Ministers of the Organisation of African Unity, meeting in its Forty-seventh Ordinary Session, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 22 to 27 February 1988,

<u>Having considered</u> the report of the Secretary-General on the Question of Palestine as contained in Document CM/1473 (XLVII) Rev. 2,

<u>Recalling</u> the resolutions adopted by the previous sessions of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government and the Council of Ministers on the Question of Palestine and the Problem of the Middle East,

<u>Guided</u> by the principles and objectives of the Charters of the OAU and UN and the joint struggle against Zionism and racism in order to attain freedom, independence and peace,

<u>Further recalling</u> all the resolutions adopted by the United Nations and Non-Aligned Movement on the Question of Palestine and the Problem of the Middle East,

<u>Noting</u> the report of the United Nations Committee on the exercise by the Palestinian people of their inalienable national rights,

<u>Noting also</u> the reports of the UN Secretary-General and his continuous efforts to realize a comprehensive just and lasting peace in the Middle East and his efforts to enhance the peace process,

<u>Reaffirming</u> the legitimacy of the struggle of the Palestinian people under the leadership of the PLO, its sole legitimate representative in order to retrieve its land and exercise its full national rights,

<u>Following attentively and with deep concern</u> the popular uprising of the Palestinian people in the occupied territories to put an end to the Israeli

occupation and achieve those national inalienable and imprescriptible rights, notably their right to self-determination, the return to their homeland and the establishment of their independent Palestinian state, Jerusalem as its capital,

<u>Viewing with grave concern</u> that the alliance between the Zionist entity in Israel and the <u>apartheid</u> regime in South Africa aims at adopting a terrorist policy to liquidate the Palestinians and the Arabs in the Arab and Palestinian occupied lands on one hand, and the people of South Africa and Namibia on the other:

1. REAFFIRMS all the previous resolutions and recommendations adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government and the meeting of the Council of Ministers on the Question of Palestine;

2. FURTHER REITERATES:

- the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people to return to their homeland and properties in Palestine from which they were displaced;
- b) the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination without any outside interference and the establishment of their independent and sovereign Palestinian state on their homeland with Jerusalem as its capital;
- 3. VEHEMENTLY CONDEMNS Israel the occupying power and its oppressive "iron-fist" racist policies against the Palestinians in the occupied territories, as this continuous policy of occupation, confiscation of land and water resources, deportation and illegal detentions constitute a flagrant violation of the universal declaration on Human Rights and the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 on the Protection of citizens during the time of war;
- 4. SUPPORTS the call for an International Conference in accordance with the provisions of the resolutions of the UN General Assembly No. 38/580 of 13/12/83 and 41/43D of 3/12/86 with participation of the Permanent

Members of the UN Security Council and the parties concerned including the participation of the PLO, the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people on equal footing with the other parties;

- 5. CALLS for the immediate unconditional withdrawal of Israel from all Palestinian occupied territories including Jerusalem and CALLS ON the UN and particularly the UN Security Council to take all necessary measures that would compel Israel to end its occupation and withdraw its forces immediately and to secure international protection through UN forces for the Palestinians in the occupied territories and to act as the supervisory organ during the transitional period to enable the Palestinian people to exercise their national inalienable and imprescriptible right as approach conducive to a successful convening of an International Conference;
- 6. SUPPORTS the efforts deployed at the level of the UN Security Council to pass a resolution recognizing the national inalienable rights of the Palestinian people notably their right to selfdetermination and CALLS FOR the implementation of the Council's Resolutions No. 605, 607, 608 on the Situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territories;
- 7. EXPRESSES ITS UNEQUIVOCAL SUPPORT for the heroic popular uprising of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territories and CALLS ON the UN to impose deterrent sanctions to stop the Israeli repressive policies against the Palestinian people;
- 8. APPEALS to all peace-loving peoples and forces of the world especially those of the EEC countries and Japan to give increased support to the Palestinian people in their just struggle to put an end to the Israeli occupation and to restore their national inalienable rights;
- 9. STRONGLY CONDEMNS the closure of the Palestinian Information
 Office in Washington and the American decision to attempt to close down
 the official Permanent Mission of the PLO to the UNITED NATIONS
 which constitute a blatant challenge to the will of the international

community and a violation of the Headquarters Agreement and REAFFIRMS its FULL SUPPORT for the right of all official missions including that of the PLO, to all necessary privileges and facilities to pursue their activities at the UN and all its Specialized Agencies;

10. CALLS ON the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity to follow-up the developments of the Palestinian Question and submit a report on them to the forthcoming Session of the OAU Council of Ministers.

Reservations expressed by:

Cameroon: Preambular Para 9

Libya: Operative Para 4

RESOLUTION ON AFRO-ARAB CO-OPERATION

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Forty-seventh Ordinary Session, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 22 to 27 February 1988,

<u>Having considered</u> the report of the Secretary-General contained in Document CM/1481 (XLVII),

<u>Recalling</u> the Declaration and Programme of Action of the First Afro-Arab Summit Conference held in Cairo, Egypt, from 7 to 8 March 1977,

<u>Reaffirming</u> its commitment to uphold the principles and objectives of Afro-Arab Co-operation,

<u>Mindful</u> of the fact that the organs established by the First Afro-Arab Summit should function regularly in the re-launching process of the various co-operation programmes of common interest to both parties,

<u>Aware</u> of the efforts being deployed by both parties in enhancing Afro-Arab Cooperation,

<u>Considering</u> the proposal of the League of Arab States with respect to the convening of an <u>Ad Hoc</u> meeting of the outgoing and current Chairman and the Secretaries-General of the two Organizations in order to exchange views on ways and means of reactivating Afro-Arab Co-operation and <u>taking note</u> of the fact that this meeting will be attended by Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Member States concerned:

1. TAKES NOTE of the report of the Secretary-General on Afro-Arab Cooperation;

- 2. EXPRESSES ITS THANKS to the Government of Burkina Faso for the renewal of its invitation to host the Ninth Session of the Standing Commission for Afro-Arab Co-operation in Ouagadougou;
- 3. COMMENDS the renewed efforts deployed by the Secretaries-General of the OAU and the League of Arab States in reactivating Afro-Arab Cooperation, and URGES them to pursue further efforts in close collaboration with the Government of Burkina Faso, with a view to convening the Ninth Session of the Standing Commission for Afro-Arab Co-operation as soon as possible;
- 4. TAKES NOTE of the outcome of the consultative meeting of 15 December 1987 between the two Secretaries-General of the OAU and the League of Arab States and ACCEPTS the proposal for an Ad Hoc Meeting of the outgoing and Current Chairman and the Secretaries-General of the two Organizations, in order to exchange views on ways and means of reactivating Afro-Arab co-operation, it being understood that the meeting will be attended by Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Member Countries concerned;
- 5. REQUESTS the Secretary-General to consult with his counterpart of the League of Arab States, with a view to convening the <u>Ad Hoc</u> Meeting, as early as possible, and to report to the next Session of the Council on the outcome of the meeting.

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-seventh Ordinary Session, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 22 to 27 February 1988,

<u>Having considered</u> the report of the Secretary-General on the activities and operations of the Special Emergency assistance Fund for Drought and Famine in Africa, contained in Document CM/1468 (XLVII),

<u>Recalling</u> Resolution AHG/Res.133 (XX), CM/Res.962 (XLI) and CM/Res.1006 (XLII) on the operational modalities of the Fund,

<u>Noting with satisfaction</u> the laudable activities that the Fund has continued to undertake, within its limited resources, and under the guidance of the Policy Committee of the Fund,

<u>Conscious</u> of the fact that in order to attain the aims and objective of the fund and to ensure its continued operations, efforts should be intensified in the campaign for the mobilization of additional financial resources, so as to replenish the Fund's resources:

- 1. TAKES NOTE of the report of the Secretary-General;
- 2. COMMENDS the Secretary-General and the Policy Committee of the Fund for the relentless efforts being deployed in ensuring the effective operation of the Fund and in sustaining the campaign for the mobilization of financial resources for the Fund and URGES them to continue all efforts in that regard;
- 3. EXPRESSES ITS GRAVE CONCERN over the low level of contributions into the Fund and STRONGLY APPEALS, once more, to all Member

States to make voluntary contributions to the Fund and to those that have made pledges to honor their pledges;

- 4. CALLS UPON Member States to assist the Secretary-General and the Policy Committee in the campaign for the mobilization of financial resources for the Fund;
- 5. ENDORSES the recommendations of the Policy Committee of the Fund;
- 6. EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION to the African Development Bank, the Economic Commission for Africa and other institutions that have continued to participate and assist in the activities and operations of the Fund.

RESOLUTION ON THE FOLLOW UP OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DISARMAMENT AND

DEVELOPMENT AND THE THIRD SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON DISARMAMENT

The Council of Ministers of the Organisation of African Unity, meeting in its Forty-seventh Ordinary Session, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 22 to 27 February 1988,

<u>Recalling</u> the Declaration and Programme of Action adopted in Lome in August 1985 on Security, Disarmament and Development in Africa endorsed by the Twenty-third Ordinary Session of the OAU Assembly of Heads of State and Government,

Recalling that the Forty-fourth Ordinary Session of the Council had set up an Ad-Hoc Committee of 14 to study in detail the Lome Declaration and Programme of Action,

Bearing in mind Resolution AHG/Res.64 (XXIII) through which the OAU Assembly of Heads of State and Government had adopted the document prepared by the Committee and requested that it be transmitted to the International Conference on the relationship between Disarmament and Development as a document reflecting the view points of African states on the issue,

<u>Considering</u> that the final document A/CONF.130/39 of that International Conference held from 24 August to 11 September 1987, in New York, recognized for the first time that a choice would have to be made between pursuing the arms race and promoting world socio-economic development,

<u>Having taken note</u> of the oral report of the Chairman of the <u>Ad-Hoc</u> Committee of 14:

- REAFFIRMS its conviction that the implementation of the Lome
 Declaration and Programme of Action can only have a positive impact on security and development in Africa;
- 2. NOTES WITH SATISFACTION the recognition by the international community of the moral and political link between disarmament and development and of the need to express this in concrete terms through specific measures at national, regional and international levels;
- 3. INVITES all Member States of the Organization of African Unity to monitor actively individually and collectively the implementation of the Programme of Action adopted by the International Conference on the relationship between disarmament and development;
- 4. NOTES with SATISFACTION the recent initiatives taken by the super powers in the field of disarmament as well as the progress made in bilateral and multilateral negotiations on the issue and URGES all the major powers to take into account during the above-mentioned negotiations the specific nature of the problems of disarmament, security and development in the various regions of the world;
- CALLS UPON all OAU Member States to participate in the Third Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly on Disarmament scheduled to take place in New York from 31 May to 25 June 1988;
- 6. REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General to follow up on the conclusions of the International Conference on the relationship between Disarmament and Development;
- 7. REQUESTS the Group of Experts of Member Countries of the <u>Ad-Hoc</u>
 Committee of 14 at the United Nations to prepare in co-operation with the
 OAU Secretariat and the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and
 Disarmament in Africa, a document reflecting the view points of African
 States on all the issues to be discussed during the Third United Nations
 Special Session on Disarmament and request, the Secretary-General, to

submit a report on the preparations for the Third United Nations Special Session on Disarmament and Development to the 48th Session of Council of Ministers;

8. FURTHER REQUESTS the Group of Experts to present the said document to the 48th Session of the Council of Ministers for its approval.

RESOLUTION ON THE RESULTS OF THE SEVENTH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT (UNCTAD VII)

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Forty-seventh Ordinary Session, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 22 to 27 February 1988,

<u>Recalling</u> Resolution CM/Res.1108 (XLVI) requesting the OAU Secretariat to monitor the outcome of UNCTAD VII,

<u>Having considered</u> the report of the Secretary-General on the Seventh Session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD VII) held in Geneva, Switzerland, from 9 July to 3 August, 1987 (Doc. CM/1464 (XLVII)),

<u>Taking note</u> of the report of the Permanent Steering Committee on its evaluation of the results of UNCTAD VII, (Doc. PSC/2 (XLII)),

Noting with grave concern that African economies have been in a crisis since 1985 due, <u>inter alia</u> to the collapse of commodity prices and the consequential drop of export earnings of Africa,

<u>Concerned</u> that the international economic environment has been rendered most unstable and unpredictable and characterized by fluctuating exchange rates, high real interest rates, collapse of prices of commodities of export interest to African countries and by continued rise in the cost of imported goods to African countries and by continued rise in the cost of imported goods of Africa leading to drastic deterioration in Africa's terms of trade and balance of payments,

<u>Further alarmed</u> at the persistence of this state of affairs which further aggravates the external debt crisis of African countries:

1. ENDORSES the recommendations of the Permanent Steering Committee, on its evaluation of the results of UNCTAD VII (Doc. CM/1467 (XLCII));

- 2. COMMENDS the African Group and the Group of 77 for having maintained their solidarity throughout the negotiations in defence of the position and interest of developing countries;
- 3. REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the OAU to:
 - (a) establish direct contact with the Government of Japan with a view to explore how African countries could benefit from the Japanese offers made at UNCTAD VII, and with other countries which have made similar offers of assistance to developing countries;
 - (b) undertake consultations with ECA and UNCTAD Secretariats in order to assist African countries to implement all the decisions contained in the Final Act of UNCTAD VII, and to facilitate the early bringing into operation of the Agreement on the Common Fund for Commodities.
- 4. URGES all African countries to intensify their effort to implement the decisions contained in the Final Act of UNCTAD VII;
- 5. CALLS ON all OAU Member States to provide the General Secretariat of the OAU with detailed information on the actions they have taken or initiated, to implement the decisions of UNCTAD VII, as well as the difficulties encountered so as to enable the Permanent Steering committee to monitor the progress in the implementation of those decisions;
- 6. STRESSES the need for the full implementation of the decisions contained in the Final Act of UNCTAD VII relating to implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action (SNPA) for 1980's for the Least Developed Countries (LDC's) and REQUESTS the Permanent Steering Committee to prepare an African evaluation of the implementation of the SNPA prior to the global review to be undertaken at the United Nations Conference at high level on the Least Developed Countries, scheduled for 1990.

RESOLUTION ON THE SECOND GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (UNIDO)

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Forty-seventh Ordinary Session, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 22 to 27 February 1988,

<u>Having considered</u> document CM/1466 (XLVII) containing the report of the Secretary-General of the OAU on special meeting of the Conference of African Ministers of Industry; and on the Second General Conference of UNIDO as Specialized Agency within the United Nations System, held in Bangkok, Thailand from 9 to 13 November 1987,

<u>Recalling</u> its Resolution CM/Res.1109 (XLVI) by which the Council laid down the broad guidelines and modalities for African preparation for the participation in UNIDO II,

<u>Bearing in mind</u> of the African Memorandum on Industrial Development in Africa (Doc. Sp/COMF/MIN/WD. 87 (OAU)) and of the decisions and resolutions adopted at the Second General Conference of UNIDO (Doc. GC.2/INF.4),

<u>Having considered</u> the report of the 12th meeting of the OAU Permanent Steering Committee containing the Committee's evaluation of the results of UNIDO II (Doc. CM/1467 (XLVII)),

<u>Recalling in particular</u> Resolution GC.2/Res.2 on the Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA) adopted at the Second General Conference of UNIDO, resolution 1987/70 of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, and the relevant ECA resolution relating to the proclamation of a Second IDDA,

Emphasizing the need for relentless effort by all OAU Member States and African Organizations to implement the IDDA programme in view to its crucial role in attaining the objectives of APPER and the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990 (UNPAAERD):

- 1. TAKES NOTE of the report of the special meeting of the Conference of African Ministers of Industry Document (Doc. Sp/CONF/MIN/IND/Rpt), the African Memorandum on Industrial Development in Africa (SP/CONF/MIN/IND.87 (OAU)) and the Decisions and Resolutions of the Second General Conference of UNIDO Document (Doc. GC.2/INF.4);
- 2. COMMENDS the high priority given to the IDDA Programme by the Second General Conference of UNIDO and WELCOMES the decisions of the Conference to provide the IDDA Programme with the sum of US\$8.6 million in the 1988/89 Programme Budget of UNIDO, and APPEALS that this level of resources should be maintained;
- 3. CALLS ON all OAU Member States to give priority attention to the implementation of the Resolutions and Decisions of UNIDO II with the assistance of the General Secretariat, in co-operation with ECA and UNIDO Secretariats;
- 4. FURTHER CALLS ON all OAU Member States, members of the UNIDO Industrial Development Board to press for the establishment of a regional office of UNIDO in Africa and for the establishment of more posts of Senior Industrial Development Field Advisers in Africa and for more Africans to be considered for the post;
- 5. REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the OAU to prepare for the consideration of the Permanent Steering Committee during one of its sessions in 1988, proposals relating to the new concepts and approaches for co-operation in respect of industrial development in conformity with Article 2 (c) of the Constitution of UNIDO;

6. CALLS ON the Director-General of UNIDO, in co-operation with the OAU and ECA, and with the relevant African Inter-governmental Organizations to put into motion the necessary machinery and measures for the implementation of the Decisions and Resolutions of the Second General Conference of UNIDO, especially those relating to the Industrial Development Decade for Africa, the Development of Human Resources and technological capabilities, Institutional arrangements, Progress of industrialization of the Least Developed countries, and Mobilization of financial resources for Industrial Development, and to strengthen the Coordinating Unit for the IDDA in the UNIDO Secretariat.

RESOLUTION ON PUBLICITY OF THE FIFTH ALL-AFRICA TRADE FAIR

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Forty-seventh Ordinary Session, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 22 to 27 February 1988,

<u>Recalling</u> its Resolution CM/Res.277 (XIX) by which it institutionalized the All-Africa Trade Fair to be organized once every four years for all OAU Member States,

<u>Having noted</u> that the Fifth All-Africa Trade Fair is scheduled to take place in Kinshasa, Zaire, from 16 to 31 July 1988,

<u>Bearing in mind</u> that one of the major causes of Africa's external indebtedness is Africa's over-dependence on external trade to promote its economic and social development,

<u>Acknowledging</u> that intra-African trade is a tool for self-reliance and self-sufficiency in pursuing its socio-economic development as called for in the Lagos Plan of Action and the Final Act of Lagos and in several resolutions of the policy organs of the OAU,

Concerned about the low level of intra-African trade,

<u>Recognizing</u> the crucial role that effective publicity in all Member States can play in promoting awareness of the trade opportunities that exist in African counties,

<u>Bearing in mind</u> the recommendations of the African Ministers of Trade and of the Organizing Committee for the Fifth All-Africa Trade Fair at their various meetings held in March, May and December 1987, <u>urging</u> all Member States of the OAU to effectively publicize the 5th All-Africa Trade Fair in their respective countries,

Noting that the OAU General Secretariat is taking steps, in accordance with the recommendations of the Organizing Committee, to launch radio, television and press publicity campaigns in collaboration with the Union of African National Radio and Television Organizations (URTNA) and the Pan African News Agency (PANA):

- 1. REQUESTS the appropriate authorities in all Member States to mobilize all their national newspapers, radio and television systems for effective publicity campaign in their respective countries towards the achievement of the objectives of the Fifth All-Africa Trade Fair;
- 2. URGES all Member States to participate in the Fifth All-Africa Trade Fair scheduled to take place in Kinshasa, Zaire from 16 to 31 July 1988.

RESOLUTION ON THE AWARD OF MEDALS TO AFRICAN INVENTORS AND INNOVATORS

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Forty-seventh Ordinary Session, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 22 to 27 February 1988,

<u>Conscious</u> of the vital role inventors and innovators can play in the Scientific Renaissance of Africa,

<u>Recalling</u> of the objectives spelt out in the Lagos Plan of Action for the Economic Development of Africa, particularly in Chapter V dealing with Sciences,

<u>Recalling</u> the appeal it had made at its Forty-fourth Ordinary Session to African Scientists, Technicians and Researcher's to contribute to the development process in Africa.

<u>Further recalling</u> the recommendation of the First Congress of African Scientists held in Brazzaville in June 1987:

- 1. WELCOMES the decision of the Director-General of the World
 Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and the Executive Director of
 the African Regional Centre for Technology (ARCT) to establish a
 programme for awarding gold medals and certificates to African
 inventors and innovators;
- 2. HAILS the steps taken by the Secretary-General of the OAU in cooperation with WIPO and ARCT, for the first medals of this Programme to be awarded during the ceremonies marking the 25th Anniversary of the OAU;
- 3. RECOMMENDS that Member States take the necessary steps to set up the national jury and to award the medals offered by ARCT and WIPO to the winners;

4. CALLS ON the African Intellectual Property Organization (AIPO) and ESCARIPO to adopt, in turn, measures to encourage research, creativity and innovation in Africa.

RESOLUTION ON THE CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY (OAU) AND THE INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR INSECT PHYSIOLOGY AND ECOLOGY (ICIPE) – NAIROBI, KENYA

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Forty-seventh Ordinary Session, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 22 to 27 February 1988,

<u>Having considered</u> the draft Co-operation Agreement between the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and the International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (ICIPE) – Doc CM/1478 (XLVII),

<u>Conscious</u> of the scientific contribution of ICIPE in combating the deleterious impact of pests in Africa,

<u>Aware</u> of the growing need to promote, enhance and sustain agricultural production in the continent, and the enhancement of animal production and human health,

<u>Considering</u>, the relevance of international co-operation in promoting mutual understanding, especially in the field of human resources development:

- 1. ADOPTS the draft Co-operation Agreement between OAU and ICIPE;
- 2. REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General to sign on behalf of the OAU the Co-operation Agreement between OAU and ICIPE;
- 3. TAKES NOTE of the fact that the implementation of this Co-operation Agreement will not have any financial implications for the OAU;
- 4. CONGRATULATES the Director of ICIPE for his efforts in promoting the scientific development process in Africa.

VOTE OF THANKS

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Forty-seventh Ordinary Session, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 22 to 27 February 1988,

<u>Expressing its satisfaction</u> with the excellent arrangements which have contributed to the smooth process of the deliberations of the Forty-Seventh 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,

- EXPRESSES ITS PROFOUND GRATITUDE to the Government and people of 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, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Ethiopia, President of the People's Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and Commander-in Chief of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Ethiopia, for the important address which was delivered on his behalf by Comrade Berhanu Bayih, member of the Politbureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ethiopia;
- 3. COMMENDS the Chairman of the Council for the competent manner in which he directed the deliberations of this Session;
- 4. THANKS AND COMMENDS the Secretary-General and his staff for the lucid and detailed reports presented to the Council and for their devotion to duty as clearly manifested throughout the Session.