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**RESOLUTION ON THE SITUATION OF REFUGEES AND DISPLACED
PERSONS IN AFRICA**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-fourth Ordinary Session in Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria, from 27 May to 1 June 1991,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General and the activity report of the OAU Commission of Fifteen on the plight of refugees and displaced persons in Africa,

Considering the influx of refugees and displaced persons that continued to occur in various parts of Africa and place an extra burden on the countries of asylum,

Noting with grave concern the ever-widening gap between the assessed needs of the refugees and displaced persons on the one hand, and the resources made available by the international community on the other, to meet these needs,

Noting with appreciation the efforts being deployed by Member States to promote voluntary repatriation, resettlement, and rehabilitation of returnees and displaced persons,

Noting the sacrifices made by the countries of asylum, despite their economic difficulties, to give asylum to refugees and displaced persons in the spirit of African solidarity and cooperation,

Convinced that voluntary repatriation constitutes a lasting solution to the problem of refugees in Africa,

Aware of the fact that the elimination of the root causes of the problem of refugees will lead to a global solution to this deplorable situation,

Noting further with appreciation the activities of the international community, especially the office of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees in conjunction with Governmental, non-governmental and voluntary agencies in favor of refugees and displaced persons:

1. TAKES NOTE of the report of the OAU Commission of Fifteen on Refugees and the report of the Secretary-General;
2. EXPRESSES its gratitude to the Member States that have been granting asylum and extending assistance to refugees and displaced persons;
3. APPEALS to Member States to comply with the provisions of the 1969 OAU Convention relating to the Status of Refugees in Africa and, furthermore, APPEALS to those countries that have not yet done so to ratify this Convention as soon as possible;

4. APPEALS ONCE MORE to the donor community to increase its resources to meet the assessed needs of refugees and displaced persons to promote voluntary repatriation, resettlement and rehabilitation of these persons, and to eliminate the root causes of the problem of refugees;
5. CONGRATULATES Member States that have taken steps to promote the voluntary return, resettlement and rehabilitation of refugees and displaced persons and APPEALS to other Member States concerned to strive to promote conditions conducive to the voluntary repatriation of refugees;
6. REQUESTS the African Group both in Geneva and New York, in close collaboration and cooperation with the OAU Committee of Fifteen on Refugees, to redouble their efforts in conducting sensitization campaigns Relating to the plight of refugees and displaced persons in order to revive the Political will of the international community for increases assistance to Refugees and displaced persons;
7. EXPRESSES its appreciation to the Office of the UNHCR for its contribution in alleviating the plight of the refugees problem in Africa and URGES it to increase its assistance to these refugees.

RESOLUTION ON THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-fourth Ordinary Session in Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria, from 27 May to 1 June 1991,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity on the Situation in the Middle East as contained in Document CM/1664 (LIV),

Guided by the principles and objectives enshrined in the Charters of the Organization of African Unity and the United Nations and the common determination of the African and the Arab Peoples to pull their resources in defense of their independence and restoration of their legitimate basic rights,

Noting with grave concern that the connivance between the Zionist Regime in Israel and the Apartheid System in South Africa, aims at spreading international terrorism against the Palestinians in occupied Arab lands and the majority of the population in South Africa and their suppression,

Recalling that the Palestinian Question is the main cause of the conflict in the Middle East,

Reaffirming that the violation by Israel of the sanctity of the Arab lands, air space and territorial waters, constitutes a threat to international peace and security,

Considering the efforts made to establish peace in Lebanon within the context of the Taif Agreement:

1. RECALLS all the resolutions previously adopted by the OAU Assembly of Heads of State and Government and the Council of Ministers, and EXPRESSES its full support for the Palestinian people and to the Arab Countries that are victims of Israeli aggression;
2. FURTHER REAFFIRMS the common struggle of the African and Arab Peoples and the urgent need to promote Afro-Arab Solidarity;
3. STRONGLY CONDEMNS the Israeli refusal to comply with the resolutions of the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity and the provisions of the Fourth Geneva Convention of 12 August 1949, for the Protection of Civilians in times of War;
4. STRONGLY CONDEMNS also the settlement of Jews in the occupied Arab Territories;

5. DEMANDS the withdrawal of Israelis from all the occupied Arab Territories, and considers null and void measures taken by Israel in these territories aimed at changing their original characteristics and exploiting their resources;
6. DEMANDS the early convening of an International Peace Conference on the Middle East in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly with the participation of the Permanent Members of the Security Council and the parties concerned, including the PLO, the sole Legitimate representative of the Palestinian People on an equal footing, and SUPPORTS efforts deployed in this regard;
7. EXPRESSES SATISFACTION at the process of national reconciliation and peace in Lebanon and its hope in reconstruction;
8. DEMANDS the withdrawal of the Israeli forces from Southern Lebanon in conformity with Resolution 425 of the United Nations Security Council;
9. CALLS UPON all States, international organizations and investment institutions to abstain from lending any support to Israel for its acts in these territories and from maintaining any cooperation relations with that country, likely to enable it to exploit the resources of these territories, and DEMANDS Israel to put an end to its acts of violation;
10. REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity to follow the development of the situation in the Middle East and report 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-fourth Ordinary Session in Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria, from 27 May to 1 June 1991,

Having considered the Report of the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity on the Question of Palestine as contained in Document CM/1665 (LIV),

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

Further recalling all resolutions of the United Nations and the Non-Aligned Movement on the Question of Palestine,

Reaffirming the legitimacy of the struggle of the Palestinian people under the leadership of the PLO, their sole and legitimate representative, so that they could recover their territories and exercise their full national rights,

Following the attention the Palestinian popular uprising “INTIFADA”, in the occupied territories in order to put an end to the Israeli occupation and attain the inalienable national rights for the Palestinian people, including their right to return to their homeland, self-determination and the establishment of their independent State with Jerusalem as its capital,

Noting with deep concern the acts of systematic state terrorism practiced by Israel against the Palestinian people and their leadership:

1. RECALLS all the previous resolutions and recommendations adopted by various sessions of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government and the Council of Ministers of the OAU on the Question of Palestine;
2. STRONGLY CONDEMNES the continued inhuman acts perpetrated by Israel against the citizens of the occupied Palestinian and Arab territories, Such as mass deportation and detention, slaughter of women and children, Destruction of homes, confiscation of lands and property and the desecration Of holy places, and EXHORTS the international community to intervene in Order to put an end to these inhuman acts that constituted a flagrant violation Of human rights in Palestine;

3. **STRONGLY CONDEMNS** the expansionist settlement policies pursued by Israel in occupied Palestine, including Jerusalem and settlement of immigrant Jews in the occupied Arab territories, and **CALLS UPON** the Soviet Union and The United States of America, in accordance with their declared position, to Take the necessary actions to stop the settlement of migrant Jews in the Palestinian and Arab occupied territories;
4. **HAILS** the resistance of the Palestinian people to Israeli occupation, the intensification of the Palestinian people's uprising in the face of the brutal repression perpetrated by the Israeli authorities, as well as the sacrifices made by the Palestinian people under the leadership of their sole legitimate representative, the PLO, in order to recover their inalienable rights to return to their homeland, to recover their property in Palestine, to self-determination without outside interference, and the establishment of their independent and sovereign state with Jerusalem as capital;
5. **DEMANDS** that Israel withdraws immediately and unconditionally from all the occupied Palestinian territories;
6. **CALLS ON** the United Nations to secure international protection for the Palestinian population; and to take all the necessary measures to put an end To the Israeli occupation of the Palestinian territories;
7. **REQUESTS** the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in accordance with Security Council Resolution 681/1990 to invite all States party to the 1949 Fourth Geneva Convention to hold a conference aimed at promoting protection For the Palestinian people under Israeli occupation and ensuring compliance With the provisions of the Convention on the part of the Israeli occupying Forces in Palestinian territories, including Jerusalem and other occupied Arab Territories;
8. **DEMANDS** the early convening of an International Peace Conference on the Middle East in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly with the participation of Permanent Members of The Security Council and all the parties concerned, including the PLO, the Sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, in the said Conference On an equal footing, and **SUPPORTS** effort being deployed in this regard;
9. **CALLS ON** the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity to follow up the developments of the Palestinian Question and submit a report thereon to the forthcoming Session of the OAU Council of Ministers.

CM/Res.1336 (LIV)

**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-fourth Ordinary Session in Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria, from 27 May to 1 June 1991,

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/1672 (LIV),

Recalling the aims and objectives establishing the Special Emergency Assistance Fund for Drought and Famine in Africa and its operational modalities,

Recalling further resolutions CM/Res.1289 (LII) and CM/Res.1315 (LIII),

Bearing in mind the recommendations of the Twelfth Ordinary Session of the Policy Committee of the Special Emergency Assistance Fund for Drought and Famine in Africa, held from 16 to 17 May in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia,

Deeply concerned by the continued critical situation of the financial resources of the Fund:

1. TAKES NOTE of the Report of the Secretary-General on the issue;
2. ENDORSES the recommendations and decisions of the Policy Committee of the Fund and URGES the Secretary-General and the Policy Committee to intensify their efforts in the mobilization of new financial resources for the Fund;
3. REITERATES ITS APPEAL to all Member States to contribute voluntarily to the Fund and to those that have made pledges to honor their commitments;
4. EXHORTS Member States, beneficiaries of the Fund to ensure that regular reports are submitted on the implementation of the projects financed by the Fund;
5. DECIDES to renew the membership of the Policy Committee of the Special Emergency Assistance Fund for Drought and Famine in Africa as follows: Algiers, Angola, Gambia, Kenya, Libya, Malawi, Mauritania, Namibia, Niger, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Rwanda and Zambia, and that the mandate of The six incoming Member States will enter into force from the Thirteenth Session of the Policy Committee scheduled to be held in December 1991 for A period of 3 years;

6. REQUESTS the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of this resolution to the Fifty-fifth Session of the Council of Ministers.

CM/Res.1337 (LIV)

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

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-fourth Ordinary Session in Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria, from 27 May to 1 June 1991,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the proceedings of the Fourteenth Ordinary Session of the OAU Labor Commission, Document CM/1674 (LIV),

Taking into account the recommendations of the Labor Commission contained in its Resolutions LC/Res.160 (XIV) to LC/Res.170 (XIV):

1. TAKES NOTE of the Report of the Secretary-General and APPROVES the conclusions of the Fourteenth Ordinary Session of the OAU Labor Commission;
2. URGES Member States to take necessary steps to implement the recommendations of the OAU Labor Commission;
3. CALLS UPON the relevant international organizations that cooperate with the OAU in the area of relevance to the Labor Commission to pursue their efforts In Africa, while keeping in view, the recommendations of the Labor Commission;
4. REQUESTS the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of the recommendations of the OAU Labor Commission.

CM/Res.1338 (LIV)

RESOLUTION ON THE OAU AD-HOC ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-fourth Ordinary Session in Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria, from 27 May to 1 June 1991,

Having considered the Report of the Secretary-General on the OAU Ad-Hoc Administrative Tribunal, Document CM/1678 (LIV),

Taking into account the provisions of the Rules of Procedure of the OAU Ad-Hoc Administrative Tribunal, Document CM/170/Rev.2 (IX):

1. TAKES NOTE of the Secretary-General's report on the question;
2. EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION to Justice DIALLO MAMADOU of the Republic of Guinea, for the competence and devotion displayed by him During his mandate;
3. INVITES Kenya to nominate a judge to the OAU Administrative Tribunal to replace the judge from Guinea whose mandate is about to expire.

**RESOLUTION ON REPARATION FOR EXPLOITATION AND SLAVERY IN
AFRICA**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-fourth Ordinary Session in Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria, from 27 May to 1 June 1991,

Recalling the Charter of the Organization of African Unity,

Taking into account the long years of exploitation of Africa through slave trade and colonialism,

Concerned that those crimes committed against Africa and Africans in the Diaspora have largely contributed to its present economic and social under development,

Noting that other groups that were subjected to similar scourges and injustice have received ample reparation and attention,

Desirous to ensure that those powers responsible for the centuries of damage to Africa, take measures to make reparation for the exploitation and slavery of Africa:

1. DECIDES to establish a group of Eminent African and Africans to the Diaspora in the relevant fields to set out clearly the extent of Africa's Exploitation, the liability of the perpetrators and the strategies for Achieving reparation;
2. REQUESTS all African states, Africans, Africans in the Diaspora and others in a position to do so, including the relevant international organizations and bodies to cooperate fully with the Group on the successful discharge of its functions;
3. REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements for the immediate empanelling of the group and for its smooth functioning;
4. FURTHER REQUESTS also the OAU Secretary-General to submit an action-orientated report to the Council at its Fifty-sixth Session.

RESOLUTION ON SOMALIA

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-fourth Ordinary Session in Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria, from 27 May to 1 June 1991,

Reaffirming the principles of sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence of Member States as enshrined in Article 2, Paragraph C of the Charter, as well as the principle of intangible territorial integrity of the Somali Republic,

Considering the serious political developments in Somali which threaten the unity of the Somali Republic:

1. REAFFIRMS the indivisibility and the territorial integrity of the Somali Republic;
2. DETERMINES that any attempt to subvert the territorial integrity, unity, and the inviolability of the Somali Republic is incompatible with the OAU Charter and therefore is unacceptable, null and void;
3. CALLS UPON the Somali National Movement to rescind its decision of succession and work for the preservation of the unity and territorial integrity of the Somali Republic;
4. SUPPORTS the initiatives of Egypt, Djibouti, the Sudan and Uganda together with any other sisterly countries in convening a national reconciliation conference at an early date and MANDATES the OAU Secretary-General to undertake a good offices mission to help all parties Arrive at an agreement to safeguard the national unity and territorial integrity Of the Somali Republic and ensure peace and political stability in the country;
5. URGES all Somali National Movements to participate fully in the National Reconciliation Conference in Cairo;
6. CALLS UPON the Member States of the OAU and international community to extend urgent humanitarian assistance to the people of Somalia with a view to alleviating their plight.

RESOLUTION ON THE ACTION COMMITTEE ON RAW MATERIALS

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-fourth Ordinary Session in Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria, from 27 May to 1 June 1991,

Recalling the Constitution of the Action Committee on Raw Materials (ACRM) of the Group of 77 and its first meeting held in Abuja in April 1989,

Conscious of the need to coordinate efforts and intensify cooperation among developing countries in the exploitation, procession and utilization of raw material resources in such a manner as to promote self-reliance and enhance trade among themselves,

Noting that only Liberia, Ghana, Nigeria and Togo have so far signed the Constitution of ACRM and that other African countries are yet to do so:

1. INVITES all Member States of the OAU, who have not already done so, to sign the Constitution establishing the ACRM to ensure the full realization of the Committee's objectives;
2. UNDERLINES the imperative need of Member States of OAU to participate at meetings of ACRM in order to develop common projects for execution within the ECDC/TCDC framework;
3. REQUESTS member countries of the ACRM to forward the names of their focal points to the ACRM Secretariat in Nigeria;
4. CALLS ON the United Nations system to continue to lend its financial and technical support to ACRM for the implementation of its programs.

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

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-fourth Ordinary Session in Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria, from 27 May to 1 June 1991,

Recalling resolution AHG/Res.11 (I) adopted by the Conference of Heads of State and Government in Cairo in 1964, relative to the De-nuclearization of Africa,

Recalling further resolution CM/Res.3 (I) adopted by the First Session of the Council of Ministers,

Reaffirming all resolutions on General Disarmament adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government and the Council of Ministers since the inception of the OAU,

Taking note of Resolution 1652 (XVI) of the General Assembly of the United Nations that called upon all States to respect the Continent of Africa as a nuclear-free zone,

Convinced that the evolution of the international situation is conducive to the implementation of the Declaration on the De-nuclearization of Africa (1964) as well as the relevant provisions of the OAU Declaration on Security, Disarmament and Development (1968),

Having considered the report of the Group of Experts set up jointly by the OAU and the UN which held its first Meeting in Addis Ababa, from 6 – 10 May 1991:

1. DECIDES to set up an inter-governmental group of African experts to study this report in greater detail with a view to examining the modalities and elements for the preparation of a Treaty on the De-nuclearization of Africa;
2. REQUESTS the UN Secretary-General in consultation with the OAU Secretary-General, to convene a second meeting of the Group of Experts Designated by the UN in cooperation with the OAU;
3. DECIDES to convene a joint meeting of the two groups of Experts during the second meeting of the UN/OAU Experts;
4. FURTHER DECIDES to place on the agenda of its Fifty-seventh Ordinary Session the item entitled “Implementation of the Declaration on the De-nuclearization of Africa”.

RESOLUTION ON AFRO-ARAB COOPERATION

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-fourth Ordinary Session in Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria, from 27 May to 1 June 1991,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General,

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,

Determined to promote and strengthen Afro-Arab Cooperation in all fields,

Recalling its Resolutions CM/Res.1210 (L), CM/Res.1250 (LI) and CM/Res.1306 (LII):

1. TAKES NOTE of the introductory note of the Secretary-General on Afro-Arab Cooperation;
2. REQUESTS the Secretary-General to pursue his consultations with the League of Arab States and other parties involved with the aim of implementing cooperation programs already approved, and in particular, the organization of the First Afro-Arab Trade Fair, the project to establish an Afro-Arab Finance and Investment Company, the draft framework agreement on the establishment of an Afro-Arab Preferential Trade Area, as well as other programs relating to culture and information;
3. ACCEPTS the proposal of the two OAU/League of Arab States Secretariats and the Host country, Tunisia, to postpone to 1993, the organization in Tunis of the First Afro-Arab Trade Fair, DECIDES that budgetary appropriations which had been allocated for this project should be retained for the financial year under consideration and URGES Member States to fully cooperate in the organization of the said trade fair;
4. REQUESTS the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps, in close collaboration with his counterpart of the League of Arab States, with a view to convening at the earliest convenience, the Twelfth Ordinary Session of the Permanent Standing Commission on Afro-Arab Cooperation planned for Algiers, in consultation with the Government of Algeria.

RESOLUTION ON AFRICA FUND

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-fourth Ordinary Session in Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria, from 27 May to 1 June 1991,

Noting with appreciation the report presented to it by the Special Envoy of the Prime Minister of India, Chairman of the AFRICA Fund Committee,

Recognizing the role played by the late Mr. Rajiv Gandhi in the establishment of the AFRICA fund,

Recognizing further the important role that the fund has been playing since its inception in 1986, through its political and moral support to the Frontline States and Liberation Movements of Southern Africa, as well as its financial and economic assistance to them within the means available to it:

1. WARMLY WELCOMES the constructive contribution of the AFRICA Fund in favor of the Frontline States at a time when their economies are adversely affected by the effects of the economic sanction and other forms of international pressure against the racist Pretoria regime;
2. EXPRESSES its appreciation to all members of the donor community who have so far generously contributed to the Fund;
3. APPEALS to all nations of the world, particularly to the international donor community, and to organizations and individuals who are in a position to do so, to contribute generously once more to the AFRICA Fund, so that it can continue fulfilling the mandate assigned to it by the Non-Aligned Summit Meeting at Harare in September 1986.

**RESOLUTION ON FUNDING THE FIVE YEAR PROGRAM OF WORK FOR
THE AFRICAN CENTER FOR FERTILIZER DEVELOPMENT**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-fourth Ordinary Session in Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria, from 27 May to 1 June 1991,

Recalling the important role accorded to agricultural development in the Lagos Plan of Action (for Economic and Social Development) adopted by the Second Extra-Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government held in Lagos, Nigeria, in 1980,

Recalling Resolution CM/Res.840 (XXXVI) on the Establishment of an African Center for Fertilizer development, adopted by the Council of Ministers at its Thirty-sixth Ordinary Session held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in 1981,

Recalling also the Agreement signed in 1983 between the OAU and the Government of the Republic of Zimbabwe for the establishment of the Headquarters of the African Center for Fertilizer Development in Harare,

Noting that the Convention establishing the African Center for Fertilizer Development became operational in 1987,

Noting further that the Board of Directors of the Africa Center for Fertilizer Development (ACFD) which is constituted in accordance with the provisions of the Convention, has approved a Five Year Program of Work and Budget for the ACFD at its Third Meeting held at its Headquarters in Harare, in April 1991,

Bearing in mind the UN General Assembly Resolution S-13/2 and, in particular, the stipulation of the United Nations Program of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development (1986-1990) in which the African countries and the international community committed themselves, inter-alia to give priority attention and increased resources to the rehabilitation and development of food and agriculture in Africa,

Concerned by the continued deterioration of the food and agriculture situation in Africa:

1. AFFIRMS that the OAU considers the ACFD to be an important part of a long-term strategy for the implementation of the Lagos Plan of Action and the United Nations Program of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development;
2. COMMENDS the Government of the Republic of Zimbabwe for implementing the Agreement for the Establishment of the Headquarters of ACFD in Harare;

3. EXPRESSES its appreciation to the OPEC Fund, the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the International Fertilizer Development Center (IFDC) for the financial and technical assistance so far Rendered to the ACFD;
4. REQUESTS the Secretary-General of OAU and the President of IFAD, assisted by the Chairman of the Boards of Directors of IFDC and ACFD, to launch a fund-raising campaign in support of ACFD'S Five Year Program of Work and Budget;
5. APPEALS to the international Donor Community to make generous contributions to ensure the successful implementation of ACFD'S Five Year Program of Work and Budget;
6. CALLS UPON Member States that have not yet done so to sign and ratify the Convention.

**RESOLUTION ON THE PRECARIOUS FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE PAN-
AFRICAN POSTAL UNION (PAPU), THE PAN-AFRICAN
TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION (PATU) AND THE PAN-AFRICAN NEWS
AGENCY (PANA)**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-fourth Ordinary Session in Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria, from 27 May to 1 June 1991,

Recalling its various resolutions, establishing PAPU, PATU and PANA as Specialized Institutions of the OAU,

Cognizant of the important role these Specialized Agencies were designed to play in promoting cooperation and further the principles and objectives of the OAU Charter,

Considering the important role the OAU Specialized Institutions are to play in promoting economic cooperation and integration within the framework of the African Economic Community,

Aware of the need to provide these Specialized Agencies with adequate resources to enable them to carry out their programs:

1. CALLS UPON all Member States who have not yet done so, to formalize their membership in these institutions;
2. INVITES all Member States of PAPU, PATU and PANA, to honor their financial obligations by paying their arrears before the end of 1991 and to honor all decisions of these Institutions
3. EXPHASIZES THE NEED FOR ALL Member States to pay their assessed contributions to PAPU, PATU and PANA, as and when due;
4. REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General to report to the Council at its Fifty-sixth Session on the implementation of this resolution.

RESOLUTION ON ETHIOPIA

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-fourth Ordinary Session in Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria, from 27 May to 1 June 1991,

Having considered the Report of the Secretary-General on the Activities of the Organization, in particular on the conflicts plaguing the continent,

Recalling the provisions of the Charter as well as all relevant resolutions pertaining to settlement of conflicts by peaceful means and on the need to safeguard the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Member States,

Bearing in mind the urgent need for peace and security as prerequisites for development and integration of Africa,

Taking into account the unfortunate conflict that has ravage Ethiopia for decades,

Bearing in mind the unique character of Addis Ababa as the Headquarters of our continental organization, the OAU, and also the Headquarters of the UN Economic Commission for Africa,

Anxious to ensure that the necessary conditions prevail for the smooth running of the OAU Headquarters.

Noting with satisfaction the avowed intention of the present administration of Ethiopia to carry out consultations with a view to establishing a broader-based interim Government pending the conduct of free and fair elections:

1. CALLS ON all the parties in the Ethiopia conflict to exert maximum efforts to ensure the return of durable peace and security through a policy of national reconciliation;
2. URGES the present administration to carry out, as soon as possible, its intended consultations;
3. APPEALS to all the parties concerned to join in working for the preservation of the unity and territorial integrity of Ethiopia;
4. RECOMMENDS to the Assembly of Heads of State and Government to establish a Committee of Heads of State, including the incoming Chairman to assist in achieving the above-mentioned objectives.

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**RESOLUTION ON THE VOTE OF APPRECIATION AND THANKS TO
PROFESSOR ADEBAYO ADEDEJI, UNDER SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE
UNITED NATIONS AND OUT-GOING EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE
ECA, IN APPRECIATION OF HIS WORK**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-fourth Ordinary Session in Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria, from 27 May to 1 June 1991,

Noting with satisfaction “the Vote of Appreciation and Thanks addressed to Professor Adebayo Adedeji, Under Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Executive Secretary of the ECA”, contained in Resolution No.722 (XXIV) of the ECA Conference of Ministers and in Resolution No. 21 (XXIV) of the Conference of Ministers of the ECA entitled “Naming the new Conference Center of the ECA Adebayo Adedeji Conference Center in Addis Ababa”,

Noting with appreciation the numerous contributions made by Professor Adebayo Adedeji for the promotion of the economic and social development in Africa:

1. DECIDES to endorse resolutions 21 (XXIV) and 722 (XXIV) of ECA Conference of Ministers held in Addis Ababa from 9 to 13 May 1991.

**RESOLUTION ON THE URUGUAY ROUND FOR MULTILATERAL TRADE
NEGOTIATIONS**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-fourth Ordinary Session in Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria, from 27 May to 1 June 1991,

Having considered the report of the Eleventh Session of the Conference of African Ministers of Trade contained in Document E/ECA/TRADE/91/12 (CM/1667 (LIV)),

Recalling that the current Uruguay Round negotiations under the auspices of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) was launched in September 1986,

Gravely concerned that so far the negotiations have not sufficiently addressed Africa's problems and concerns,

Deeply concerned also about the immense lack of transparency that characterizes the formal and informal consultations within the Uruguay Round,

Regretting the fact that the OAU does not have Observer Status within the for a of the GATT negotiations, despite efforts made by the Secretariat towards that end,

Bearing in mind that the international economic and commercial environment continues to deteriorate and that commitments on stand-still and Roll-back made in Punta del Este Declaration and renewed at the Mid-term Review have not been honored by the developed countries,

Aware of the breakdown of the Brussels Ministerial Meeting of December 1990 and the recent decision of the Trade Negotiations Committee to resume the Uruguay Round Negotiations,

Noting the outcome of the recommendations that emerged from the recent High Level African Brainstorming Session on the Uruguay Round in Arusha – United Republic of Tanzania held from 12 to 13 April 1991:

1. ENDORSES the Resolution of the Eleventh Session of the African Ministers of Trade on the Multilateral Trade Negotiations;
2. REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the OAU to open contacts with the Director General of the GATT on the concerns of Africa, in the final phase Of the negotiations, especially the question of transparency in the negotiations;
3. FURTHER REQUESTS THE Secretary-General to re-apply to the competent organs of GATT for Observer Status for the OAU, to enable it to coordinate Africa's position in the regular meetings of GATT bodies;

4. CALLS UPON the UNDP/UNCTAD Project RAF/87/157 “Support to Africa in the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations and the external sector of African countries” to continue to provide maximum technical support to African countries till the conclusion of the negotiations;
5. EXPRESSES gratitude to the UNDP and UNCTAD for the financial and technical support provided under the Project RAF/87/157;
6. INVITES the UNDP to increase its financial support to Project RAF/87/157 to enable it to lend the required support to African countries until the end of the Uruguay Round and afterwards to consider extending the project so that the results of the Round could be implemented.

RESOLUTION ON THE ALL-AFRICA TRADE FAIR

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-fourth Ordinary Session in Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria, from 27 May to 1 June 1991,

Having considered the report of the Eleventh Session on the Conference of African Ministers of Trade, contained in Document E/ECA/TRADE/91/12 (CM/1667 (LIV)),

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

Further recalling the decision of the Eighth Session of the Conference of African Ministers of Trade held in Brazzaville – Congo, to accept the offer of Zimbabwe to host the Sixth All-Africa Trade Fair,

Notes with appreciation the efforts being deployed by the Government of Zimbabwe and members of the organizing Committee to ensure a successful outcome of the Sixth All-Africa Trade Fair:

1. TAKES NOTE of the Report of the Eleventh Session of the Conference of African Ministers of Trade;
2. EXPRESSES ITS GRATITUDE to the Government of Zimbabwe for having offered to host the Sixth All-Africa Trade Fair;
3. TAKES NOTE that 2 to 10 September 1992 are the dates for the Sixth All-Africa Trade Fair which is scheduled to take place in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe;
4. INVITES all Member States to sensitize all socio-economic operators, including the private sector to participate actively in the Sixth All-Africa Trade Fair;
5. REQUESTS all Member States and the Secretariat of the OAU to deploy all efforts to secure financial and technical contributions for the Fair from the EEC under the Lome IV Convention;
6. URGES also other institutions, specialized agencies, bilateral and multilateral donors to extend their assistance to Africa towards the successful mounting of the Sixth All-Africa Trade-Fair;

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7. ACCEPTS WITH APPRECIATION the offers of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Government of the Cote D'Ivoire to Host the Seventh and Eighth All-Africa Trade Fairs, respectively.

**RESOLUTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF OAU NATIONAL
ASSOCIATIONS**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-fourth Ordinary Session in Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria, from 27 May to 1 June 1991,

Having considered the Report of the Secretary-General on the Proposed Establishment of OAU National Associations, Document 1668 (LIV),

Recalling the importance of popularizing the principles, aims and objectives of the OAU Charter, the Lagos Plan of Action and the Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community among all segments of the African population as recommended in the Declaration of the 26th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government on the Political and Socio-economic Situation in Africa and the Fundamental Changes taking place in the World,

Mindful of the centrality of popular participation in African efforts towards recovery and development as enunciated in the African Charter for Popular Participation in Development and Transformation and in the Declaration of the Twenty-sixth Ordinary Session of the OAU Heads of State and Government in July 1990, as well as the principles enshrined in the Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community:

1. ADOPTS the Report of the Secretary-General and the recommendations therein, and REQUESTS the Secretary-General to take into consideration the views expressed by the Council on this matter as contained in the Report;
2. REQUESTS Member States who have done so to assist in the establishment of national or Associations by encouraging their nationals from all walks of life, to participate in the establishment and functioning of such Commissions or Associations;
3. URGES that, as far as possible these Associations should be self-financing;
4. CALLS UPON Member States to keep the Secretary-General informed on any action undertaken towards the establishment and functioning of the National Associations;
5. REQUESTS the Secretary-General to assist Member States in the establishment of these Associations, in accordance with their national laws and to report periodically on the implementation of this resolution including the activities of the Associations.

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**RESOLUTION ON THE SECOND UNITED NATIONS TRANSPORT AND
COMMUNICATIONS DECADE IN AFRICA**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-fourth Ordinary Session in Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria, from 27 May to 1 June 1991,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the Preparatory Activities Towards the Launching of the Second United Nations Transport and Communications Decade in Africa, Document CM/1670 (LIV),

Recalling Resolutions CM/Res.738 (XXXIII) Rev.1, CM/Res.800 (XXXV) and CM/Res.889 (XXVII) on the First United Nations Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,

Conscious of the importance of the transport and communications sector in promoting the physical and economic integration of the Continent:

1. HAILS the decision of the United Nations General Assembly to proclaim 1991 – 2000 the Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa;
2. EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION to the UNDP, the UN Specialized Agencies, African Regional Organizations and the International Community For their positive contribution and assistance to facilitate the preparation of The Second United Nations Transport and Communications Decade in Africa;
3. APPROVES the global and sub-sectoral aims and objectives, the strategy, directives and institutional mechanism which made it possible to prepare the Second Decade;
4. ALSO APPROVES the Second Decade Program as adopted by the Conference of Ministers of Transport and Communications and Planning;
5. LAUNCHES an appeal to the United Nations to officially proclaim 1991 – 2000 the Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa during the Forty-sixth Regular Session of the General Assembly;
6. URGES Member States to establish and make operational, as quickly as possible, their national coordination committees if they have not yet done so;
7. ALSO LAUNCHES AN APPEAL to IERD, UNDP, BIRD and the international community, to provide the necessary financial and technical assistance for the implementation of the objectives of the Second Decade;

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8. CALLS UPON the Secretary-General to submit regular reports to the Council of Ministers on the implementation of the Decade Program.

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**RESOLUTION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REGIONAL AFRICAN
SATELLITE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM (RASCOM)**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-fourth Ordinary Session in Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria, from 27 May to 1 June 1991,

Having considered the Report of the Secretary-General on RASCOM, Document CM/1671 (LIV),

Recalling Resolution CM/Res.506 (XXVII) which, among others, called upon the OAU, ECA, ADB and ITU to conduct a feasibility study on the use of satellite communications for common carrier communications,

Further recalling resolution CM/Res.1172 (XLVIII) on the development of telecommunications in Africa,

Aware of the need to extend telecommunications facilities in rural and isolated areas of African countries so as to promote the integration of the rural economy into the main stream of national economic activities,

Mindful of the importance of telecommunications facilities in facilitating intra-African trade:

1. TAKES NOTE of the Report of the Secretary-General on the RASCOM Study;
2. EXPRESSES ITS THANKS to ADB, ITU, UNESCO, UNDP and the Governments of Italy and the Federal Republic of Germany for their Contribution towards the financing of the study;
3. ENDORSES Resolution RASCOM/01 of the Special Conference of African Ministers of Telecommunications which, among others, states that Africa Has decided to embark on the gradual implementation of RASCOM and TAKES NOTE of the generous offer of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to Host the Headquarters of the RASCOM Organizations;
4. DECIDES that the ultimate objective of the RASCOM project should be the establishment of dedicated satellite system for Africa;
5. APPEALS to the Committee of Country Experts to promote the close involvement of African Experts and Telecommunications Organizations in the implementation of the RASCOM project so as to enable them to gain the necessary on-the-job-description;

6. REQUESTS ITU to continue to do its utmost in giving support for the implementation of the RASCOM project including taking into account the cost of provision of support services for the project;
7. APPRECIATES the financial contribution already made by some Member States towards the RASCOM transitional stage and APPEALS to the other Countries to pay their contributions at the soonest, in order to keep the time-Frame of the transitional stage;
8. FURTHER REQUESTS the General Secretariat of the OAU to follow-up the implementation of the project.

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**RESOLUTION ON THE COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY AND THE COMMONWEALTH**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-fourth Ordinary Session in Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria, from 27 May to 1 June 1991,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the Draft Cooperation Agreement between the Organization of African Unity and the Commonwealth, Document CM/1679 (LIV),

Considering the common objectives pursued by the Organization of African Unity and the Commonwealth in their efforts to strengthen international cooperation,

Considering that a Cooperation Agreement between the OAU and the Commonwealth would enable the two organizations to coordinate and harmonize their activities in all areas of common interest:

1. TAKES NOTES of the Secretary-General's report on this issue;
2. ADOPTS the Cooperation Agreement between the OAU and the Commonwealth;
3. AUTHORIZES the OAU Secretary-General to sign the Agreement with the Secretary-General of the Commonwealth.

**RESOLUTION ON THE BAMAKO CONVENTION ON THE BAN ON THE
IMPORT OF HAZARDOUS WASTES INTO AFRICA AND ON THE CONTROL
OF THEIR TRANS-BOUNDARY MOVEMENTS WITHIN AFRICA**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-fourth Ordinary Session in Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria, from 27 May to 1 June 1991,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General of the OAU (Doc. CM/1673 (LIV)) on the Pan-African Conference on Environment and Sustainable Development held in Bamako, Mali, from 23 to 30 January 1991,

Recalling Resolutions 1153 (XLVIII) on the Dumping of Nuclear and Industrial Wastes in Africa and CM/Res.1199 (XLIX) on the Basel Convention on the Control of Trans-boundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes,

Recalling further Resolution CM/Res.1225 (L) on setting-up of a Working Group composed of Legal and Technical Environment Experts to draw up an African Convention on the Control of all Forms of Hazardous Wastes in the Continent,

Mindful that the objectives of the Bamako Convention are to adequately address Africa's interests and concerns in response to the loopholes contained in the Basel Convention:

1. TAKES NOTE with satisfaction of the Secretary-General's report on this issue;
2. EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION to ECA, UNEP, Greenpeace International and the Asian-African Legal Consultation Committee For their cooperation;
3. REQUESTS OAU Member States who have not yet signed and ratify the Convention to do so, so as to bring it into force;
4. REQUESTS the Secretary-General to ensure the widest publicity on the Convention;
5. ENCOURAGES Member States to organize national and sub-regional seminars with a view to disseminating information on the Convention.

CM/Res.1357 (LIV)

**RESOLUTION ON THE COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE OAU
AND THE PAN-AFRICAN UNION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PUST)**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-fourth Ordinary Session in Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria, from 27 May to 1 June 1991,

Recalling the previous Resolutions CM/Res.1048 (XLIV) and CM/Res.1121 (XLVII) on the Pan-African Union of Science and Technology,

Recalling its Resolution CM/Res.1228 (L) requesting the Secretary-General to prepare a Draft Cooperation Agreement between the OAU and the PUST,

Having considered the draft Cooperation Agreement CM/1675 (LIV) submitted by the Secretary-General:

1. ADOPTS the Cooperation Agreement between the OAU and the PUST;
2. AUTHORIZES the Secretary-General of the OAU to sign the Agreement with the Secretary-General of PUST.

CM/Res.1358 (LIV)

**RESOLUTION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIES ADOPTED IN
THE WAKE OF THE SYMPOSIUM ON AFRICAN WOMEN, FOOD SELF-
SUFFICIENCY AND THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY OF AFRICA**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-fourth Ordinary Session in Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria, from 27 May to 1 June 1991,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the Symposium on African Women, Food Self-sufficiency and the Economic Recovery of Africa contained in Document CM/1677 (LIV),

Recalling the undertakings given in the Lagos Plan of Action and in Africa's Priority Program for Economic Recovery in connection with the role of women in food production and self-sufficiency,

Aware of the need for Member States to rehabilitate African agriculture, especially in the area of food production by setting out programs of special assistance targeted to women working in agriculture:

1. APPROVES the strategies emanating from the OAU Symposium on "African Women, Food Self-sufficiency and Africa's Economic Recovery" and URGES Member States to ensure the implementation of These strategies and prepare periodic reports on the progress made in this Field;
2. URGES Member States to reaffirm their commitment to programs set-up to boost food production to achieve food self-sufficiency in Africa;
3. EXPRESSES its sincere gratitude to ILO, WHO, UNIDO, UNFPA, UNICEF and PAO for the financial and technical assistance extended to The symposium;
4. REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the OAU to submit to the 56th Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers a report on the implementation Of the relevant recommendations adopted by the symposium.

CM/Res.1359 (LIV)

**RESOLUTION ON THE APPROVAL OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
AFRICAN LITERACY CENTER**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-fourth Ordinary Session in Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria, from 27 May to 1 June 1991,

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

Recalling the objectives set out in the Lagos Plan of Action on Adult Education and Training,

Recalling also the World Conference on Education for All held in Jomtien (Thailand) from 5 to 9 March 1990,

Determined to bring about a considerable reduction in the rates of adult illiteracy in Africa by the year 2000,

Resolved to strengthen the cooperation between Member States in adult education and training and to harmonize policies in that regard within the framework of the African Economic Community,

Having considered the report of the OAU Secretary-General (Doc.CM/1676 (LIV)) on the Implementation of Resolution CM/Res.800 (XXXV) on Continuing Adult Education:

1. TAKES NOTE of the report and the recommendations of the Meeting of Experts held in Nairobi on 14 and 15 February 1991;
2. APPROVES to open in Niamey (Niger) an autonomous pilot center for adult education and training to be run by the African Association for Adult Education and Training (AALAE);
3. EXPRESSES ITS DEEP GRATITUDE to the Government of the Republic of Niger for having accepted to host the Center and for Offering to provide the facilities necessary for its smooth running;
4. CALLS UPON the Director General of UNESCO, the Secretary-General of the OAU and the Secretary-General of AALAE to give their material and financial support for an early implementation of the project;
5. WARMLY CONGRATULATES the African Association for Literacy and Adult Education (AALAE) on its laudable efforts deployed in the elimination Of illiteracy in Africa and its determination to contribute substantially to the running costs of the Pilot Center;

6. REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General to submit a Progress Report on the project to its Fifty-sixth Ordinary Session.

**RESOLUTION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AFRICAN DECADE
FOR CHILD SURVIVAL, PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-fourth Ordinary Session in Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria, from 27 May to 1 June 1991,

Bearing in mind resolutions and declarations adopted by the OAU on the Decade of the African Child, especially as they pertain to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child, Primary Health Care and education, as well as other child related issues,

Noting with concern the continuing serious problems confronting African economies, which adversely affect the situation of children,

Stressing the need for African countries to include in their budget programs to support human development in Africa,

Emphasizing the urgent necessity for all Member States to include the Declaration of the World Summit for Children and the Plan Of Action in their development plans;

Acknowledging the valuable efforts being made by Member States to initiate national Plans of Action within the framework of the African Decade for child Survival, Protection and Development 1990 – 2000,

Noting that the World Summit Plan of Action requests UNICEF, to prepare, in close collaboration with relevant specialized agencies and other United Nations organs, consolidated analysis of the plans and actions undertaken by the individual countries and the international community in support of the child-related development goals for the 1990s:

1. URGES the Member States to take appropriate steps to implement the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child and URGES those Member States that have Not already done so, to ratify the said legal documents;
2. CALLS UPON all Member States to ensure the commemoration of the Day of African child on 16 June, as a means of enhancing the awareness of The needs and protection of children;
3. URGES all Member States to do their utmost to include in their budget programs to improve the situation of their children, particularly, in the fields of health and education;

4. RECOMMENDS that efforts be pursued by Member States to strengthen Primary Health Care Systems and sustain the achievements of the Universal Child Immunization Programs;
5. REQUESTS all Member States to take all necessary measures for the implementation of the Plan of Action of the World Conference on Education for All with a view to accelerating efforts to meet the basic educational needs of children and women;
6. URGES all Member States, relevant United Nations agencies, Inter-governmental Organizations and Non-governmental Organizations to prepare appropriate plans of action by the end of 1991 as called for in Paragraphs 34 and 35 of the Summit Plan of Action;
7. FURTHER APPEALS TO the international community, donor countries and organizations, to make adequate resources available for the purpose of achieving Summit goals;
8. CALLS for the convening in 1992 of an International Donor's Conference on assistance to African Children in order to accelerate the process of funding programs for the survival, protection and development of children;
9. REQUESTS the Executive Director of UNICEF to ensure full support for the implementation of the Summit Plan of Action, and for the convening of the 1992 International Donor's Conferences;
10. COMMENDS the initiating and participating countries, as well as the United Nations Agencies for the successful holding of the World Summit for Children;
11. REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General to monitor the progress made by Member States in implementing this resolution and submit progress reports To the Fifty-sixth Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers.

CM/Res.1361 (LIV)

**RESOLUTION ON AFRICA'S PREPARATION FOR THE UNITED NATION'S
CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-fourth Ordinary Session in Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria, from 27 May to 1 June 1991,

Recalling its resolution Cm/Res.1261 (LI) on cooperation in the field of environment, particularly, its operative paragraphs 1,5 and 6,

Concerned by the ecological crisis facing the African Continent and which is an impediment to a sustainable development,

Aware of the continuous degradation of the African environment resulting from the destruction of forests, drought and desertification, soil erosion, salinity and deterioration of water resources, loss of biological species, air and water pollution, as well as climatic changes and the depletion of the ozone layer which have jeopardized the economic and social development of the continent and life itself,

Aware of the fact that poverty, the deterioration of human health conditions, demographic pressure and ecological degradation, in general are closely linked and that environmental protection in Africa should, in this context, be viewed as forming an integral part of the development process,

Recalling the various plans and directives on the environment emanating particularly from the 1979 Monrovia Declaration, the 1980 Lagos Plan of Action, the African Priority Program for Economic Recovery (1986-1990), the Cairo Program of the African Ministerial Conference on Environment of 1985, the Kampala Plan of Action and Declaration of the First African Regional Conference on Environment and Sustainable Development of 1989 and the Bamako Commitment on Environment and Development of 1991,

Noting that the United Nations Conference Environment and Development scheduled to be held in Brazil in June 1992, constitutes an opportunity for the international community to evolve strategies and decide upon measures likely to reverse the effects of ecological degradation within the context of increased national, regional and international efforts and to promote a sustainable development in all countries,

Conscious of the fact that the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development of 1992 forms part of a negotiating process aimed at establishing global cooperation through the commitment of all countries in the management of the environment with a view to ensuring sustainable economic and social development,

Noting that the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development will be held at Heads of State and Governments level,

Convinced that efforts aimed at ensuring sustainable development cannot be successful without the political commitment and the mobilization of all the active populations of the Continent,

Considering that the results expected from the 1992 Brazil Conference is of vital interest to Africa, and, for that matter, it should participate fully in it:

1. TAKES NOTES of the information provided to the Council by the OAU General Secretariat, the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, UNSO management and United Nations Environment Program on the process leading to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, scheduled for Rio de Janeiro from 1 to 12 June 1992,
2. URGES Member States to participate actively in the process of negotiation leading to 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development by especially, participating in the various scheduled meetings in Cairo (11 to 16 July 1991), in Geneva (12 August to 6 September 1991), in New York (March 1992);
3. CALLS ON Member States attending the Cairo Conference to ensure that all the interests of Africa are duly taken care of in the final decisions to be taken in Brazil in 1992, and, notably, a substantial increase in the required resources to enable Africa to implement fully the decisions to be adopted at the Rio Conference;
4. CALLS ON Member States to reaffirm that the UNEP'S Regional Office for Africa be strengthened and adequately supported by increased financial resources to discharge its functions from its Headquarters in Nairobi to enable Africa to implement fully the decisions to be adopted at the Brazil Conference;
5. REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the OAU to pursue jointly with the Executive Secretary of the ECA, the Executive of UNEP, the preparation Of the African region and take all the necessary steps to safeguard the African common position, both during the preparatory meetings, as well as During the Conference itself;
6. URGENTLY CALLS UPON the United Nations, Specializing Agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to support the OAU in efforts to prepare Africa for the Brazil Conference by providing the necessary technical and financial assistance;

7. RECOMMENDS that the Heads of State and Governments participate in the Rio de Janeiro Summit Conference to underscore the importance of the Conference and promote the interests of the African Continent;
8. REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the OAU to submit a report on the implementation of this resolution to the Fifty-fifth Ordinary Session of the Council.

VOTE OF THANKS

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-fourth Ordinary Session in Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria, from 27 May to 1 June 1991,

Deeply touched by the kind invitation of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria extended to the OAU in July 1990,

Considering the excellent material preparations made for the Session and the fraternal welcome accorded to delegations,

Grateful to the dynamic people of Nigeria and their Government for the great sacrifice they have made to ensure the success of the Session at this period of economic crisis:

1. EXPRESSES ITS PROFOUND GRATITUDE to the President, the Government and people of Nigeria for the great sacrifices they have made;
2. THANKS them for their hospitality for which the African tradition is famous;
3. EXPRESSES ITS FERVENT DESIRE that the City of ABUJA will continue to grow and prosper for the greatest benefit of the people of Nigeria.