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**RESOLUTION ON SOUTH AFRICA**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-sixth Ordinary Session in Dakar, Senegal, from 22 to 28 June 1992,

Recalling its earlier resolutions, declarations and decisions on South Africa,

Further recalling the decisions taken by the OAU Ad-Hoc Committee of Heads of State and Government on Southern Africa at its Eighth Session held in Arusha, the United Republic of Tanzania, on 28 April 1992,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General and the Fifth-eighth Ordinary Session of the Coordinating Committee for the Liberation of Africa on the developments in South Africa, as well as the report of the OAU Monitoring Mission to South Africa,

Having also considered the detailed reports made by the National Liberation Movements, ANC and PAC, on the prevailing situation inside South Africa,

Noting with great concern the fact that the negotiation process within the framework of CODESA is deadlocked because of the refusal by the regime to accept the universally accepted democratic principles in Constitution-making,

Concerned over the escalating violence in South Africa in spite of constant appeals by the international community to end the carnage that constitutes a major obstacle to the negotiation process,

Convinced that unity of action and cohesion among the Liberation Movements and other democratic South African forces within the framework of the United Patriotic Front is absolutely necessary at this crucial stage of the struggle and constitutes the best means of hastening the process of negotiations aimed at the advent of a non-racial, democratic and united South Africa:

1. REITERATES ONCE AGAIN Africa's preference for the elimination of Apartheid and the creation of a new non-racial, democratic and united South Africa through genuine and sincere negotiations;
2. EXPRESSES GRAVE CONCERN over the deadlock in the negotiations and CALLS ON the regime to reciprocate the good will of the other parties within CODESA in order to ensure an early and successful end of this process which will lead to the establishment of an interim government and the election of a constituent assembly to draft the new constitution for the country;

3. APPEALS to all Member States and the international community to continue to exert pressure on the De Klerk government and to address the issues that have led to the deadlock in order to get the process back on track;
4. FURTHER REITERATES the urgent need for the Liberation Movements and other anti-apartheid forces to close their ranks and strengthen their unity in order to accelerate the process of change in South Africa;
5. STRONGLY CONDEMNNS the perpetrators of the violence that continues to demonstrate South Africa and DENOUNCES the Pretoria regime for its role in the perpetration of the violence;
6. WELCOMES the decisions taken by the OAU Ad-Hoc Committee of Heads of State and Government at its Eighth Session held in Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania on 28 April 1992, including the sending of a Monitoring Team to South Africa as a concrete contribution by the OAU to the negotiation process and to efforts aimed at bringing an end to the violence;
7. ENDORSES the conclusions contained in the report on the Mission to South Africa which indicates that elements of the South African security forces, in collaboration with supporters of the Inkatha Freedom Party, are mainly responsible for the violence;
8. URGENTLY REQUESTS the regime to adopt without delay measures designed to put a stop to the wave of violence including the transformation of hostels and squatter camps, introduction of security measures in trains, railway stations, and strict enforcement of the law against the carrying of arms and offensive weapons at public rallies as well as disbanding of mercenary forces and expelling these forces from South Africa;
9. URGES Member States and the international community to respect the decision of the OAU Ad-Hoc Committee of Heads of State and Government by refraining from establishing official links with South Africa until an interim government responsible for supervising the transition to democratic rule, including the holding of free and fair elections under universal adult suffrage on a common voters roll, has been put in place in the country;
10. REQUESTS the Secretary-General to closely follow the question and submit a report to the 57<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers.

**RESOLUTION ON AN URGENT MEETING OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON  
THE SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-sixth Ordinary Session in Dakar, Senegal, from 22 to 28 June 1992,

Recalling its previous resolution on the situation in South Africa,

Gravely concerned by the escalation of violence in South Africa targeted at black communities and, in particular by the recent massacre at Boipatong Township on the night of 17<sup>th</sup> June 1992; and the subsequent shootings of unarmed protestors by the army and police of the regime,

Emphasizing that it is the responsibility of the South African Government to take all necessary measures to South African Government to take all necessary measures to immediately stop the violence and protect life and property of all South Africans,

Considering that the continuation of the present cycle of violence seriously jeopardizes the process of peaceful negotiations and transition toward a democratic non-racial and united South Africa,

Convinced of the need for the international community to investigate the causes of the violence and to adopt the necessary measures for its early end:

1. STRONGLY CONDEMNNS the violence unleashed against the people of Boipatong and in other townships;
2. FURTHER CONDEMNNS the Government of South Africa for its failure to take effective action to stop the on-going violence and DEMANDS that the Pretoria Government takes immediate necessary measures to that end;
3. DEMANDS a full and open investigation of this and other incidents of violence and the role of the security forces in the perpetration of those incidents. In this regard REITERATES its decision to send an OAU fact-finding mission of experts to South Africa to investigate the violence;
4. CALLS for the urgent convening of a meeting of the UN Security Council to examine the issue of violence in South Africa and to take all appropriate action to put an end to it as well as to create conditions for negotiations leading towards a peaceful transition towards a democratic non-racial and united South Africa;

5. CALLS UPON the African Group at the United Nations to take urgent action in implementation of the request for the Security Council Session;
6. DECIDES to send a ministerial delegation headed by the representative of the OAU Current Chairman to present Africa's position to the Security Council;
7. INVITES the Secretary-General of the United Nations to follow closely the evolution of the situation and take all necessary measures aimed at achieving the objectives outlined in operative paragraph 4 above;
8. REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General to present a report on this question to the 57<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council.



**RESOLUTION ON FRONTLINE AND OTHER NEIGHBORING STATES**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-sixth Ordinary Session in Dakar, Senegal, from 22 to 28 June 1992,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General, and the OAU Coordinating Committee for the Liberation of Africa,

Gravely concern over the continuing precarious security situation in Southern Africa engendered by the inhuman and obnoxious system of Apartheid,

Fully aware of the enormous sacrifices which the Frontline States continue to take in the course of the struggle for the total liberation of Africa:

1. COMMENDS the Frontline and other Neighboring States for their continued sacrifices and support to the people of South Africa in the legitimate struggle against apartheid and colonialism;
2. CALLS UPON the United Nations and the international community at large, to continue extending all round assistance to Namibia to enable it to further consolidate the institution of government and ensure security and economic development in the country;
3. REAFFIRMS that Walvis Bay and the Off-shore Islands constitute an integral part of Namibia and URGES early re-integration of these territories into Namibia, in accordance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 432 (1978);
4. DEPLORES South Africa's intransigence in the on-going negotiations aimed at resolving the dispute over Walvis Bay and the off-shore Islands and REJECTS in particular introduction of any linkage of these negotiations with the internal political and constitutional talks in South Africa itself;
5. CALLS UPON South Africa to hasten the implementation of the interim joint administration agreed upon and also to agree on a definitive and firm date for the re-integration of the said territories;
6. VIEWS WITH GRAVE CONCERN the continued war of destruction and destabilization being waged by RENAMO in Mozambique and expresses shock and dismay at the continued killing of innocent civilians, particularly women, children and the elderly;

7. COMMENDS President Joaquim Chissano for his untiring efforts in the search for peace and stability in Mozambique and in the creation of the necessary conditions for the normalization of Life for every citizen in the country;
8. FURTHER APPRECIATES the spirit of flexibility and compromise demonstrated by the Government of Mozambique during the negotiations in Rome and CALLS UPON RENAMO to respond positively;
9. COMMENDS the efforts made by Angola to achieve peace and national reconciliation and encourages the Government and people of that country to persevere in their on-going efforts to restore peace and harmony;
10. APPEALS to the parties concerned, in particular UNITA, to comply fully with the letter and spirit of the peace accords and to desist from any action that may jeopardize the peace process, in order to allow an orderly and peaceful conduct of the general elections in that country in September 1992;
11. FURTHER APPEALS to the international community to grant material and technical assistance in the electoral process and in the social integration of the demobilized soldiers in Angola;
12. RENEWS ITS APPEAL to the international community to renew all possible assistance to the Frontline and Neighboring countries to enable their economies recover from the effects of years of destabilization;
13. REQUESTS the Secretary-General to closely follow the situation and submit a report to the 57<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Council.

**RESOLUTION ON THE SITUATION IN SOMALIA**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-sixth Ordinary Session in Dakar, Senegal, from 22 to 28 June 1992,

Having heard the Report of the Secretary-General on the Situation in Somalia,

Gravely concerned about the situation prevailing in Somalia and its tragic consequences particularly with respect to the civilian population,

Considering the effects of the Somali conflict on peace and stability in the region,

Considering the laudable efforts made jointly by the United Nations, the Organization of African Unity, the League of Arab States and the Organization of Islamic Conference to restore peace and security to Somalia, and, taking note of the ceasefire agreement signed on 3 March 1992,

Noting with satisfaction the efforts made by the Current Chairman of the OAU as well as the laudable initiatives taken by the States of the region to find a solution to the refugee problems and ensure that relief aid reach the suffering people, while encouraging the process of dialogue between the various factions in Somalia,

Convinced of the need for a ceasefire agreement applicable throughout the Somali territory and the holding of a National Reconciliation Conference,

Welcoming the efforts made by the international community in providing humanitarian assistance to the Somali people:

1. TAKES NOTE of the Secretary-General's report;
2. CALLS UPON all Somali factions to commit themselves to the ceasefire and assume their responsibility by working towards the convening of a National Reconciliation Conference as soon as possible;
3. STRESSES the unity, inviolability and territorial integrity of Somalia, ENCOURAGES the States of the region to pursue their efforts aimed at promoting peace in Somalia and preserving region stability and CALLS ON them to redouble efforts to convene the National Reconciliation Conference in close cooperation with the OAU, the United Nations, the League of Arab State and the Islamic Conference Organization;

4. REQUESTS the Bureau of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government to deploy efforts at reaching an agreement on a suitable formula of achieving reconciliation and peace in Somalia;
5. URGES the Secretary-General of the OAU to work in close collaboration with the United Nations Secretary-General towards the implementation of the UN Security Resolution 733 (1992) in its entirety;
6. EXPRESSES ITS GRATITUDE to the States and international organizations which are supplying humanitarian assistance to the affected population.

**RESOLUTION ON THE RIGHT OF STATES TO DECIDE ON THEIR  
POLITICAL OPTIONS WITHOUT FOREIGN INTERFERENCE**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-sixth Ordinary Session in Dakar, Senegal, from 22 to 28 June 1992,

Considering that the Charter of the Organization of African Unity in its Article III, solemnly affirms inter-alia: the following principles:

- Equality of Member States,
- Non-interference in the internal affairs of States and respect for sovereignty,
- Territorial integrity of each State, and its inalienable right to independent existence.

Recalling the Declaration on the Political and Socio-economic Situation in Africa and the Changes Currently Taking Place in the World, conditions that enjoin African countries to consolidate their democratic institutions in all sovereignty and on the basis of African social and cultural values,

Further recalling the standing provisions of the United Nations Charter,

Referring to the Report of the OAU Secretary-General that emphasized the fact that, as far as democracy was concerned, it was important to take account of the needs and specific circumstances of African societies:

1. REAFFIRMS the right of every State to determine freely, in full sovereignty and complete freedom, its political institutions without foreign influence;
2. CALLS ON extra-African Powers to refrain from interfering in the internal affairs of African countries;
3. ENJOINS the Secretary-General to closely monitor the issue and submit a report thereon to the next Session of the Council of Ministers.

CM/Res.1390 (LVI)

**RESOLUTION ON REFUGEES, RETURNEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS IN AFRICA**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-sixth Ordinary Session in Dakar, Senegal, from 22 to 28 June 1992,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the situation of Refugees, Returnees and Displaced Persons in Africa, as well as the report of the OAU Commission of Fifteen on Refugees,

Noting with concern that despite efforts deployed so far, the situation of refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa remains alarming,

Recalling Declaration AHG/Decl.1 (XXVI) of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the OAU on the Political and Socio-economic Situation in Africa and the Fundamental Changes Taking Place in the World, and in particular the relevant parts on peace and stability in the Continent,

Considering that the root causes of the problem of Refugees, Returnees and Displaced Persons in Africa are, inter-alia, conflicts, civil strife, drought and famine, natural disasters and calamities as well as adverse social and economic conditions affecting a number of Member States,

Convinced that eliminating the root causes and ensuring voluntary repatriation constitutes a lasting solution to the problem of refugees in Africa,

Noting with appreciation the sacrifices made by countries of asylum, despite their economic difficulties, to give asylum to refugees and displaced persons, as well as the efforts being deployed by some Member States with regard to voluntary repatriation and rehabilitation of refugees, returnees and displaced persons,

Noting with concern the conditions of insecurity and difficulties hampering delivery of relief assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in areas of conflict,

Noting with grave concern the most serious security problem, faced by the South African exiles who have been repatriated to South Africa,

Aware of the widening gap between the assessed needs of refugees and displaced persons, and the resources, material and logistic support made available to them by the international community,

Noting with appreciation the results of the Summit of the Heads of State and Government of the Horn of Africa on Humanitarian Issues held in Addis Ababa, during 8 to 11 April 1992:

1. TAKES NOTE of the Reports on the Situation of Refugees, Returnees and Displaced Persons in Africa presented by the Secretary-General and the Commission of Fifteen on Refugees;
2. EXPRESSES ITS GRATITUDE to the Member States which have been granting asylum and extending assistance to refugees and displaced persons in the spirit of African solidarity and cooperation as well as to Member States which have endeavored to promote voluntary return, resettlement and rehabilitation of refugees and displaced persons at the national and regional levels and APPEALS to other Member States concerned to promote conditions conducive to voluntary repatriation of refugees with the assistance of the OAU and the UNHCR;
3. CALLS UPON Member States to do all within their powers to achieve peaceful settlements of intra-State and inter-State conflicts, in conformity with the OAU Charter as well as the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights;
4. EXPRESSES APPRECIATION to the OAU Secretary-General for the efforts deployed to promote the peaceful resolution and management of conflicts in Africa, thus averting one of the major causes of asylum seeking;
5. COMMENDS the UNHCR and the International Donor Community for the Humanitarian assistance they have continued to give to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and URGES once more, the international community to provide additional resources to meet the growing needs of those persons;
6. APPEALS to the parties concerned to work for the creation of corridors of tranquility in zones of conflict in order to ensure the prompt and safe delivery of relief assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and the safety of relief workers;
7. COMMENDS the countries of the Horn of Africa for the initiatives taken to deal, inter-alia with the problems of refugees, returnees and displaced persons as manifested in their Summit on Humanitarian Issues, and REQUESTS the international community to provide adequate assistance for the purpose of complementing the efforts of the Member States concerned;
8. CALLS the urgent attention of the international community on the humanitarian needs of refugees and national populations affected by the unprecedented drought and famine prevailing in the countries of Southern African Region and the Horn of Africa;

9. REQUESTS the Secretary-General and the OAU Commission of Fifteen on Refugees to monitor the development in the Refugee Situation in the Continent, and in particular the serious security situation facing the South African returnees as well as the implementation of the “Khartoum Declaration” on Africa’s Refugee Crisis, and to periodically report to the Council of Ministers.



CM/Res.1391 (LVI)

**RESOLUTION ON THE REPARATIONS OF THE WRONG DONE TO AFRICA  
THROUGH EXPLOITATION AND SLAVE TRADE**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-sixth Ordinary Session in Dakar, Senegal, from 22 to 28 June 1992,

Recalling its Resolutions CM/Res.1339 (LIV) and CM/Res.1373 (LIV) on Reparations of the Wrong Done to Africa through Exploitation of Slaves and Slave Trade,

Having considered the Interim Report of the OAU Secretary-General (Doc.CM/1714 (LVI)) on the implementation of these resolutions:

1. TAKES NOTE of the Report of the Secretary-General;
2. ADDRESSES ITS THANKS AND ENCOURAGEMENT to the international Committee on reparations for the appreciable contribution it makes to the General Secretariat;
3. URGES the Group of Eminent Persons and Member States to lend all their assistance to the steps taken by the OAU for the reparation of the wrong done to Africa through the exploitation of slaves and slave trade;
4. REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General to submit a Report to its Fifty-eighth Ordinary Session on the development in the situation

CM/Res.1392 (LVI)

**RESOLUTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL PROJECT ON “SLAVE ROUTE”**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-sixth Ordinary Session in Dakar, Senegal, from 22 to 28 June 1992,

Recalling the fundamental principles underlining the establishment of the Organization of African Unity, particularly those relating to peace and solidarity among Peoples and Nations,

Recalling its Resolutions CM/Res.1339 (LIV) adopted at its Fifty-fourth Ordinary Session, CM/Res.1373 (LV) adopted at its Fifty-fifth Ordinary Session and CM/Res.1166 (XLVIII),

Recalling the major objectives pursued by UNESCO within the context of the World Cultural Development Decade,

Considering that the peoples of Africa share with those of the black diaspora (“Afro-Americans”, particularly Caribbean), the same African origin which establishes family ties among them, the same history of the slave trade with its consequences on the cultural, economic and social development of their respective communities as well as a common desire to promote among themselves a trans-Atlantic cooperation, for a common development taking into account the affinities of their cultural identities,

Recalling the conclusions of the deliberations of the various meetings of experts consulted by UNESCO to write the general history of Africa and which recommended among others the establishment of inter-disciplinary historical anthology that will make it possible to:

- Understand the economic, political and ideological consequences of the Slave Trade on Africa and its impact on Societies and Government;
- Determine the demographic consequences of the Slave Trade for the African Continent and assess the gains derived from economies based on the exploitation of slaves.

Considering the firm determination of Africa and the black diaspora to unite and cooperate between themselves as expressed by the First Summit of African Heads of State and Afro-American Leaders held in Abidjan from 17 to 19 April 1991, as well as the recommendation of the International Meeting of Experts on “Slave Route” organized by Haiti in PORT-AU-PRINCE from 11 to 13 August 1991, on the convening of an International Symposium in 1992 at the initiative of Benin with a view to assessing the impact of the events of 1492 on Africa and its diaspora and to reaffirm the commitment of peoples of African origin to respect, as far as every human being is concerned, the objectives of freedom and dignity, as well as defining the mechanisms for promoting cultural and economic development of Africa and its diaspora,

Considering that UNESCO has included the “Slave Route” project in the program of activities of the World Cultural Development Decade,

Convinced that the issue of reparations can be resolved in a responsible manner only if the nature of the prejudices suffered is determined methodically and scientifically:

1. EXPRESSES ITS SUPPORT for the organization in the Republic of Benin, from 5 to 10 December 1992, of a World Conference which will mark the launching of the Inter-regional “Slave Route” project;
2. INVITES Member States to:
  - (a) Support the “Slave Route” project as an inter-cultural project likely to promote a better understanding and appraisal of the consequences of the Slave Trade on contemporary international relations and a better cultural cooperation between Africa and its diaspora as well as its partners, especially those along the Atlantic shores;
  - (b) Participate in the implementation of the inter-regional “Slave Route” project within the context of the World Cultural Development Decade.
3. APPEALS to Member States, African in the continent and those of the diaspora as well as all men of goodwill the world over to lend their moral support and to make technical, material and financial contribution to the implementation of the “Slave Route” project;
4. CALLS ON the OAU General Secretariat to:
  - (a) Take all necessary steps to sensitize Member States, the continental and inter-regional public opinion on the Organization of the World Commemoration of the “Slave Route” in Benin from 5 to 20 December 1992, as part of the official launching of the “Slave Route” project;
  - (b) Lend moral support to the official launching as well as the implementation of the project.

**RESOLUTION ON THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-sixth Ordinary Session in Dakar, Senegal, from 22 to 28 June 1992,

Having considered the report of the OAU Secretary-General on the situation in the Middle East as contained in Document No. CM/1715 (LVI),

Guided by the principles and objectives of the OAU and UN Charters and the common determination of the African and Arab peoples to pool their resources in defense of their freedom and restoration of their basic legitimate rights,

Recalling that the Palestinian question is at the center of the conflict in the Middle East:

1. REAFFIRMS all the previous resolutions of the OAU Assembly of Heads of State and Government and Council of Ministers and EXPRESSES ITS TOTAL SUPPORT for the Palestinian People and the Arab countries which are victims of Israeli aggression;
2. EXPRESSES ITS SATISFACTION with the efforts deployed by the United States of America, Russia and the rest of the international community for the establishment of a just and comprehensive peace in the Middle East through the convening of the Peace Conference and negotiations between the parties concerned on the basis of international legitimacy, particularly UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338, as well as the principle of exchanging of land for peace whose implementation presupposes the Israeli withdrawal from all the Palestinian and Arab territories occupied since 1967, including Jerusalem, the Golan Heights and Southern Lebanon;
3. ALSO ENDORSES the proposal made by President Hosni Mubarak, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt that the Middle East should be free of all weapons of mass destruction and CONDEMNS Israel's refusal to refrain from the production and acquisition of nuclear weapons and REQUESTS the UN Security Council to take all necessary measures to destroy these weapons;
4. REQUESTS the organizers of the Peace Conference to invite the OAU Secretary-General to the Conference alongside other organizations, taking into account the OAU'S interests in the establishment of peace in the Middle East and in the search for a just solution to the Palestinian problem;

5. CALLS UPON all States, international organizations and Investment Institutions to refrain from lending any kind of support to Israel in its practices in the occupied territories and from having any kind of cooperation with that country which may enable it to exploit the resources of occupied Arab territories and DEMANDS that Israel put a stop to those practices;
6. REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the OAU to follow the development of the Situation in the Middle East and submit a report in this regard to the next Ordinary Session of the OAU Council of Ministers.

**RESOLUTION ON THE QUESTION OF PALESTINE**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-sixth Ordinary Session in Dakar, Senegal, from 22 to 28 June 1992,

Having considered the Report of the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity on the Question of Palestine as contained in Document CM/1716 (LVI),

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

Reaffirming the legitimacy of the struggle of the Palestinian people under the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organization in order to recover their territories and exercise their inalienable national rights:

1. CONFIRMS all previous resolutions and recommendations adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government and the Council of Ministers on the Question of Palestine;
2. REAFFIRMS that the Question of Palestine is at the core of the conflict in the Middle East and that a just and lasting peace in the region requires the withdrawal of Israel from all Palestinian and Arab territories and the establishment of a Palestinian State with Jerusalem as its capital;
3. EXPRESSES ITS SATISFACTION for the efforts exerted by the United States of America to establish a just and comprehensive peace in the Middle East and WELCOMES the decision of Russia to continue to sponsor the Peace Conference;
4. FURTHER WELCOMES the resumption of negotiations among the Parties concerned based on respect for international law, especially the Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 and the principle of land for peace which, when implemented, will lead to the withdrawal of Israel from all Palestinian and Arab territories occupied in 1967, including Jerusalem, thus allowing the Palestinian people to recover their inalienable rights, including their right to return to their homeland, self-determination and the establishment of independent and sovereign State of Palestine;
5. FURTHER REAFFIRMS ITS FULL SOLIDARITY AND SUPPORT for the just and legitimate struggle being waged by the Palestinian people under the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organization, their sole legitimate representative;

6. EXPRESSES ITS SUPPORT for the popular uprising “INTIFADA” in the occupied territories;
7. STRONGLY CONDEMNS the continued inhuman acts perpetrated by Israel against the citizens of the occupied Palestinian and Arab territories and all acts of desecration of holy places;
8. CONDEMNS the expansionist settlement policies pursued by Israel and the violation of human rights and international agreements and treaties, which constitute the main obstacle to achieving a just and comprehensive peace in the region;
9. URGENTLY REQUESTS the international community to guarantee all necessary protection for the Palestinian people living under the Israeli occupation and URGES Israel to comply with all the provisions of the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949 concerning protection of civilians during war;
10. STRONGLY CONDEMNS the settlement policies manifested in the settlement of Jews and immigrant Jews in the occupied Palestinian territories including Jerusalem and REQUESTS the United States, in accordance with their declared position, to take the necessary actions to stop the settlement of Jews and immigrants in the Palestinian and Arab territories;
11. CALLS ON the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity to follow the development on the Palestinian Question and submit a report thereon to the next Ordinary Session of the OAU Council of Ministers.

CM/Res.1395 (LVI) Rev.1

**RESOLUTION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTION ON THE  
DE-NUCLEARIZATION OF AFRICA**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-sixth Ordinary Session in Dakar, Senegal, from 22 to 28 June 1992,

Recalling Resolution AHG/Res.11 (I) on the De-nuclearization of Africa adopted by the OAU Assembly of Heads of State and Government in Cairo in 1964,

Reaffirming its precious Resolution CM/Res.3 (I), CM/Res.28 (II), CM/Res.718 (XXXIII), CM/Res.1101 (XLVI) Rev.1 and CM/Res.1342 (LIV) on general disarmament and de-nuclearization of Africa,

Bearing in mind the relevant resolutions of the United Nations on the issue, particularly Resolutions 1652 (XVI) and 46/34 B on the Implementation of the Declaration on the De-nuclearization of Africa,

Convinced that the development in the regional and international situation is conducive to the implementation of this Declaration as soon as possible:

1. DECIDES that the Inter-Governmental Group (IGG) of Experts established by Resolution CM/Res.1342 (LIV) be composed of: Algeria, Cameroon, Egypt, Ethiopia, Mauritius, Namibia, Nigeria, Senegal, the Sudan, Togo, Zaire and Zimbabwe and that this Group which is open to experts from all Member States is requested to consider the report of the United Nations Experts on the modalities and elements for the preparation of a convention or a treaty on the de-nuclearization of Africa;
2. DECIDES to convene a joint IGG, United Nations Group of Experts Meeting to draw up a draft treaty or convention to be sent to Member States for observations and comments before the Fifty-eighth Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers;
3. REQUESTS the UN Secretary-General to provide the OAU with all the assistance that it could ask, so as to enable it to convene the meeting of the IGG and the joint meeting of the two Groups within the framework of voluntary contributions of the United Nations for the World Disarmament Campaign;
4. REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the OAU to take every step to implement this resolution.



**RESOLUTION ON RELATIONS BETWEEN AFRICA AND THE  
COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES**

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Considering the changes that had taken place in the former USSR and the creation of new States under the name of Commonwealth of Independent States,

Considering the friendly and at times privileged relations that the former USSR maintained with a good number of African countries,

Considering that on this basis the former USSR gave many forms of significant assistance to some African countries by specially granting scholarships to their students,

Considering that on the same basis of privileged relations with some African States and within the framework of its policy of cooperation, the former USSR had awarded grants and loans in the area of both agricultural and military equipment,

Considering that the Russian Federation now assumes international commitment of the former USSR:

1. EXPRESSES African States' willingness to cooperate with the Commonwealth of Independent States in the search for solutions to problems which could result from commitments between the former USSR and African States;
2. APPEALS to the Russian Federation that has taken over the commitments of the former USSR to honor the said commitments including the payment of scholarships to the African students until the end of their courses;
3. FURTHER APPEALS to the Commonwealth of Independent States to make a distinction between loans and grants within the framework of the debt assessment;
4. REQUESTS the Contact Group on Debt, to approach the Commonwealth of Independent States' authorities to arrive at an appropriate assessment acceptable to all the parties, in order to carry out negotiations in accordance with regulations in force at the World Bank and IMF;
5. REQUESTS the Contact Group on Debt to submit a report to the Council of Ministers on the issue.

CM/Res.1397 (LVI)

**RESOLUTION ON THE STUDY ON THE MERGER OF THE PAN-AFRICAN  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION (PATU) AND THE PAN-AFRICAN POSTAL  
UNION (PAPU)**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-sixth Ordinary Session in Dakar, Senegal, from 22 to 28 June 1992,

Having considered the Report of the Secretary-General on the Merger of PATU and PAPU, Doc. No. CM/1717 (LVI),

Recalling Resolution CM/Res.1050 (XXIV), requesting the Secretary-General to conduct a study on the merger of PATU and PAPU,

Further recalling Resolutions CM/Res.1240 (L) and CM/Res.1346 (LIV) on the financial difficulties facing the OAU Specialized Agencies,

Aware of the importance of posts and telecommunications in providing the necessary infrastructure for the economic integration of the Continent and in promoting intra-African trade,

Convinced of the need to coordinate the activities of Member States in the posts and telecommunications sub-sectors in an efficient and cost-effective manner,

Considering the difficult economic conditions facing African countries that have adversely affected the ability of Member States to honor their financial obligations towards PATU and PAPU,

Conscious of the need to restructure and rationalize continental and regional organizations in the field of posts and telecommunications in the light of Africa's effort to establish an African Economic Community:

1. TAKES NOTE of the report of the Secretary-General on the Study on the Merger of PATU and PAPU;
2. EXPRESSES ITS GRATITUDE to UNDP for funding the Study on the Merger of PATU and PAPU;
3. REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the OAU to ascertain the views of Member States on the question of merger of PATU and PAPU taking into account previous consultations on the matter and the fact that the study was inconclusive;

4. FURTHER REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the OAU to hold consultations with PATU and PAPU with a view to convening jointly a meeting of African Experts on Posts and Telecommunications and relevant African and international organizations;
5. INSTRUCTS the Secretary-General of the OAU to circulate the report of the above meeting to all Member States for comments and report thereafter to Council.

CM/Res.1398 (LVI)

**RESOLUTION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PAN-AFRICAN  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK (PANAFTTEL)**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-sixth Ordinary Session in Dakar, Senegal, from 22 to 28 June 1992,

Having considered the Report of the Secretary-General on the Pan-African Telecommunications Network (PANAFTTEL) (Doc. CM/1718 (LVI)),

Recalling its Resolution CM/Res.1172 (XLVIII) on the Development of Telecommunications in Africa,

Guided by the principles and objectives outlined in Chapter X of the Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community, especially its Article No. 63 on the Posts and Telecommunications Sub-Sectors,

Convinced of the need to improve telecommunications facilities within and between African countries,

Conscious of the catalytic and crucial role of the telecommunications sub-sector in providing the necessary infrastructure essential for promoting the take off of the African Economic Community,

Aware of the importance of the need to establish an effective coordination machinery at both regional and continental levels:

1. TAKES NOTE of the Report of the Secretary-General on the PANAFTTEL Network;
2. EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION to UNDP, ADB, ITU, PATU and ECA as well as to international agencies and bilateral donors for their assistance to Member States in the development of their PANAFTTEL Network;
3. REQUESTS the PANAFTTEL Coordinating Committee to review the PANAFTTEL Network in the light of the changes in telecommunications technology;
4. URGES African Telecommunications Administrations to:
  - (i) Improve the operational efficiency and the quality of services offered by, among others, planning the maintenance of their equipment and establishing effective maintenance structures;

- (ii) Restructure their administrations to make them viable and cost-effective;
  - (iii) To implement the reviewed missing PANAFTTEL links so as to facilitate the routing of intra-African traffic;
  - (iv) Evolve common standards and specifications in order to facilitate the joint purchase of equipment;
5. CALLS UPON Member States to create an enabling environment for the development of telecommunication by formulating appropriate sector policies;
  6. FURTHER INVITES Regional Economic Communities to intensify their efforts in coordinating the development of the PANAFTTEL Network with a view to becoming the focal point for coordinating all activities relating to the development of telecommunications in their respective regions;
  7. REQUESTS UNDP to continue its assistance to Member States, PATU and relevant African and International Organizations in the implementation of the PANAFTTEL Network;
  8. FURTHER REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the OAU to report periodically on the implementation of the resolution.

**RESOLUTION ON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-sixth Ordinary Session in Dakar, Senegal, from 22 to 28 June 1992,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on Industrial Development in Africa (Doc. CM/1719 (LVI)) covering the deliberations of the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of African Ministers of Industry, (Dakar, Senegal 29 to 31 July 1991), the formulation and adoption of the Program for the Second IDDA and the evaluation of the 4<sup>th</sup> General Conference of UNIDO,

Recalling its Resolution CM/Res.1188 (XLIX) in which it called for the proclamation of the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa,

Recognizing the crucial role of industry in contributing to African economic integration and accelerated development,

Conscious of the role of UNIDO in assisting the effort of African countries to implement the Program for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa:

1. RECOMMENDS to the Twenty-eighth Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government to endorse the Program for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa, and to support the decision taken by the 4<sup>th</sup> General Conference of UNIDO on the Program for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa, as well as the decision of the ECA Conference of Ministers calling on the General Assembly of the United Nations to also endorse the Program for the Second IDDA;
2. CALLS ON African countries and organizations to redouble their efforts and accord greater priority to the industrial sector in their investment and technical cooperation programs, for the implementation of the program for the Second IDDA;
3. CALLS ON the International community, in particular, the developed countries and the multinational development finance institutions, the UNDP and the ADB to increase their support to African countries and institutions for the effective implementation of the program for the Second IDDA;
4. COMMENDS the close cooperation among the Secretariats of OAU, ECA and UNIDO within the framework of their Joint Committee and especially for the assistance to African countries and organizations in carrying out industrial activities and EXPRESSES special appreciation to UNIDO for its increased technical assistance delivery to African countries;

5. EXPRESSES ITS FULL SUPPORT to the offer of Cameroon to host the 5<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Conference of UNIDO scheduled to take place in Yaounde from 6 to 10 October 1993;
6. URGES all OAU Member States and relevant international and African organizations, to harmonize their activities under the Programs of the Second IDDA and UNTACDA II, in order to ensure a coordinated development of the two sectors in support of Africa's economic integration;
7. APPEALS TO the General Assembly of the United Nations to adopt the Program at its 47<sup>th</sup> Session and to provide the Economic Commission for Africa with increased resources to enable it to support more effectively the efforts of African countries and inter-governmental organizations in the implementation of the program;
8. CALLS ON the UNDP to increase its financial contribution to the UNIDO Country Director Program in Africa, and CALLS on the Director General of UNIDO to increase Africa's presence, especially at the policy decision-making level within the UNIDO Secretariat;
9. URGES the international community, in particular, the developed countries to maintain and intensify their support to UNIDO, in order to enable it to cope more effectively with the increasing demands of the developing countries;
10. EXPRESSES appreciation to the government of Austria for its kind offer of rent-free office space in Vienna for the OAU and its Member States and URGES the Member States to give serious consideration to this offer.

## **RESOLUTION ON TRADE**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-sixth Ordinary Session in Dakar, Senegal, from 22 to 28 June 1992,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on Trade, in particular Parts I and II relating to the Meeting of African Ministers responsible for Trade, preparatory to the 8<sup>th</sup> Session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD VIII) held in Lusaka in September 1991 and the actual conference held in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia in February 1992:

Taking into account the fundamental institutional changes and evolving developments in the working methods of UNCTAD,

Bearing in mind the complexity and highly technical nature of issues always considered in UNCTAD meetings,

Conscious of the need for thorough and continuous preparations for UNCTAD meetings, in particular its Quadri-annual Conference:

1. TAKES NOTE of the Report of the Secretary-General on Trade in particular Parts I and II relating to the preparations and negotiations, as well as the outcome of UNCTAD VIII;
2. REQUESTS the Permanent Steering Committee to continue to serve as the focal point for Africa's preparations for all UNCTAD and international negotiations;
3. DIRECTS that the Joint Secretariat of the OAU and ECA to be strengthened and to work on a continuous basis with the Embassies of Member States in Addis Ababa in close cooperation with the African Group in Geneva, on issues of international negotiations, in particular issues under consideration by the Working Groups and Committees of the Trade and Development Board of UNCTAD;
4. INVITES Member States to consider the inclusion of trade experts in their delegations to the meetings of the Permanent Steering Committee and to consider also strengthening their Embassies in Addis Ababa with Economists and Trade Experts;
5. REQUESTS the OAU General Secretariat to redouble its efforts, within the context of the on-going restructuring exercise of the General Secretariat, to strengthen its manpower resources both at Headquarters and Regional Offices with Economists and Trade experts;



6. FURTHER REQUESTS the Permanent Steering Committee to review Africa's position in international negotiations in the light of the changes in the international arena, UNCTAD and the Group of 77;
7. URGES the Permanent Steering Committee to develop a comprehensive negotiating strategy for Africa, bearing in mind the outcome of its deliberations in the light of (6), above;
8. INVITES the African Group in Geneva to review its method of work so as to ensure efficiency and a strengthened role for its spokesman in accordance with the work of the Trade and Development Board of UNCTAD;
9. INVITES Member States to strengthen their representation in Geneva and to maintain continuity in their participation in all international trade negotiations.

CM/Res.1401 (LVI)

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

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-sixth Ordinary Session in Dakar, Senegal, from 22 to 28 June 1992,

Having considered the Report of the Secretary-General on Trade, in particular its Part III dealing with the “Preparations for the 6<sup>th</sup> All-Africa Trade Fair scheduled to take place in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, from 2 to 16 September 1992”,

Recalling its Resolution CM/Res.351 (LIV) of May/June 1991 adopted by Abuja, Nigeria on the All-Africa Trade Fair and the decision of the 9<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference of African Ministers of Trade held in Brazzaville, Congo, whereby Zimbabwe was designated as the host for the Sixth All-Africa Trade Fair,

Further recalling the Council of Ministers Resolution CM/Res.127 (IX) institutionalizing the All-Africa Trade Fair and the commitment of African Governments to launch a permanent “But African Goods” Campaign within the framework of the All-Africa Trade in accordance with the Lagos Plan of Action,

Noting with deep appreciation the efforts so far made by the Government of Zimbabwe and Members of the Organizing Committee aimed at ensuring a successful outcome of the Sixth All-Africa Trade Fair:

1. TAKES NOTE of the Report of the Secretary-General on Trade, in particular its Part III;
2. REITERATES ITS PROFOUND GRATITUDE to the Government of Zimbabwe for offering to host the Sixth All-African Trade Fair;
3. URGES all Member States of the OAU to participate actively in the Sixth All-Africa Trade Fair;
4. URGES FURTHER all Member States to encourage their economic operators, public or private, to participate in the Fair, in order to derive maximum benefit from the commercial opportunities that it offers;
5. URGES ALSO the cooperating agencies in particular UNIDO, ITC, UNCTAD to intensify their efforts and assist the OAU in the organization of the Fair;
6. REQUESTS the Secretary-General to prepare an evaluation report on the Fair.

CM/Res.1402 (LVI)

**RESOLUTION ON THE FIRST AFRO-ARAB TRADE FAIR**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-sixth Ordinary Session in Dakar, Senegal, from 22 to 28 June 1992,

Bearing in mind the Declarations and the Program of Action adopted by the First Afro-Arab Summit held in Cairo, Egypt, from 7 to 9 March 1977,

Considering Resolution CM/Res.1210 (L) of July 1989 on Afro-Arab Cooperation Programs, Resolution CM/Res.1250 (LI) of February 1990 and Resolution CM/Res.1306 (LII) of July 1991,

Determined to promote Afro-Arab Cooperation in all fields:

1. TAKES NOTE of the statement by the Tunisian Government on the Organization of the First Afro-Arab Trade Fair in Tunisia in 1993;
2. EXPRESSES its gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Tunisia for its readiness to create all the conditions to ensure the success of this very important Afro-Arab event;
3. INVITES all Member States of the OAU to massively participate in the First Afro-Arab Trade Fair;
4. REQUESTS the Secretary-General in collaboration with his counterpart of the League of Arab States to take the necessary steps and made the appropriate representation to all the parties involved to contribute towards the preparation and organization of the said Fair.

CM/Res.1403 (LVI)

### **RESOLUTION ON DISASTERS IN AFRICA**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-sixth Ordinary Session in Dakar, Senegal, from 22 to 28 June 1992,

Having considered the Report of the Secretary-General on the OAU Regional Meeting on Disasters in Africa (Doc. CM/1721 (LVI)), that was held in Addis Ababa from 13 to 17 April 1992,

Recalling its Resolution CM/Res.1253 (LI) on Disasters in Africa,

Recalling further the UN Resolution 42/169 on the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction,

Expressing its appreciation to the international community for assisting the afflicted African countries,

Deeply concerned about the extent of disasters in Africa, including drought, famine, locust infestation, floods, cyclones and civil strife which continues to have a major effect on the social and economic situation of African countries:

1. TAKES NOTE of “The Report of the Secretary-General on the OAU Regional Meeting on Disasters in Africa” Doc. CM/1721 (LVI) and endorses the recommendations contained therein;
2. RECOMMENDS to Member States to:
  - (a) Implement the relevant recommendations contained in Doc.CM/1721 (LVI);
  - (b) Address the root causes of the current refugee crisis in Africa with a view to averting this man-made disaster;
  - (c) Submit reports to the OAU Secretary-General on the activities that were undertaken the achievements made;
  - (d) Give assistance to afflicted countries whenever possible;
3. REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General to:
  - (a) Hold a special workshop on Drought and Famine for the Southern African sub-region during the course of 1992, in collaboration with UNDP/DHA-UNDRO/SADCC;

- (b) Implement the relevant recommendations contained in Document CM/1721 (LVI);
  - (c) Monitor the implementation of this Resolution;
  - (d) Submit a report to the Fifty-eighth Ordinary Session of the OAU Council of Ministers on the progress made in the implementation of this resolution;
4. APPEALS to the UN System, Donors, NGO'S and other relevant institutions to:
- (a) Ensure the implementation of the recommendation on the establishment of the Multi-disciplinary Center on Disasters in Africa to be hosted in the Sudan, as well as seeking the necessary resources for the Center;
  - (b) Coordinate their activities among themselves and with the OAU General Secretariat for mitigating disasters in Africa;
  - (c) Continue offering effective assistance to African countries to manage disasters.

CM/Res.1404 (LVI)

**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 Fifty-sixth Ordinary Session in Dakar, Senegal, from 22 to 28 June 1992,

Having considered 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/Res.1725 (LVI),

Recalling the provisions of its resolutions CM/Res.1315 (LIII) and CM/Res.1336 (LIV) on the Special Fund,

Deeply concerned over the scope of the persistent drought in Africa and its repercussions on the economic and social development of Member States,

Recalling further the aims and objectives of the Special Fund, an instrument of active solidarity and cooperation, as well as the expression of Africa's willingness and determination to combat drought and famine in Africa,

Deeply concerned over the financial situation of the Fund due to gradual depletion of its resources and lack of new contributions:

1. TAKES NOTE of the Report of the Secretary-General contained in Document CM/1725 (LVI);
2. APPROVES the following recommendations adopted by the 14<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Policy Committee of the Fund, the campaign to mobilize additional financial resources:
  - (a) Identify target groups in Africa: The Federation of African Consultants; the International Association for Development Financing; Women Contractors, the wider African public;  
  
International financing organizations; NGO'S and Employers Associations;  
  
The Foreign Public.
  - (b) Sporting and cultural events within and outside Africa;

- (c) Organization of sporting events on the occasion of the OAU Day whose income would be paid into the account of the Special Fund;  
  
OAU/UNSO consultation;
  - (d) Remind the OAU Executive Secretaries to pursue the sensitization and the financial resources mobilization campaign;
  - (e) Call on the Secretary-General to conduct a major sensitization campaign during the Council of Ministers and the Assembly of Heads of State and Government;
  - (f) Pursue the on-going actions to recover pledges made by the Member States;
  - (g) Urge Member States to submit reports on the implementation of projects financed by the Fund.
3. URGES the Secretary-General to take advantage of his visits abroad to further sensitize the international public opinion and governments of Member States on the serious drought situation in Africa and the urgent need for new contributions to the Special Fund;
  4. EXPRESSES ITS THANKS to the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office (UNSO) for its active participation in the resource mobilization campaign in accordance with the agreement concluded between UNSO and the OAU;
  5. REITERATES ITS APPEAL to all Member States to make voluntary contributions to the Fund and to those who have made pledges to honor their commitments;
  6. APPEALS ONCE MORE to the international community, governments, governmental and non-governmental organizations, businessmen and economic operators to contribute generously to the Special Fund;
  7. REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General to submit a report to the Council of Ministers on the implementation of this resolution and on the situation of the Special Emergency Assistance Fund.

**RESOLUTION ON THE DROUGHT SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-sixth Ordinary Session in Dakar, Senegal, from 22 to 28 June 1992,

Recalling the communiqué of the Eighth Ordinary Session of the OAU Ad-Hoc Committee on Southern Africa, held at Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania on 28 April 1992, which among others, expressed grave concern regarding the devastating drought currently afflicting the Southern African region,

Noting with appreciation the positive outcome of the Conference on the drought emergency in Southern Africa jointly convened by SADCC and the United Nations in Geneva from 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1992:

1. COMMENDS the countries of the region for the coordinated efforts they have made through SADCC and the United Nations for the mobilization of international assistance aimed at averting the devastating effects of the drought in the region;
2. EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION for the positive response from, and the pledges made by the international community at the conference on the drought emergency in Southern Africa;
3. APPEALS for African solidarity and support to enable the countries of Southern Africa to avert the catastrophe of drought and famine;
4. RENEWS ITS APPEAL to the international community to render all possible assistance to the countries of Southern Africa to enable their economies to recover from the effects of the current drought;
5. REQUESTS the Secretary-General to closely follow the situation and submit a report to the 57<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Council.



CM/Res.1406 (LVI)

**RESOLUTION ON COOPERATION BETWEEN THE ORGANIZATION OF  
AFRICAN UNITY AND THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-sixth Ordinary Session in Dakar, Senegal, from 22 to 28 June 1992,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General of the OAU on cooperation between the OAU and United Nations,

Recalling its previous resolutions on cooperation between the United Nations Organization (UNO) and the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and particularly Resolution No. CM/Res.1282 (LII),

Recalling further the UN General Assembly Resolution No. A/Res.45/13 of 7<sup>th</sup> November 1990, which inter-alia, called for increased support by the United Nations and its relevant agencies to the Organization of African Unity in the establishment of the African Economic Community,

Recalling also the United Nations General Assembly Resolution No. A/Res.46/20 on Cooperation and, bearing in mind the Cooperation Agreement between the United Nations and the organization of African Unity of 9<sup>th</sup> October 1990,

Cognizant of the importance of further strengthening closer cooperation between the United Nations System-wide organizations with the Organization of African Unity and its Specialized Agencies in all fields and particularly in the socio-economic, political, scientific and cultural areas,

Aware the cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity will enhance the fulfillment of the objectives of the Charters of the two organizations, thereby enhancing international cooperation:

1. TAKES NOTE of the Report of the Secretary-General on OAU/UN cooperation, Doc. CM/1726 (LVI) and URGES the United Nations and its agencies to further cooperate with the OAU in the implementation of the relevant recommendations contained therein;
2. EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Administrator of the UNDP and Executive Heads of the UN Specialized Agencies for their continued support to the OAU and particularly in the establishment of the African Economic Community and in the on-going work on the studies and protocols thereof;

3. SPECIFICALLY REQUESTS the United Nations Development Program to assist the OAU to strengthen the existing regional economic communities and to rationalize African inter-governmental organizations (IGO'S) in accordance with the provisions of the Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community;
4. CALLS ON the UN Agencies and other international organizations whose activities have a bearing on promoting regional integration and cooperation in Africa to work closely with the OAU in order to avoid parallel programs which might lead to the duplication of activities or dissipation of scarce resources;
5. REQUESTS the Agencies of the United Nations System working in Africa to include in their programs at national and regional levels, the activities that will enhance regional cooperation in their respective areas and, to promote the objectives of the Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community through the popularization and publicity programs at national and regional levels;
6. FURTHER REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the United Nations to involve the OAU in the follow-up monitoring and implementation of the UN-NADAF in accordance with the provisions of UN General Assembly Resolution CM/Res.46/20;
7. REQUESTS the African Groups in New York, Geneva, Vienna, Paris and Brussels who are members of the various Governing Boards of the United Nations System and in the EEC to support programs and projects which will enhance closer cooperation among African Countries in the context of the African Economic Community and in other socio-economic and political fields;
8. CALLS UPON the UN Agencies to make an effort to coordinate their regional programs in Africa in order to create inter-linkages among them and to ensure consistency of their programs with those of the African Economic Community and the regional economic communities;
9. COMMENDS the Secretaries General of the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity, as well as the Executive Heads of UN Agencies for their resolve to strengthen international cooperation and REQUESTS them to continue to do so in all fields and especially in mobilizing resources which will enable the OAU to deal with major political and economic problems facing the African Continent;

10. REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the OAU to submit annual reports on cooperation between the OAU and the United Nations to the OAU Council of Ministers.

CM/Res.1407 (LVI)

**RESOLUTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT IN NIAMEY (NIGER) OF AN  
AFRICAN INSTITUTE FOR CONTINUING ADULT EDUCATION**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-sixth Ordinary Session in Dakar, Senegal, from 22 to 28 June 1992,

Recalling its Resolutions CM/Res.800 (XXXV), CM/Res.1294 (LI) and CM/Res.1295 (LII) on Continuing Adult Education,

Recalling the objectives enshrined in the Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community and relating to human resource development,

Recalling Resolution CM/Res.1359 (LIV) by which it approved the establishment in Niamey, Niger, of a Pilot Institute for Adult Education and Training,

Recalling that this autonomous institute will be run by the African Association for Adult Education and Training (AALAE),

Having considered the Report of the OAU Secretary-General (Doc. CM/1727 (LVI)) on the implementation of Resolution CM/Res.1359 (LIV):

1. COMMENDS AALAE for the initiatives taken to implement the project by organizing two meetings of Experts in NAKURU (Kenya) from 21 to 25 October 1991, and in BAUCHI (Nigeria) from 26 April to 4 May 1992 respectively, to consider the teaching program and curriculum of the Institute;
2. TAKES NOTE of the Report of the Secretary-General and the time frame of of the implementation of the project which will allow for the launching of the activities of the African Institute for Continuing Adult Education (INAAEC);
3. CALLS ON Member States to provide the Secretary-General with the necessary logistics, technical and financial assistance for the speedy implementation of the project.

CM/Res.1408 (LVI)

**RESOLUTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ASSISTANCE  
TO AFRICAN CHILDREN**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-sixth Ordinary Session in Dakar, Senegal, from 22 to 28 June 1992,

Having considered the Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Resolution CM/Res.1350 (LIV) on the Implementation of the African Decade for Child Survival, Protection and Development,

Taking into account the practical measures taken by each Member State to ensure the well being of children,

Recalling the objectives of the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child,

Conscious of the impact of the economic and social situation of the continent on meeting the needs of children,

Further conscious of the need to sustain and/or enhance the results obtained within the framework of the universal immunization, health and education programs,

Encouraged by the activities carried out by the Member States for the children as reflected in the Reports on the celebration of the African Children Day on 16 June 1991,

Concerned over child trafficking, kidnapping and ill-treatment:

1. TAKES NOTE of the Report of the Secretary-General and the recommendations contained therein;
2. HAILS the actions already taken by the Secretary-General in cooperation with UNICEF for the convening of the International Conference on Assistance to African Children, scheduled for Dakar, Senegal, from 25 to 27 November 1992;
3. STRESSES the importance of the National Programs of Action (NPA'S) and REQUESTS the Member States that have not yet done so to complete them on time for the Conference;
4. URGES each Member State to participate in and work actively to ensure the success of the Dakar Conference;
5. URGES the Member States that have not yet done so, to sign and ratify the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child and the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child;

6. EXPRESSES its profound gratitude to the Government of Senegal for offering to host this Conference;
7. MANDATES the Secretary-General of the OAU to take every step to ensure greater awareness of the serious problem of child trafficking, kidnapping and ill-treatment and the need to find solution to it;
8. CALLS UPON the OAU Secretary-General in cooperation with the UNICEF Executive Director and the International Organizations concerned to pursue his efforts for the preparation and the effective holding of this Conference.

CM/Res.1409 (LVI)

**RESOLUTION ON THE OUTCOME OF THE UNCED CONFERENCE IN RIO DE JANEIRO**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-sixth Ordinary Session in Dakar, Senegal, from 22 to 28 June 1992,

Recalling Resolution 44/228 of the United Nations General Assembly convening of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED),

Recalling Resolution of the Second Regional Preparatory Ministerial Conference to UNCED relating to the African Common Position on Environment and Development held in Abidjan from 11 to 14 November 1991,

Recalling Resolution CM/Res.1362 (LIV) adopted by the 54<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the OAU Council of Ministers held in Abuja, Nigeria, from 27 May to 1 June 1991, relating to the preparation of Africa to UNCED,

Recalling Bamako Commitment on Environment and Sustainable Development adopted by the OAU Pan-African Conference on Environment and Sustainable Development held in Bamako, Mali, from 23 to 30 January 1991,

Considering the main conclusions and recommendations of the UNCED held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 3 to 14 June 1992,

Aware of the importance of the decisions taken in Rio de Janeiro and in particular with reference to Agenda 21 and the need for its immediate implementation worldwide, as well as at regional and national level,

Aware also of the various mechanisms proposed by UNCED for the implementation of Agenda 21 in particular, IDA, ODA, GEF and Regional Banks:

1. TAKES NOTE with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General on the outcome of UNCED;
2. INVITES all Member States to undertake all necessary structural reforms at national level in view to facilitating follow-up and coordination of the implementation of recommendations of Rio Conference, particularly Agenda 21;
3. INVITES the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity, in collaboration with other concerned organizations to undertake all necessary measures to organize in the African region the follow-up and the coordination of the implementation of Rio Declaration, Agenda 21, and the various Conventions already signed or to be signed;

4. REQUESTS further the OAU Secretary-General in collaboration with the Director of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office (UNSO), the UNEP and any other interested institutions within the United Nations system to give full support to the African Group and to support the UN General Assembly mechanism for the negotiation and adoption of an international convention to combat desertification;
5. REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the OAU to undertake the necessary consultations with the relevant UN Institutions (UNDP, UNEP, UNSO), the International Financial Institutions, Regional Banks (ADB), Donor countries in order to ensure the mobilization of the necessary resources for the implementation of Agenda 21 at national and regional levels;
6. CALLS UPON the international community to show/express solidarity and concern with those issues of priority concern to Africa by providing the necessary resources;
7. EXPRESSES ITS GRATITUDE to all the joint Secretariat Organizations (ECA, OAU, ADB, UNSO, UNDP, UNEP, UNCED Secretariat) for all efforts they developed to support African States during the preparation process and negotiations to UNCED and REQUESTS them to pursue these efforts during follow-up implementation of Rio recommendations phases and Agenda 21 phases, as well as activities relating to implementation of various conventions adopted.



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**RESOLUTION ON THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIFTEENTH ORDINARY  
SESSION OF THE OAU LABOR COMMISSION**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-sixth Ordinary Session in Dakar, Senegal, from 22 to 28 June 1992,

Recalling previous Resolution LC/Res.163 (XIV) adopted by the Fourteenth Ordinary Session of the OAU Labor Commission recommending the transformation of the Commission into a tripartite organ,

Having considered the Report of the Secretary-General on the deliberations of the Fifteenth Ordinary Session of the OAU Labor Commission (Doc. CM/1731 (LVI),

Aware of the importance of tripartism and the role it can play in bringing about balanced socio-economic development, industrial peace and democracy in Africa,

Conscious of the contribution that International Organizations can make to the OAU Labor Commission:

1. TAKES NOTE of the Report of the Secretary-General on the deliberations of the Fifteenth Ordinary Session of the OAU Labor Commission;
2. APPROVES the Rules of Procedure which transforms the Labor Commission into a tripartite organ of the OAU;
3. INVITES Member States to respect the principles of tripartism in constituting their delegations to the OAU Labor Commission and related meetings, as well as to the International Labor Conference and related ILO Meetings;
4. APPEALS to the International Inter-governmental and Non-governmental Organizations especially those involved in human sciences and cultural matters to participate fully in the activities of the OAU Labor Commission in its new form and orientation.

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**RESOLUTION ON THE DAKAR PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE PROMOTION OF CULTURAL INDUSTRIES: FACTORS OF DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-sixth Ordinary Session in Dakar, Senegal, from 22 to 28 June 1992,

Recalling Resolution CM/Res.1120 (XLVI) of the Forty-sixth Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in July 1987 on the organization of a series of regional seminars on Cultural Industries in Africa,

Considering the conclusions and recommendations of the regional seminar organized successively in Conakry (Guinea) in October 1985; Harare (Zimbabwe) in February 1988; Antananarivo (Madagascar) in November 1989; Nairobi (Kenya) in November 1990, as well as the progress reports adopted by the Sessions of the Conference of African Ministers of Culture,

Considering further the conclusions and recommendations of the Experts' Meeting held in Nairobi, Kenya, in January 1992,

Convinced that cultural industries foster economic and cultural development and African integration,

Guided by the principles of the Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community, adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government in Abuja, Nigeria in June 1991:

1. TAKES NOTE of the Report of the Expert;
2. ADOPTS the Plan of Action for the promotion of cultural industries known as Dakar Plan of Action, Document CM/1732 (LVI) Rev.1;
3. RECOMMENDS that UNESCO incorporate the Dakar Plan of Action into the World Cultural Development Decade Program (1988 – 1997);
4. EXPRESSES ITS GRATITUDE to the countries that hosted the Regional Seminars, namely, Guinea, Zimbabwe, Madagascar, Kenya, as well as to UNESCO and other international organizations via UNIDO, WIPO, UNDP, and EEC/ACP which contributed to the organization and success of the Seminars;
5. REQUESTS the Secretary-General to take every necessary step to ensure the implementation of the Dakar Plan of Action.

**RESOLUTION ON THE APPLICATION OF BIO-TECHNOLOGIES**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-sixth Ordinary Session in Dakar, Senegal, from 22 to 28 June 1992,

Convinced that a scientific research policy adapted to the priority needs and problems of Africa, would contribute to reducing Member States' dependence on the outside world and promote their individual and collective self-reliance,

Conscious of the importance of advanced technologies, full of promise for the future development of Member States,

Also conscious of the possibilities offered by bio-technologies, particularly in the area of food self-sufficiency, health, environmental protection and natural resources conservation,

Further aware of the difficulties faced in their selection, transfer and adaptation,

Recalling the commitment made at the Brazzaville Congress in 1985 by the scientists in Africa, meeting within the Pan-African Union of Science and Technology, to mobilize themselves and contribute to the scientific renaissance of the continent,

Further recalling:

- (a) The conclusions of the Pan-African Symposium of Science and Technology held in Algiers from 1 to 5 February 1992, following the Abidjan meeting (November 1991) in preparation for the UNCED, leading to the establishment of an African Agenda for Bio-technologies;
- (b) The conclusions incorporated in the UNESCO/ROSTA Report on the bio-technology in Africa, as well as the studies conducted by UNCED Secretariat.

Resolved, within the spirit of the Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community, to take all the necessary measures to enable Member States draw up and implement joint scientific research and technological development programs:

1. TAKES NOTE of the Report CM/1733 (LVI) of the OAU Secretary-General, on the Application of Bio-technologies in Africa;

2. EXPRESSES ITS SATISFACTION at the Pan-African Union of Science and Technology (PUST) for having included in its Program of Activities, the convening in 1993 of a Regional Seminar on the Working Out and Implementation of Bio-technological Strategies in Africa;
3. CALLS UPON the Member States to participate actively in this Seminar;
4. EXPRESSES SATISFACTION with the establishment of the African Agency for Bio-technology as special instrument for the promotion of African cooperation in the field of bio-technology and CALLS ON Member States which have not yet joined, to do so;
5. APPEALS to international institutions and agencies of the United Nations System to contribute to the organization of this Seminar and the implementation of the programs of the African Agency for Bio-technology.

**RESOLUTION ON THE SITUATION OF MIGRANTS IN AFRICA**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-sixth Ordinary Session in Dakar, Senegal, from 22 to 28 June 1992,

Recalling the objectives of the Charter of the Organization of African Unity according to which the Heads of State and Government are “guided by a common desire to strengthen understanding amongst our peoples and cooperation among our States in response to their aspiration for the consolidation of their brotherhood and solidarity within a united framework that transcends ethnic and national divergencies”,

Reaffirming their attachment to the principles of international law and to that of good neighborliness which constitutes the basis for their solidarity,

Observing as a result of economic and other difficulties, the existence of a huge migratory phenomenon of their respective peoples across the borders,

Concerned over the dimension of this phenomenon and the social problems that might occur in its wake both for the countries of origin and for the countries of residence of the persons concerned,

Further concerned over the vulnerable and precarious status of this migrant population and that of the members of their families due, above all, to the distance from the countries of origin:

1. REITERATES ITS DETERMINATION to spare no effort in promoting the rights and liberties of all African peoples’ as enshrined in the African Charter on Human and Peoples’ Rights;
2. APPEALS for cooperation and solidarity from all States in protecting the person and properties of the migrant populations and members of their families;
3. CALLS ON the countries of origin on the one hand and on the other hand on the host countries and the countries of residence or destination to embark on wide-ranging cooperation and consultations so as to resolve the problems which arise this regard;
4. ENCOURAGES the Secretary-General in his efforts to draft a Protocol on the free movement, right of residence and settlement of persons within the framework of the implementation of the Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community;

5. REQUESTS the Secretary-General to submit a report to the next Session, on the status of the migrant population in Africa together with recommendations on the most appropriate ways and means of resolving this problem of migrant populations, in cooperation with Member States.

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**RESOLUTION ON THE STRENGTHENING OF RELATIONS AND  
COOPERATION BETWEEN THE AFRICAN CENTER FOR MONETARY  
STUDIES AND THE OAU**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-sixth Ordinary Session in Dakar, Senegal, from 22 to 28 June 1992,

Recalling the decision of the first meeting of the Governors of African Central Banks in February 1966, under the auspices of the ECA by which the Governors agreed inter-alia that an African Center for Monetary Research should be established,

Conscious of the fact that since its establishment in August 1975, the African Center for Monetary Studies (ACMS) has maintained close working relations with the OAU, particularly, on monetary and related financial issues,

Aware of the existence of the joint secretariat of OAU, ECA, ADB, and ACMS on monetary and related financial issues, including, in particular, the African Monetary Fund,

Further recalling Declaration AHG/Decl.3 (XXIII) of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government on Africa's External Indebtedness and Resolution AHG/Res.175 (XXIV) on the International Conference on Africa's External Debt Crisis, which inter-alia requested the joint secretariat of OAU, ECA, ADB and ACMS to carry out specific activities in relation to Africa's external debt crisis,

Noting that the successful organization of the Third Extraordinary Assembly of Heads of State and Government, the Cairo International Seminar and the sessions of the Permanent Steering Committee, Contact Group and of the Conference of African Ministers of Finance was due mainly, to the close collaboration and technical support provided by the joint Secretariat of OAU, ECA, ADB and ACMS,

Mindful of the provisions of Article 44 of the Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community relating to the enhancement of intra-African Monetary and Financial Cooperation and of Article 89 on relations between the Community and African Continental Organizations,

Recognizing the special competence of the ACMS in the monetary and financial field and the central role it should play in the work of the Committee on Monetary and Financial Affairs of the African Economic Community and in the preparation of the relevant protocols on this subject and convinced of the need to utilize the Center effectively to this end,

Cognizant of the need to enhance the role and effectiveness of the ACMS as a continental authority on questions of money banking and finance,

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Noting the decision of the Governing Council of the ACMS, held in Dakar, Senegal on 10 April 1992, that the Center should be accorded enhanced recognition by the OAU in view of the significant role it now plays:

1. REQUESTS the Secretary-General to examine the modalities and implications of strengthening of relations and cooperation between the ACMS and OAU and to submit a report with recommendations to the Council at its 57<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session;
2. FURTHER REQUESTS the Secretary-General in preparing his report, to consult with the Association of African Central Banks and the Governing Council of the ACMS, as well as with the Center.



**RESOLUTION ON THE NEW AGENDA FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF  
AFRICA IN THE '90'S (UN-NADAF)**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-sixth Ordinary Session in Dakar, Senegal, from 22 to 28 June 1992,

Recalling its previous resolutions on the critical economic situation in Africa,

Considering the adoption by the UN Forty-sixth General Assembly of the UN-NADAF in December 1991, and the importance of both Africa and the international community responsibilities and commitments contained in the New Agenda,

Considering that the UN-NADAF is a program of faith in Africa and in African peoples to build their own future and also in the international community to provide this program, "with its full and tangible support to the African efforts":

1. WELCOMES the unanimous adoption by the United Nations General Assembly of the New Agenda for Africa in the 1990'S (UN-NADAF);
2. REAFFIRMS African countries' determination to meet fully their responsibilities and commitments as contained in the UN-NADAF in particular: the transformation of the structures of their economies in order to achieve growth and development on a sustained and sustainable basis, the promotion of regional and sub-regional cooperation and integration, the intensification of the democratization process, the creation of an enabling environment that attracts foreign and domestic investment and the protection of the environment;
3. APPEALS to the international community to meet fully its responsibilities and commitments as contained in the UN-NADAF in particular: to assisting Africa in its efforts to achieve accelerated growth and human-centered development on a sustained and sustainable basis; to tackle Africa's external debt problem which is a serious threat to the continent's recovery and long term development prospects, the provision of adequate resource flows to Africa to help its annual growth rate of at least six percent for which a minimum of US\$30 billion in net ODA is required by 1992; to work in order to attain the target of devoting 0,7 percent of GNP to ODA; to grant improved market access to Africa's exports through substantial reduction in or removal of trade barriers and to mobilize additional resources to help diversification of African economies;

4. CALLS ON the African Group to the United Nations in New York to closely follow up the effective implementation of the UN-NADAF through all envisaged mechanisms, in particular the General Assembly consideration (1993); the ECOSOC High Level Segments (1995), the Mid Term Review (1996), the ECOSOC High Level Segment (1998) and the Final Review by the General Assembly of the United Nations (2000);
5. ENCOURAGES existing close cooperation between OAU, ECA and the UN Office of the Special coordinator for Africa on the monitoring and follow-up of the implementation of the UN-NADAF;
6. REQUESTS the Secretary-General to report to it at its annual meeting on the progress achieved on the implementation of the program.

CM/Res.1416 (LVI)

**RESOLUTION ON IFAD'S SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR SUB-SAHARAN  
AFRICA – SECOND PHASE**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-sixth Ordinary Session in Dakar, Senegal, from 22 to 28 June 1992,

Recalling its resolution CM/Res.1119 (XLVI) and CM/Res.1322 (LIII) on IFAD'S Special Program including the achievement of the Target of mobilizing US\$300 million for the First Phase of the Program,

Recalling also Resolution 67/XIV of the IFAD Governing Council on the establishment of a Second Phase of the Special Program and its decision inter-alia to:

“Take note of the appeal made by the African members that every effort should be made to reach a target of US\$300 million for the Second Phase of the Special Program;

appeal to all members in a position to do so to contribute generously, on a voluntary basis, to the Special Resources for Africa (SRA) for the Second Phase of the Special Program of three years, bearing in mind the level of resources mobilized for the First Phase and its successful implementation”.

Further noting the progress made on the preparatory activities for the launching of the Second Phase of the Special Program, including the development of a pipeline of projects in an advanced stage of preparation,

Expressing its deep appreciation for the contributions pledged by a number of industrialized and developing Member States to the Second Phase of the Special Program:

1. APPEALS to the international community of donors to contribute generously, on a voluntary basis, to the Second Phase of the Special Program;
2. APPEALS ALSO to those donors that have generously made firm pledges for the Second Phase of the Special Program, to deposit their instruments of contribution so as to permit the Second Phase of the Special Program to become effective as soon as possible, in 1992.

**RESOLUTION ON SAFGRAD**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-sixth Ordinary Session in Dakar, Senegal, from 22 to 28 June 1992,

Considering the provisions of the Lagos Plan of Action, and especially Chapter One devoted to Food and Agriculture,

Convinced that the qualitative and quantitative improvement of food crop production is essential to assure food self-sufficiency on the continent,

Considering the emergence and multiplicity of research networks in Africa, which often lead to a waste of meager financial and human resources, and subsequently duplication,

Taking note of the new initiative of the World Bank and other Agencies of the United Nations to promote and strengthen agricultural research in Africa,

Referring to the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative, Budgetary and Financial Matters meeting in its 55<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session, relating to SAFGRAD project,

Having heard and considered the report presented by Burkina Faso on the situation of SAFGRAD Project:

1. NOTES WITH SATISFACTION the report presented by Burkina Faso;
2. EXPRESSES ITS GRATITUDE to all donors and international institutions for their support of the SAFGRAD Project;
3. REQUESTS the General Secretariat to provide the financial assistance necessary for the running of SAFGRAD as of 1 June 1993, to enable SAFGRAD to continue its activities and extend its mandate to cover other food crops;
4. REQUESTS the Secretary-General to:
  - (a) Ensure effective coordination of agricultural research and development activities in Africa, and to that end, maintain multilateral cooperation with sub-regional, regional and international institutions in order to maximize those components of direct benefit to Africa;
  - (b) Ensure that existing or future agricultural research networks coordinate their activities with SAFGRAD and extend them to those ecological zones not covered by SAFGRAD.

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**RESOLUTION ON THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE PIRACY OF MUSICAL,  
LITERARY AND ARTISTIC WORKS**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-sixth Ordinary Session in Dakar, Senegal, from 22 to 28 June 1992,

Recalling the fact that it is the duty of Member States to use the natural and human resources of the Continent to ensure the overall developments of the African peoples in all spheres of human endeavor especially in the field of intellectual creativity,

Aware of the need to ensure the promotion and protection of cultural values for the economic and social development of Member States,

Desirous of preserving the cultural identity of the African people,

Concerned over the protection of Africa's literary and artistic heritage,

Noting with satisfaction the scope and volume of production of musical, literary and artistic works in Africa,

Concerned however, over the piracy of which such musical, literary and artistic works are subject and the attendant economic, social and moral consequences for African creative producers and the cultural industries,

Committed to the campaign against piracy and determined to protect the cultural heritage of the African States:

1. CALLS ON Member States to take at national level, the necessary legislative, administrative and other measures with a view to eradicate the piracy of musical, literary and artistic works;
2. FURTHER CALLS ON these States which have not yet acceded to the international conventions on the protection of copyrights particularly those of Bern, Rome and Paris to do so;
3. URGES Member States to support all activities undertaken by international organizations and institutions involved in protecting copyrights and containing the piracy;
4. CALLS ON the Secretary-General to encourage and organize wide-ranging consultations, ministerial and expert levels, to ensure better harmonization of legislative and other measures in the campaign against piracy, in cooperation with the competent international institutions;

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5. URTHUR CALLS ON the Secretary-General to report on this question to the Council of Ministers as and when appropriate.

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**RESOLUTION ON THE INSTITUTIONALIZATION AND ANNUAL  
CELEBRATION OF THE AFRICAN WRITERS INTERNATIONAL DAY**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-sixth Ordinary Session in Dakar, Senegal, from 22 to 28 June 1992,

Recalling the objectives of the Cultural Charter of Africa,

Paying tribute to the prominent role played by writers in the construction of a world of peace, tolerance and freedom,

Reaffirming

- The need for cultural dialogue among nations in pursuit of a harmonious mutual development; and
- The unavoidable cultural dimension of Africa's process of integration.

Aware of the need to reassess the international trade in books so as to ensure a better circulation, both qualitative and quantitative, of knowledge in order to eradicate illiteracy and eliminate the weakness inherent in the publishing and distribution network in developing countries,

After having taken cognizance of Resolution DKR/BN L90/Res.8 adopted by the International Symposium of the Biennium Arts and Letters which calls for the institutionalization of a Writers' Day:

1. DECIDES to institutionalize the African Writers' International Day and RECOMMENDS that Member States celebrate it each year in the spirit of this resolution;
2. COMMENDS all those countries which in keeping with the spirit of the Resolution and pending an awareness campaign within the international community, celebrate the African Writers' International Day each year;
3. CALLS ON the international community to join in the celebration of this Writers' Day;
4. MANDATES the Secretary-General of the OAU to work with the Pan-African Writers Association and UNESCO to ensure the implementation of this resolution, especially relating to the date of the celebration.

**RESOLUTION ON THE PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN AFRICA**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-sixth Ordinary Session in Dakar, Senegal, from 22 to 28 June 1992,

Recalling that the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights recognized that "the fundamental rights of Man issue from the qualities of the human being which implies his protection at the international level and that the existence and the respect of the peoples' rights require the guarantee of human rights "and reaffirmed" their compliance with the principles of human and peoples' rights and freedoms as contained in the Declarations, Conventions and other instruments adopted by the Organization of African Unity, the Movement of Non-Aligned countries and the United Nations",

Recalling Resolution CM/Res.1379 (LV) of the Fifty-fifth Ordinary Session of the OAU Council of Ministers, in which the States reaffirmed their will to promote and fulfill the legitimate aspirations of the African peoples as defined in the Charter of the OAU adopted in May 1963,

Hailing the efforts made by the States for a greater promotion of the fundamental human rights and freedoms,

Stressing however, that these efforts must be intensified for the strict implementation of the measures contained in the Charter and to avoid taking measures likely to involve serious violation of human rights:

1. SUPPORTS AND ENCOURAGES the activities of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights for the promotion and protection of human and peoples' rights in Africa, particularly in its efforts aimed at the strict implementation of the procedures and measures provided for in the Charter;
2. URGES the States Parties to honor their obligations within the deadline, of submitting the Reports under Article 62 of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights;
3. APPEALS to the States which have not yet done so, to become Parties to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights;
4. REQUESTS the States parties to include in their education programs specific measures to encourage a thorough understanding of issues relating to human rights and ENCOURAGES them to pursue their efforts in order to take into account, within the framework of the training of officers in-charge of Armed Forces, Law Enforcement and of all other relevant branched, appropriate elements concerning human rights;



5. SUPPORTS AND ENCOURAGES ALSO the efforts made by the National, Private and Public Institutions and Non-Governmental Organizations within the framework of their education activities, promotion and popularization of the objectives of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights.

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**VOTE OF THANKS**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-sixth Ordinary Session in Dakar, Senegal, from 22 to 28 June 1992,

Expresses its keen appreciation for the steps taken by the Government of Senegal to host the present session and to facilitate its success,

Notes with satisfaction the opening speech of His Excellency Mr. Habib Thiam, Prime Minister of Senegal and DECIDES to consider it as an official document of the Session,

Expresses its profound gratitude to the President of the Republic of Senegal, His Excellency Mr. Abdou Diouf, the Government and the People of Senegal for their fraternal and warm hospitality.