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RESOLUTION ON THE REPUBLIC OF COMORO

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twenty-Sixth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 23 February to 1 March 1976,

Noting with satisfaction, the unanimous admission of the Republic of Comoro as a Member of the OAU on 18 July 1975,

Taking note of the message from the OAU current Chairman to the UN Secretary-General condemning the referendum imposed on Mayotte by France,

Recalling that all the people of the Republic of Comoro expressed, through the referendum of 22 December 1974, with an overwhelming majority, the desire to accede to independence,

Considering that the referendum illegally imposed on the inhabitants of Mayotte constitutes an aggression against all the Comorian people and a violation of its territorial integrity,

Considering that this aggressive attitude adopted by the French towards the Island of Mayotte constitutes a flagrant violation of the principles of the United Nations and the Non-Aligned countries to consider the Indian Ocean as a Peace Zone,

Considering that the establishment of military bases in the Indian Ocean by France and the other powers constitutes a flagrant aggression against the independent States of Africa and Asia,

1. **STRONGLY CONDEMNS** the referendum of 8 February 1976 which it considers null and void, and rejects in advance any referendum or any other consultations that may be held in future;
2. **CATEGORICALLY REJECTS** France's presence in Mayotte which constitutes an act of aggression and which jeopardizes the national unity, territorial integrity and the sovereignty of the independent Republic of Comoro as well as the independence and security of Africa as a whole;

3. **DEMANDS** that the French Government withdraw immediately from the Islands of Mayotte, an integral part of the independent Republic of Comoro and respect the sovereignty of the new State.
4. **CALLS ON** the Chairman of the OAU Council of Ministers and the African Group at the United Nations to inform immediately the UN Secretary-General of OAU's concern over the present aggression against the State of Comoro and to call for an emergency meeting of the Security Council on the matter;
5. **URGES** all OAU Member States to give effective assistance, individually and collectively, and to co-operate in all spheres with the Republic of Comoro to enable it defend and safeguard its independence, territorial integrity and national sovereignty;
6. **ALSO INVITES** the Non-Aligned countries, the Arab League countries, and the Islamic Conference to grant all necessary assistance to the Comoro Government to enable it to overcome its difficulties;
7. **REQUESTS** the Chairman of the OAU Council of Minister and the OAU Secretary-General to follow closely the development of events in Comoro and keep Member States informed with a view to taking the necessary measures until the Comoro question is finally settled to the best interests of the people of Comoro.

RESOLUTION OF ANGOLA

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twenty-Sixth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 23 February to 1 March 1976,

Having studied the item of the agenda entitled “Struggle in Southern Africa and Strategy for Aid to Angola”

Having heard the statement by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People’s Republic of Angola on the situation in Angola,

Recalling the principles and objectives enshrined in Articles II and III of the OAU Charter,

Considering that the People’s Republic of Angola, Member State of the OAU, is at present a victim of an intolerable aggression by the troops of the racist and fascist Government of South Africa who are occupying part of its national territory,

Convinced that the aggression against Angola is directed at all OAU Member States,

Considering that it is the imperative duty of OAU Member States to contribute effectively to the defence of the national independence, territorial integrity and sovereignty of Angola,

Recalling the numerous resolutions of the OAU, the UN and of the Non-Aligned countries, condemning South Africa for its policy of Apartheid and its illegal occupation of Namibia,

Conscious of the major role that the People’s Republic of Angola should play in the intensification of the liberation struggle in Southern Africa,

1. **STRONGLY CONDEMNS** South Africa for its unspeakable aggression against the People’s Republic of Angola and the occupation of part of its national territory;

2. **DEMANDS** the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of the South African forces of aggression;
3. **URGES** all Member States of the region to co-operate fully with the Government of the People's Republic of Angola in order to defend its independence, territorial integrity and national sovereignty;
4. **EARNESTLY REQUESTS** OAU Member States to lend, individually and collectively, political, diplomatic, economic, technical and material assistance to the newly independent State;
5. **REQUESTS** the African Group at the United Nations to call for an emergency meeting of the Security Council to consider the act of aggression committed by South Africa against the People's Republic of Angola;
6. **CALLS ON** all OAU Member States, which have not already done so, to cease all forms of co-operation with the racist regime of South Africa;
7. **RECOMMENDS** that all OAU Member States should do their utmost to ensure the admission of the People's Republic of Angola to the UN and its Specialized Agencies;
8. **APPEALS** to the United Nations Specialized Agencies to study with the Government of the People's Republic of Angola, ways and means at ensuring that Angolan refugees now in neighbouring countries return to Angola;
9. **DECIDES** to admit the People's Republic of Angola to the OAU Liberation Committee as the 20th member.

RESOLUTION ON SOUTHERN AFRICA

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twenty-Sixth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 23 February to 1 March 1976,

Considering the aggressive, imperialist and expansionist policy of the racist and fascist regime of Pretoria which has been exemplified by the criminal invasion of the People's Republic of Angola and the violation of its sovereignty and territorial integrity,

Considering that any act of aggression, against any OAU Member State, is an act of aggression against the whole of Africa,

Considering that such acts of aggression are part of the global imperialist strategy aimed at undermining genuine African independence, pose a serious threat to peace and security of the continent and the oceans around it, in particular the Indian and Atlantic Oceans,

Noting with grave concern that the Pretoria regime has with characteristic arrogance passed the unprecedented "South Africa Defence Act" by which it arrogates to itself the right to invade any country South of the Equator,

Recalling the numerous Resolutions of the OAU and the UN which unequivocally condemn Apartheid as a crime against humanity and a threat to peace and security in Africa and the world and which recommend to all justice and peace loving peoples to cease all collaboration direct or indirect with the Pretoria regime,

Recalling in particular the relevant resolutions of the 9th Extraordinary Session of the Council of Ministers held in Dar-es-Salaam from the 7th to the 10th of April, 1975,

Considering that the Pretoria regime continues to pursue its hideous policy of Bantustanization which constitutes the complete denial of human rights and the right of self-determination.

Emphasizing that recent development and actions of racist regime add to the irrefutable testimony of the crimes of the regime against the people of South Africa and humanity,

1. **WARMLY CONGRATULATES** the heroic people of Angola who under the leadership of the MPLA have resisted South African aggression thus shattering the myth of the superiority and invincibility of the white fascist military regime and its allies;
2. **DEPLORES AND CONDEMNS** and collaboration with the Pretoria regime;
3. **SOLEMNLY DECLARES** that the so-called “South Africa Defence Act” is tantamount to a declaration of war by the fascist and racist regime against the whole of Africa and that Africa is duty bound to prepare collectively to fight back to safeguard its dignity, its territorial integrity and its sovereignty;
4. **REITERATES** its condemnation of the policy of Apartheid and categorically rejects the so-called “independence of Bantustan” and urges OAU Member States not to recognize any Bantustan and to intensify the campaign against international recognition of the puppet States;
5. **WELCOMES** with satisfaction that the striking victories over Portuguese colonialism and fascism in Mozambique, Angola, Guinea Bissau, Cape Verde, Sao Tome and Principe over colonialism and fascism, have irreversibly changed the balance of forces in favour of the Liberation Movements in Southern Africa;
6. **HAILS** the valiant freedom fighters of the ANC of Zimbabwe who in spite of the differences within the leadership of the movement have United their ranks and have intensified the armed struggle against the minority racist regime of Ian Smith and calls upon OAU Member States to increase quantitatively and qualitatively their material their material assistance to maintain and to uplift the tempo of the intensified armed struggle;
7. **CALLS UPON** all OAU Member States to meet their obligations in order to enable the Liberation Committee to increase its financial and material assistance to SWAPO who has intensified the armed struggle against South African

domination in Namibia and commends the efforts deployed by SWAPO in the struggle thus contributing to alleviate the burden put on Angola by the South African army's aggression;

8. **RESOLVES** to support the intensified struggle against the South African racists and the growing resistance of the peoples of Southern Africa in spite of the growth of fascist terror;
9. **RECOMMENDS** the review of the Dar-es-Salaam Declaration and resolves to increase the financial and material assistance to the Liberation Movements of South Africa thereby augmenting its striking power against the Pretoria regime inside South Africa itself;
10. **RECOMMENDS** the full discussion of the international legal Status of racist South Africa at the 27th Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers to be held in Port Louis, Mauritius.

RESOLUTION ON NAMIBIA*¹

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twenty-Sixth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 23 February to 1 March 1976,

Having examined the report of the 26th Session of the Liberation Committee especially the parts relating to Namibia,

Having taken note of the intensification of military and political activities being carried out by SWAPO, the legitimate representative of the Namibian people engaged in the struggle against domination by the South African minority and racist regime,

Noting that the minority racist regime of Pretoria is using Namibia as a base for aggression against the independent State of Angola,

Highly appreciating the acceleration of the liberation process conducted by SWAPO freedom fighters and the people of Namibia,

1. **DECIDES** to grant more substantial military, material and financial assistance to SWAPO and recommends to all OAU Member States and all peace-loving and justice-loving States and Organizations to assist actively this Liberation Movement;
2. **CONDEMNS** the policy of aggression of the South African Minority and racist regime both in Namibia and in Angola which is being used as a spring-board and a launching and rear base by the South African expansionist troops;
3. **RECOMMENDS** that the most adequate ways and means of driving away the South Africa troops of aggression from the territories occupied illegally be explored.

¹This resolution was drafted by and adopted on the recommendation of the 26th Session of the Co-ordinating Committee for the Liberation of Africa.

RESOLUTION ON ZIMBABWE*[?]

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twenty-Sixth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 23 February to 1 March 1976,

Having examined the Report of the 26th Session of the Liberation Committee, particularly the part devoted to Zimbabwe,

Having, on the one hand, **heard** the statements made by the representatives of ANC of Zimbabwe and, on the other hand, **examined** the political and military situation in Zimbabwe,

Noting that the illegal racist minority regime has resorted to employing delaying tactics and divisionist machination aimed at enabling it to strengthening its machinery of repression,

Noting further that the racist illegal regime is stepping up provocations, threats and oppression against neighbouring African sovereign States, particularly the People's Republic of Mozambique, Zambia, and Botswana in order to extend and internationalize the conflict.

1. **REAFFIRMS** OAU's recognition of ANC as the sole and legitimate representative of the people of Zimbabwe;
2. **CALLS UPON** the ANC to intensify the armed struggle for national liberation and majority rule;
3. **INVITES** OAU Member States to render every moral, political, diplomatic support and give material assistance to the just cause of national liberation of the people of Zimbabwe against the illegal and racist regime;
4. **APPEALS** to the Heads of State of Botswana, Mozambique, Tanzania and Zambia to continue their efforts to ensure that the unity of the people and their Organization, the ANC is safeguarded;

[?] This resolution was drafted by and adopted on the recommendation of the 26th Ordinary Session of the Co-ordinating Committee for the Liberation of Africa.

5. **APPEALS** to the OAU Member States to maintain vigilance against the racist illegal regime and to express their solidarity with the sovereign States neighbouring Zimbabwe.

RESOLUTION ON LEGAL CO-OPERATION

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twenty-Sixth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 23 February to 1 March 1976,

Having considered the reports of the Administrative Secretary-General on Inter-African Legal Co-operation and the proposal for the publication of an African Yearbook on International Law,

1. **EXPRESS** its appreciation for the efforts made by the General Secretariat;
2. **DEPLORES** the lack of co-operation among Member States in this connection for failing to submit their comments on this matter to the General Secretariat;
3. **URGENTLY APPEALS** to Member States which have not yet submitted their comments to do so as soon as possible so as to enable the General Secretariat to carry out the instructions of the Council of Ministers on this subject;
4. **INSTRUCTS** the Secretary-General to report to the 27th Session on this matter.

**RESOLUTION ON THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE OCCUPIED ARAB
TERRITORIES**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twenty-Sixth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 23 February to 1 March 1976,

Having considered the report of the Administrative Secretary General of the OAU on the Middle East problem document CM/721 (XXVI),

Having heard the statements delivered during the Session by the representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt, the P.L.O. and other Delegations,

Recalling the Resolution adopted by the several sessions of the OAU Assembly of Heads of State and Government and the Council of Ministers on the Middle East and the Palestinian problems and in particular Resolution AHG/Res. 76 (XII),

Guided by the principle and objectives of the OAU and the UN Charters,

Noting that the continued occupation by Israel of Arab territories constitutes a continued violation and aggression and poses a serious threat to the rights, security and sovereignty of the various Arab States as well as to the national rights of the Palestinian people,

Reaffirming that the total withdrawal of Israel from all the occupied Arab territories and the recognition of the Palestinian people's right to sovereignty, national independence and self-determination are a pre-requisite for a just and lasting peace in Palestine and the middle East,

Noting with deep indignation Israel's intransigent attitude and its continued refusal to abide by the United Nations' Resolutions,

Endorsing the report of the Administrative Secretary-General on the need to pool efforts for maintaining the momentum in the search for a just and lasting solution to the problem,

1. **CONDEMNS** Israel for its continued aggressive policy, refusal to implement and attempts to thwart UN Resolutions;
2. **REITERATES** its total and effective support for Egypt, Arab Frontline States and the Palestine People in their legitimate struggle to recover all the Arab occupied territories and to restore the Palestinian people their usurped rights by every possible means;
3. **REAFFIRMS** that the Palestinian problem is a political problem of a people struggling for their rights and the fulfillment of their aspirations and that there cannot therefore, be peace in the region unless the legitimate rights and aspirations to nationhood of the Palestinian people are taken into consideration;
4. **DEEMS** it essential that the UN Geneva Conference on the Middle East should meet as soon as possible to consider the Middle East problem on its entirety and that the Palestinian Liberation Organization, the only legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, attends on the same footing as the other parties;
5. **REQUESTS** the OAU Administrative Secretary-General to continue to follow-up the matter and to submit a report, on its development to the 27th Session of the Council of Ministers.

RESOLUTION ON THE PALESTINE QUESTION

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twenty-Sixth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 23 February to 1 March 1976,

Having considered the Report of the Administrative Secretary-General on the Palestine question document CM/722 (XXVI),

Having heard of the statement of the Representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization,

Recalling the Declaration on Palestine, all other relevant Resolutions and in particular Resolution CM/Res. 452/Rev. 1 (XXV) adopted at its 25th Session held in Kampala from 18 to 23 July 1975,

Guided by the principles and provisions of the Charter of the OAU and UN,

Noting with pride and appreciation the heroic sacrifices of the Palestine People in the face of the Zionist racist aggressors, for the liberation of Palestine,

Having studied the developments of the Palestine cause and the grave situation arising from the continued occupation by Israel of Arab territories, its usurpation of the rights of the Palestine people, its refusal to abide by the United Nations' resolutions in this respect, particularly the General Assembly resolutions No. 3236 and 3237 adopted during its 29th Session, its denial of the national rights of the Palestine people in Palestine and their homeland, their right to self-determination without any foreign intervention and national sovereignty over their territory and the continued Israeli usurpation of Palestine and the dispersal of its people;

Considering that this situation constitutes a flagrant violation of the United Nations Charter and resolution as well as of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights and that its continuation represents a grave threat to international peace and security;

Reasserting the legitimacy of the struggle of the Palestine people for the restoration of their full national rights,

Considering that the support of the Member States of the OAU for the people of Palestine in their struggle for the restoration of their national rights in Palestine and for self-determination is a duty imposed by Afro-Arab solidarity,

Expressing its conviction that the military, economic, political and moral support to Israel by a number of States, notably the USA enables it to persist in its policy of aggression and to further reinforce its usurpation of Palestine,

Considering that maintaining relations with Israel in the political, economic, trade, communications and other domains assists it to reinforce its usurpation of Palestine and to persist in its expansionist policy of aggression,

Expressing its satisfaction with the United Nations General Assembly resolution at its thirteenth session, considering Zionism a sort of racial discrimination, thus reaffirming that the racist regimes in Palestine, South Africa and Zimbabwe are the same in their imperialist, racist and settler structure,

1. DECIDES:

- (a) To provide full and effective support to the Palestine people in their legitimate struggle to restore their national rights in Palestine, in particular:
 - their rights to return to their homeland, Palestine and property.
 - their right to self-determination without any foreign intervention.
 - exercise of their right to national sovereignty over their territory.
 - establishment of their independence national authority.
- (b) To work in all domains to concretize recognition of their rights and to respect them. The Member States of the OAU also undertake to adopt all measures towards that end.

- (c) To promote co-ordination between the OAU and PLO to lay down a strategy for the liberation of Palestine, since the problem of Palestine has been considered an African cause.
- 2. **AGAIN INVITES** all countries to support the Palestinian people through all means possible in their struggle against the racist colonialist Zionists for the restoration of all their national rights and to confirm that the restoration of these rights is an essential condition for the establishment of a just and lasting peace in the Middle East;
- 3. **CALLS UPON** the United Nations to implement its resolutions 3236 and 3237 adopted by the General Assembly at its Twenty-Ninth Session;
- 4. **REASSERTS** that the Palestine Liberation Organizations is the sole legitimate representative of the Palestine people;
- 5. **REITERATES** that it is desirable, in order to ensure the success of the PLO in its struggle to concretize the future of the State of the Palestinian people. to give it every possibility and opportunity to increase its contacts with governments of Member States;
- 6. **CONDEMNS** Israel's violation of human rights in the occupied Arab territories and its refusal to implement the Geneva Convention of 1949, its policy of judaizing the physical and cultural aspects of the occupied territories and considers that such acts and behaviour are war crimes as well as being a challenge to mankind at large;
- 7. **CONSIDERS** that all the measures adopted by Israel in the occupied Arab territories and designed to alter their demographic, geographical, social, cultural and economic aspects – including those aiming at judaizing the Holy City of Jerusalem are null and void and that under no circumstances can these measures or their consequences be recognized;
- 8. **CONDEMNS** all States that provide military, economic and human support to Israel and calls upon them to desist from doing so forthwith;

9. **CALLS** on all Member States to continue to sever political, cultural and economic relations with Israel, in order to further consolidate Afro-Arab solidarity;
10. **REQUESTS** the Secretary-General to follow the development of the Question of Palestine and submit a report to the Twenty-Seventh Session.

RESOLUTION ON THE REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ON BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twenty-Sixth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 23 February to 1 March 1976,

Having taken note of the report of the Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Financial Matters (Doc./685 (XXVI)),

Having heard the OAU General Secretariat's comments and observations on the report of the Advisory Committee (Doc. CM/685 (XXVI)), on the financial report for the year 1975/75 (Doc. CM/686 (XXVI)), on Member States' arrears in contributions to the 1975/1976 Budget and to the other special budgets of the OAU (Doc. CM/687 (XXVI) Rev. 2), on the report of the Board of External Auditors (Doc. CM/688 (XXVI)) and finally on the 1976/77 budget estimates (Doc. CM/689 (XXCI)).

1. **CONGRATULATES** the Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Financial Matters, the Secretary-General and the Secretariat of the Organization, on the excellent work done;
2. **TAKES NOTE** of the financial report for 1974/1975; the report of the Board of External Auditors and the comments of the General Secretariat;
3. **DECIDES** to adopt the budget estimates for the financial year 1976/1977 as contained in documents CM/689/Rev. 1 (XXVI), amounting to a total of US\$ 7,858,247.00 of which 600,000 is for subventions;
4. **DECIDES** to adopt all the recommendations of the report of the Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Financial Matters;
5. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Ad Hoc Committee on the Structural Reform of the OAU to look closely into the serious problem of outstanding contributions and submit its recommendations to the next session of the council;

6. **DECIDES** to draw the Secretary-General's attention to the need to continue his efforts to ensure a wider and more balanced geographical distribution of officers at the OAU General Secretariat.

RESOLUTION ON THE ANTI-RHINDERPEST CAMPAIGN
IN EAST AFRICA

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twenty-Sixth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 23 February to 1 March 1976,

Having examined the request submitted by the representatives of Sudan, Ethiopia and Tanzania on the need to pursue the anti-rinderpest campaign in East Africa,

Having taken note of the observation and comments made by the General Secretariat of the OAU Relating to the activities of the International Co-ordination Unit for Anti-Rinderpest Campaign in East Africa,

DECIDES:

1. to note the sum of US\$ 51,800 for the payment of salaries of the unit entrusted with the campaign in East Africa, on condition that funds be found to pursue the campaign in Ethiopia, Sudan and Somalia;
2. appeals to concerned international Organizations for funds to continue the campaign;
3. requests the Administrative Secretary-General to include this item in the agenda of the meeting of African Veterinarians to be held in Algiers in October 1976.

RESOLUTION EXEMPTING THE REPUBLIC OF CAPE VERDE
FROM PAYMENT OF ITS CONTRIBUTION
TO THE BUDGET FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1976/77

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twenty-Sixth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 23 February to 1 March 1976,

Having considered the request made by the Republic of Cape Verde for exemption from payment of its contribution to the Budget for the financial year 1976/1977,

Aware of the difficulties faced by the young Republic of Cape Verde,

DECIDES:

1. to exempt the Republic of Cape Verde from payment of its contributions to the Budget for the Financial Year 1976/1977;
2. launches a pressing appeal to all Members States to render increase bilateral and multilateral assistance to the Republic of Cape Verde.

RESOLUTION ON THE DIVISION OF AFRICA INTO FIVE REGIONS

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twenty-Sixth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 23 February to 1 March 1976,

Recalling discussions, since the Ninth Ordinary Session of the OAU Assembly of Heads of State and Government, on the principle of increasing the number of regions of Africa to five and in resolution CM/Res. 472 (XXVI) on the same question,

Cognisant of the fact that there are similarities in nature and extent of certain problems facing particular regions in Africa,

Aware of OAU policy to encourage viable economic development projects on a regional basis,

Desirous that there shall be an equitable, geographical distribution of representation, on a regional basis, of all OAU Member States in the UN, UN Specialized Agencies, other International Organizations and OAU Institutions,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Administrative Secretary-General's study and the replies and observations by Member States to the questionnaire of the General Secretariat on this matter;
2. **DECIDES THAT:**
 - (a) there shall be FIVE Regions of the OAU namely, Northern, Western, Central, Eastern and Southern.
 - (b) the Administrative Secretary-General establishes the composition of the above five regions in consultation with individual Member States and to submit a report to the Twenty-Seventh Ordinary Session of OAU Council of Ministers.

RESOLUTION ON DROUGHT AND OTHER NATURAL DISASTERS IN AFRICA

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twenty-Sixth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 23 February to 1 March 1976,

Having studied the report on the third session of the OAU Ad Hoc Committee on drought in Africa,

Considering the recommendations of the OAU Ad Hoc Committee on drought meeting in its third session,

Recalling resolution CM/Res. 336 (XXIII) on the drought and resolution CM/Res. 450 (XXV) on drought and natural disasters in Africa,

1. **COMMENDS** the General Secretariat and the Ad Hoc Committee on drought on the action already taken;
2. **REITERATES** its appeal to all Member States to make available to the General Secretariat, periodically, the necessary information on the state of drought and natural disasters in their respective countries and the magnitude of aid required for mitigating drought and other natural disasters;
3. **REITERATES** further its appeal to each Member State to pay its obligatory contributions to the emergency relief fund, which consists of 1/15th of its contribution to the OAU ordinary budget and which will cover a period of five years starting from January 1976;
4. **AUTHORIZE** the OAU Ad Hoc Committee on drought to look into other natural disasters such as floods, cyclones and earthquakes, etc.;
5. **RECOMMENDS** that the OAU Ad Hoc Committee on drought be called OAU Ad Hoc Committee on drought and other natural disaster in Africa and that it should be composed of Algeria, Ethiopia, Kenya, Morocco, Rwanda, Senegal, Somalia, Sudan, Upper Volta and Zaire.

6. In view of the magnitude of the problem the OAU General Secretariat should seek support from the UN bodies and its specialized agencies as well as from other International Communities for mitigating drought;
7. The OAU Ad Hoc Committee on drought and other natural disasters should determine the criteria for the allocation of the Emergency Relief Fund to the Member States Affected by drought and other Natural disasters.

RESOLUTION ON THE MANDATE OF THE AFRICAN
INTER-MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE FOR FOOD
FOR SUBMITTING ITS REPORTS
TO THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twenty-Sixth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 23 February to 1 March 1976,

Recalling Resolution CM/Res. 413 (XXIV) of the OAU Council of Ministers on the establishment of the African Inter-Ministerial Committee for Food to act as a regional body of the World Food Council,

Recalling Resolutions XXII of the UN World Food Conference on the creation of the World Food Council and its relation with the regional bodies,

Recalling further paragraph 4 (f) of Resolution XXII of the UN World Food Conference on the full co-operation which should exist between the World Food Council and its regional bodies to formulate and follow-up policies approved by the council,

Considering the report and rules of procedure of the African Inter-Ministerial Committee for Food and had its first session in January 1976,

Pursuant to Resolution AIMCF/Res. on the co-operation between the African Inter-Ministerial Committee for Food and the relevant UN Bodies and its specialized agencies working in Africa,

Considering Rule 3 of the African Inter-Ministerial Committee for Food where it is answerable to the Assembly of Heads of State and Government,

Considering Rule 4 (VI) of the African Inter-Ministerial Committee for Food on the examination of relevant reports of the UN bodies and its specialized agencies working in Africa before they are submitted to the World Food Council,

DECIDES to mandate the African Inter-Ministerial Committee for Food to consider and approve the relevant reports from the UN bodies and its specialized agencies

working in Africa and to submit them to the World Food Council if the World Food Council met before the Heads of State and Government and to report back its findings of the Heads of State and Government.

RESOLUTION ON THE UN CONFERENCE ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twenty-Sixth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 23 February to 1 March 1976,

Having considered the question of the holding by the UN of a Conference on Human Settlements in Vancouver, Canada from 31st May to 11th June 1976,

Considering the importance of the said Conference for the harmonious economic development of the countries of the third world in particular,

Considering further that human settlements issues involve physical, social, economic and environmental aspects of development which require a comprehensive multidisciplinary approach,

Bearing in mind that so far the existing UN sectorial institutions have undertaken many unco-ordinated programmes on human settlements without much impact and success in this field,

Convinced that the magnitude of the global, regional and national functions of all arrangement for human settlements require the setting up of an institutional organ distinct from those already existing within the UN system,

1. **WELCOMES and EXPRESSES** its influencing and total support to the Vancouver Conference on Human Settlements;
2. **INVITES** the African delegates to do their utmost for the success of the Conference;
3. **RECOMMENDS** to the conference the setting up of a new institutional organ entrusted with the responsibilities of assuming an overall supervision of all activities regarding all aspects of human settlements;
4. **RECOMMENDS** also that such an organ integrate the UN Centre of Housing, Building and Planning and the UN Habitat and Human Settlements Foundations;

RESOLUTION ON THE SECOND ALL-AFRICA TRADE FAIR

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twenty-Sixth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 23 February to 1 March 1976,

Recalling the resolution CM/Res. 443(XXV),

Having considered the Progress Report on the Second All-Africa Trade Fair contained in document CM/714(XXVI),

Believing that the Second All-Africa Trade Fair offers a unique opportunity for exchange and flow of information and expansion of African Trade,

Desirous of ensuring all success to the second All-Africa Trade Fair,

1. **ACCEPTS** in principle the dates proposed by the Algerian Government for the holding of the fair, i.e. from 1 to 17 October 1976, however, the final decision rests with the Organizing Committee of Ten;
2. **ACCEPTS** the principle of a special pavilion for the OAU, taking into account the financial implications involved;
3. **AUTHORIZES** the committee of ten and the OAU Secretariat to decide on:
 - a) The Budget of the OAU Pavilion and the sharing of the costs between the OAU and the host Government,
 - b) The specific budget for travelling expenses of participants and articles to be displayed by the OAU Secretariat,
 - c) The nature and mode of participation of Liberation Movements recognized by the OAU and their expenses.
4. **REQUESTS** that the decisions of the Committee of Ten be referred to the 27th Session of the OAU Council of Ministers to be held in Port-Louis, Mauritius;

5. **DECIDES** to appeal to all Member States of the OAU to make full participation in this Fair, in order to promote the exchange of ideas and information related to trade and with the aim of promoting and increasing inter-African trade;
6. **EXPRESSES** its appreciation to the Government of Algeria for their intensified efforts and for the utmost co-operation they are giving to make the Fair a success.

**RESOLUTION ON THE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE AFRICAN
INTER-MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE FOR FOOD AND THE RELEVANT UN
BODIES AND ITS SPECIALIZED AGENCIES***

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twenty-Sixth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 23 February to 1 March 1976,

Recalling Resolution XXI and of UN World Food Conference on the creation of the World Food Council and its relations with the regional bodies,

Recalling further paragraph 4 (f) of Resolution XXII of the UN World Food Conference on the full co-operation which should exist between the World Food Council and the regional bodies to formulate and follow up policies approved by the Council and that these bodies be serviced by existing UN or FAO Bodies in the region concerned,

Pursuant to resolution CM/Res. 413 (XXIV) of the OAU Council of Ministers on the establishment of the African Inter-Ministerial Committee for Food,

Recalling that the Secretariat for the African Inter-Ministerial Committee for Food shall be jointly incumbent upon OAU, ECA, FAO and other International Organizations as appropriate, in conformity with Resolution CM/Res. 413(XXIV),

Considering the report of the OAU Working Party on the functions and operation of the African Inter-Ministerial Committee for Food,

Recognizing that the African Inter-Ministerial Committee for Food is the regional operational arm of the World Food Council and that its functions and mandate are in line with the World Food Council,

INVITES the ECOSOC during its forthcoming Summer Session,

1. To request all the relevant UN Bodies and its specialized agencies working in the field of agriculture, food, nutrition, trade, finance and other related questions in Africa, particularly ECA, FAO, UNDP. WFP, WHO, UNICEF, UNDTAD and

IBRD to submit their relevant reports to the African Inter-Ministerial Committee for Food before their final submission to the World Food Council,

2. To request all the relevant UN Bodies and its specialized agencies working in Africa to service and finance, under the auspices of the OAU, the meetings of the African Inter-Ministerial Committee for Food and the three Experts Committees, namely the food security and programmes, the economic and finance Committees;
3. To request the relevant UN Bodies and its specialized agencies working in Africa to obtain the necessary mandate from their respective bodies to enable them to finance the projects, to undertake the studies and to make available their expertise as requested by the African Inter-Ministerial Committee for Food.

RESOLUTION ON PROBLEMS OF DOCUMENTATION

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twenty-Sixth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 23 February to 1 March 1976,

Taking note of Document CM/683 (XXVI) Add. 6 dealing with the problems of documentation of the Organization of African Unity,

Having heard the report of the Secretary-General,

Noting that the problem of documentation has been causing and continues to cause great difficulties,

REQUESTS the Ad Hoc Committee for the Structural Reform of the Organization of African Unity to study the problem and report its findings together with its recommendations to the Twenty-Seventh Session of the Council of Ministers.

**RESOLUTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PAN-AFRICAN
UNION OF TELECOMMUNICATION**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twenty-Sixth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 23 February to 1 March 1976,

Recalling its resolution CM/Res. 404 (XXIV),

Having considered the report on the establishment of the Pan-African Telecommunication Union (CM/715 (XXVI)),

Appreciative of the action taken by the Panaftel Co-ordinating Committee comprised of OAU, ECA, ITU and ADB in organizing the second conference of African Telecommunications Administrations in Kinshasa during December 1975,

DECIDES:

1. The General Secretariat of the OAU to take all necessary steps to facilitate the work of the Committee;
2. The Administrative Secretary-General of the OAU to convene a plenipotentiary conference in Addis Ababa before the end of October 1976 in connection with the Organization of Pan-African Telecommunication Union, on the basis of an agenda prepared in collaboration with the Steering Committee;
3. That the Advisory Committee on Financial and budgetary Matters should be requested to make financial provisions for the convening of both the Steering Committee and the Plenipotentiary Conference.

RESOLUTION ON OBSERVER STATUS

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twenty-Sixth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 23 February to 1 March 1976,

Having considered the applications of the following Organizations for Observer Status with the OAU; namely:

- i) The All African Conference of Churches (AACC);
- ii) The Federation of African Organization of Engineers;
- iii) The Association of Agricultural Sciences in Africa;

DECIDES to grant Observer Status to the following Organizations:

1. The Federation of African Organization of Engineers;
2. The Association of Agricultural Sciences in Africa.