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Letter dated 22 August 1991 from the Permanent Representative  
of Egypt to the United Nations addressed to the  
Secretary-General

I have the honour to request that you arrange for the distribution as an official document of the **General** Assembly, under agenda item 30, the resolutions adopted by the Council of Ministers of the **Organization** of African Unity at its **fifty-fourth** ordinary session, held at Abuja, Nigeria, from 27 May to 1 June 1991 (annex I), and the resolutions adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its twenty-seventh ordinary session, held at Abuja, Nigeria, from 3 to 5 June 1991 (annex II).

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CM/Res. 1333 (LIV)

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 that influx of **refugees** and displaced persons continued to occur *in* various parts of Africa and place *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,

5. CONGRATULATES Member States which 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 **Commission 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 **increased** 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**.

for the Palestinian people and to the Arab Countries which 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 **and the expulsion of Palestinians from Gaza and the West Bank;**
5. **DEMANDS** the withdrawal of Israelis from all the occupied Arab Territories, and considers null and void all 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 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**.

**CM/Res.1335 (LIV)**

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/!665 (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 would recover their territories and exercise their **full national rights,**

Following with 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 practised by Israel against the Palestinian people and their leadership :

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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 CONDEMNNS 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 international community to intervene in order to put an end to these inhuman acts which constitute a flagrant violation of human rights in Palestine;
3. STRONGLY CONDEMNNS 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. BAILS 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** withdraw 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 providing 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 efforts 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,

Raving 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;

CM/Res. 1337 (LIV)

RESOLUTION ON THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOURTEENTH  
ORDINARY SESSION OF THE OAU LABOUR 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 Labour Commission (Doc.CM/1674 (LIV)),

Taking into account the recommendations of the Labour 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 Labour Commission;
2. URGES Member States to take necessary steps to implement the recommendations of the OAU Labour Commission;
3. **CALLS UPON** the relevant **international** organizations which cooperate with the OAU in the area of relevance to the **Labour** Commission to pursue their efforts in Africa while keeping **in** view the **recommendations** of the **Labour Commission**;
4. **REQUESTS** the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of the recommendations of the OAU **Labour** Commission.

CM/Res. 1339 (LIV)

RESOLUTION ON REPARATION FOR  
EXPLOITATION AND SLAVERY IN AFRICA

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its *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 which 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 Africans and Africans in 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

CM/Res.1340 (LIV) Rev. 1

## **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 Somalia 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 secession 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 **Organisation** 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 co-ordinate efforts and intensify co-operation among developing countries in the exploitation, processing and utilisation 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 ACM 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 realisation 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 programmes.**

CM/Res. 1342 (LIV)

RESOLUTION ON THE  
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE  
DENUCLEARIZATION OF AFRICA

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting *in* its Fifty-sixth 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 Denuclearization 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 which 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 Denuclearization 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:

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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 Denuclearization 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 Denuclearization of Africa".

CM/Res. 1343 (LIV)

RESOLUTION ONAPRO-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 Programme 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 **programmes** 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 programmes** 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 **Twelveth** 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 **Organisation 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,

Recognising 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 favour of the Front Line 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 organisations 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. /...

Bearing in mind the UN General Assembly **Resolution S-13/2** and, in particular, the stipulation of the United Nations **Programme** of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development (19864990) 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 **Programme** 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 Centre (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 Programme of Work and Budget;** and

RESOLUTION ON-THE PRECARIOUS FINANCIAL  
POSITION OF THE PAN-AFRICAN POSTAL UNION (PAPU),  
TEE PAN-AFRICAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION (PATU)  
AND TEE 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 co-operation and furthering the principles and objectives of the OAU Charter,

Considering the important role the OAU Specialized Institutions **are** to play in promoting economic co-operation and integration within the frame-work of the African Economic **Community**,

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

1. CALLS UPON all Member States who have not yet done so to formalize their membership in these institutions:
2. INVITE all Member States of PAPU, PATU and **PANA** to honour their financial obligations by **paying** their arrears before the end of 1991 and to honour all decisions of these Institutions;

3. **EMPHASIZES** THE NEED **FOR** ALL *Member* States to pay their **assessed contributions** to **PAPU**, PATU and **PANA**, as and when due;
4. **REQUEST** 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 • ti on the need to safeguard the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Member States;**

**Bearing in mind the urgent need for peace and security as prerequisite for development and integration of Africa;**

**Taking into account the unfortunate conflict that has ravaged 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.

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 Centre of the ECA Adebayo Adedeji Conference Centre 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:

**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 23 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 Trade 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 **characterises** the formal and informal consultations within the Uruguay Round,

Regretting the fact that the OAU does not have Observer Status within the **fora** 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 honoured by the developed countries,

Aware of t h e breakdown o f the Brussels Ministerial Meeting of December 1990 and the x-scent decision of the Trade Negotiations Committee to resume the Uruguay Round Negotiations,

Notfng 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 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 **ProjectRAF/87/157** to enable **it** 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..

CM/Res. 1351 (LIV)

**RESOLUTION ON THE ALL-AFRICA TRADE PAIR**

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** 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 organising 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;

CM/Res. 1352 (LIV)

**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**, **Doc. 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**:

CM/Res. 1353 (LIV)

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,

**Raving 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, **Doc. 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 **Programme** 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** t o **IBRD**, UNDP, BIRD, and the international community, to provide the necessary financial and technical assistance **for the** implementation of the objectives of the Second Decade;
8. CALLS **UPON** the Secretary-General to submit regular reports to the Council of Ministers on the implementation of the Decade **Programme.**

CM/Res. 1364 (LIV)

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, Doc. 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 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.

CM/Res. 1355 (LIV)

**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, **Doc. 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 NOTE** 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 TRANSBOUNDARY 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 23 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 Transboundary 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 the **issue;**
2. EXPRESSES ITS **APPRECIATION** to ECA, UNEP, Greenpeace **International** and the **Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee** for their **cooperation;**

4. 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**.

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 **POST**.

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 June 1, 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 Programme 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 **programmes** 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 programmes **set-up** to boost food production to achieve food self-sufficiency in **Africa;**

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CM/Res. 1359 (LIV)

RESOLUTION ON THE APPROVAL OR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE  
AFRICAN LITERACY CENTRE

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Fifty-fourth Ordinary Session in Abuja, 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 - 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;

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CM/Res. 1360 (LIV)

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 budgets programmes 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, a

**consolidated** analysis of the plans and actions undertaken by 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 the 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 programmes 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 Programmes**;
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, donors 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 programmes for** the survival, protection and development of children;
9. **REQUESTS** the **Executive Director** of **UNXCEF** to ensure full support for **the** implementation of **the** Summit **Plan** of Action, and for the convening **of** the **1992** International Donor's Conference!
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 progress made by **Member States** in implementing this resolution and submit **progress reports to** the Fifty-sixth Ordinary Session of **the** Council of Ministers;

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

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

Rscalling its resolution **CM/Res. 1261 (LI)** on co-operation in the **field** of **evironment**, 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 f 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 pallution **as** well as climatic changes and the depletion of the **azone** 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 **Programme** for Economic Recovery (**1986-1990**), the *Cairo Programme* 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 on 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 Government 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 NOTE** 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 Programme *on the process leading to the United Nations Conference*

6. **URGENTLY** CALLS UPON the United Nations, Specialized 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 **s**ession 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.

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**DECLARATION ON THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY  
ON HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT ON EMPLOYMENT CRISIS IN AFRICA**

- 1. We, the Heads of state and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting at the Twenty-Seventh Ordinary session of our Assembly in Abuja, Nigeria from 3rd - 5th June, 1991, have undertaken a critical review of the Employment Crisis and Challenge Facing our Continent in the 1990s and beyond.**
- 2. We have noted with deep concern that inspite of our strenuous and best efforts to promote development in our continent, and alleviate the employment crisis in our various countries, the urban and rural unemployment and underemployment rates have increased substantially throughout our continent during the 1980s. Besides the rising unemployment and underemployment, our human resources are also being lost, through the process of emigration and brain drain. We are aware that the increase in unemployment and underemployment have been associated with a decline in incomes and a general increase in the incidence of poverty.**
- 3. We are conscious that the burden of the employment problem, has fallen disproportionately on our Youth in whom we have invested considerable resources in preparation for their full participation in our development process. We have also noted that the potential of our women, as important and active agents in socio-economic development, remains to be fully utilized.**
- 4. We realize that the employment crisis is posing a serious threat to the future socio-political stability and development prospects of our various countries.**

**5. Fully mindful of our responsibilities to ensure accelerated development, maintenance of political and social stability and progress, and the safeguarding of a brighter future for our children and future generations, we rededicate ourselves to pursue vigorously, needed policies, programmes and actions, to meet the African Employment challenge of the 1990s and beyond, so as to resolve the employment crisis in our continent.**

**6. We reaffirm our previous commitments to a determined implementation of the Lagos Plan of Action (LPA), the African Priority Programme for Economic Recovery (APPER), and the African Alternative Framework to Structural Adjustment Programmes (AAFSAP), so as to ensure that the crisis of unemployment and under employment which looms in the 1990s will be confronted successfully.**

**7. More specifically, we commit ourselves to take necessary measures within the limits of our resources, to accelerate the rate of growth of our gross domestic product, to at least 5 per cent a year, as this is necessary to improve our employment situation. This growth objective may appear ambitious, when compared to our 2.396 per annum growth record of 1988-1990. However, a growth rate of 5% per annum could be attained, especially if we persevere in our current economic reform efforts and programmes, and if our development partners in the industrialized countries intensify their efforts to substantially alleviate our external debt burden.**

**8. Our economic reform efforts and structural adjustment programmes in the 1990s, should depart in orientation from the orthodox adjustment programmes of the 1980s, as demonstrated in the African Alternative Framework to Structural Adjustment**

**Programmes (AAFSAP), which we have already adopted, and which we must implement more vigorously throughout the region.**

9. ***WC are aware that renewed economic growth will not be sufficient by itself to resolve the African employment crisis. Accordingly, our development strategy in Africa during the 1990s and beyond, will be more human centered, promote a democratic and participatory approach, and be more environmentally sustainable. The development strategy will place a higher accent on the satisfaction of basic human needs and the restructuring of our production systems so as to meet these needs. Greater attention will be given to internal resource mobilization, fiscal discipline, a maintenance culture, and indigenous entrepreneurial development.***

10. ***Our overall macro-economic and sectoral policies will be reviewed to ensure that our development projects, and the technologies we use, facilitate a much greater absorption of our abundant labour resources, while economizing on the use of capital and foreign exchange, which are in very short supply and constitute major constraints on our development efforts. Accordingly, in our allocation of resources, WC shall accord higher priority to sectors and projects which generate more employment. To this end, the rural sector, the urban informal sector, medium, small and micro-enterprises, and employment intensive construction and production projects, will receive more attention than in the past.***

11. ***We are convinced that, the expansion of employment opportunities in the rural areas, which we shall make more attractive, will contribute to the increased welfare of the***

majority of our people, lead to the attainment of our objectives of food self-sufficiency, and stem the tide of rural to urban migration. We shall, therefore, take the necessary measures to accord higher attention to rural employment promotion - through increased agricultural production, as stipulated in the Lagos Plan of Action, the Final Act of Lagos APPER and AAFSAP. We shall also improve rural employment prospects by promoting rural non-farm employment through an increased support of rural agro and cottage industries, the rural services sector and infrastructural development. We shall also encourage in general, rural medium, small, and micro-enterprises, and ensure the fuller integration of rural non-farm activities with national production, especially agricultural production and urban informal sector output.

12. We note that our formal sector has been making only limited contributions to employment creation for our ever increasing labour force. Our efforts towards the accelerated growth of our economies, testify to our desire to increase the employment contribution of the formal and modern urban sectors. Accordingly, we shall continue to explore every possible avenue to realize a faster pace of productive labour absorption in our formal sectors, in support of the second Industrial Development Decade for Africa.

13. We realize, however, that the informal sector will continue to contribute to employment opportunities in the urban sector in the foreseeable future. We shall, therefore, intensify our efforts to increase productivity and incomes in this sector. To this end, we shall endeavor to facilitate greater access of operators in the informal sector, to the means of production such as land, capital, and improved management, technology, and training, and facilitate the marketing of their products. We shall improve and

**enhance their entrepreneurial capacities, without dampening their spirit of self-reliance.**

**We shall also improve the general enabling environment for this sector,**

14. In our **continuous efforts** to promote **employment**, we are aware that **all segments** of our **population need an improvement in their employment situation**, and we shall **strive** to meet their needs. **However**, our **special attention** on this issue will go to the target **group** of the Youth, who constitute the **bulk** of the **unemployed in Africa**. **Accordingly**, we **undertake to strengthen our specific policies** and **programme** of **employment promotion** for this **category** of the **population**. Such **policies will** be **increasingly based** on providing **training**, **credit facilities**, **supportive fiscal policies**, and access to **land**, as well as **technical and administrative** support from our Governments.

15. **Another aspect of policy support in favour of youth employment will be the elaboration and implementation of a more effective policy on education and training to ensure a better linkage between education and training on the one hand and the requirements of the labour market and nation-building, on the other. Our education and training policies will also be geared towards a greater acquisition and strengthening of the entrepreneurial spirit.**

16. **Another target group, which deserves our special attention in our efforts to promote employment, consists of women, who constitute more than 50 per cent of our population. Although we have made much progress in our efforts to promote women's employment, and their contribution to economic production, we are aware that they still remain gravely disadvantaged when compared to their weight in society. We therefore,**

**reiterate our resolve in the Lagos Plan of Action to give women's employment the priority it deserves. We shall also intensify efforts towards a more vigorous implementation of the Nairobi Forward Looking Strategies and the 1989 Abuja Declaration on Women in Development, as well as other relevant resolutions of the OAU and United Nations system.**

**17. Disabled persons also constitute a target group that has always engaged our attention. Accordingly, we shall intensify our efforts to respond to the needs of these vulnerable and disadvantaged groups, and include them in the mainstream of our strategies for resolving our employment crisis.**

**18. We realize that the size and gravity of our employment crisis is closely related to the rapid rate of growth in our labour force, which is three times the level in the industrialized countries, and about twice that of other developing countries. We shall therefore, review more carefully our population policies, with a view to relating our labor force growth to the capacities and growth rates of Our economies, as well as according higher priority to improving the health status of our population, especially through primary health-care programmes.**

**19. We recognize the need to pay more attention to the possibilities of intra African co-operation in resolving our national employment problems. In this regard, we shall encourage greater labour market integration within the context of the Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community which we have signed.**

**20.** We **reaffirm** our **responsibility to** resolve our employment **crisis** largely **within our** own resources. A **higher priority to** resolving our employment crisis, to **which** we have **committed ourselves, will** be translated **into** more resource allocation out of our own **national** budgets, for employment promotion **activities. This will also** require the **strengthening of institutions** charged **with these issues, or the creation of such other institutions as** may **be** necessary.

**21.** We request our development **partners, both** multilateral and bilateral, to **reflect our priorities, as identified in this Declaration by increasing their** support for human resources development **and** employment **promotion programmes and** projects. We appeal **in** particular, to such **institutions** as the **African** Development Bank, other **African regional and sub-regional** financial **institutions, the World Bank, and the UTUDP, to increase their financial** support to our human resources development and **employment promotion efforts.** Finally, we further appeal to the **United Nations institutions in general, and the ECA the ILO, UNESCO, UMCEF, WHO and the UNFPA in particular** to play an important **role** individually, **in** concert. **and in** close collaboration **with** the OAU Secretariat, **in the implementation of this Declaration.**

DECLARATION OF THE HEADS OF STATE AND  
GOVERNMENT OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY  
ON THE URUGUAY ROUND OF **MULTILATERAL**  
TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

1. we, **the** Heads of **State** and Government of the Organization of African Unity (**OAU**) meeting in **our** Twenty-seventh Ordinary Session in **Abuja**, the Federal Republic of Nigeria, from 3 to 5 June 1991, recall our resolution on the participation of Africa in international negotiations, which we **adopted in Lagos, the Federal** Republic of Nigeria during **our** second, **Extra-ordinary** Session held from 28 to 29 April 1980 **alongside** the **Lagos** Plan of Action for the economic development of Africa (**LPA**) and the Final Act of **Lagos, (FAL)**.

2. The unprecedented **collapse of the** prices of Africa's commodities and the consequential deterioration in its terms of trade as well as the **mounting protectionist measures** in the markets **of the developed** countries against **exports from** Africa and **restrictive** business practices **are** among the **major external causes of Africa's** external debt. We have reiterated **this fact in** the African Common Position on Africa's External **Debt** Crisis, which we had adopted **in** our Third Extra-ordinary Session held in **Addis** Ababa from 30 November to 1 December 1987,

3. We have been following closely the trend of the Uruguay Round negotiations since 1986 **consistent** with our commitments to the objectives and general principles governing the

negotiations, as stipulated in the **Punta del Este** Declaration. We note with concern the difficulties facing African negotiators in the Round as have been amply brought to our attention in the report of the Eleventh Session **of** the Conference of African Ministers of Trade and hereby declare as follows:

4. In the course of the Uruguay Round, **African** participants **have** made submissions through **statements** and specific proposals expressing their common concerns on **various** issues under negotiations. They have joined other developing countries at various stages of the **negotiations** to **raise** specific matters of interest and concerns to them. Despite all these efforts, these concerns have not been met. Prominent among them are issues related to improved market access conditions for products of interest to African countries and the inadequate treatment of the development dimension in the new areas of trade related aspects of intellectual property rights **(TRIPS)**, trade related investment **measures** (TRIMS) and trade in **Services**.

5. On the other hand, demands being made on African countries for reciprocity on a number of negotiating **issues** have **become** a common feature in the negotiations **contrary** to the general principles and **objective** for the negotiations that have been stipulated in the **Punta del Este** Declaration, in particular special and **differential** treatment **for** developing countries. What is **worse**, the ability of African countries to influence the course of the negotiations has further been impaired by the lack of adequate transparency in the negotiating process despite **their** unrelenting efforts at participation in the Round.

6. At this very critical and decisive phase of the Round, we cannot **but view** with **great concern** the **insensitivity** of **our** major trading partners to these legitimate concerns. We have anxiety over the manner of conducting the negotiations and the profiles of the emerging results. We stress that all participants must be given equal opportunity to shape the final outcome of the Round **if** that outcome is to **be** balanced and acceptable to all.

7. **We reiterate** that with respect to the final results, the concerns of **Africa** have to be taken on board, and we should not be **presented** with a situation of "fait accompli" and be made to accept a ready-made package agreed among major trading partners, as a **way** of salvaging the **Uruguay** Round on **their** own interest. Indeed in the new area, therefore, we **seek** clear and unambiguous recognition of our development policy objectives and that **any** new multilateral rules and disciplines in those **areas** must promote rather **than** hinder the achievement of such **objectives**. They should in particular, ensure **the** unimpeded **transfer of** technology and **provide** for national capacity building in **all sectors** of **critical** importance to our development **process**.

8. The credibility of the trading system rests upon the reduction of **barriers to trade and** allow for the integration of the marginaliaed small trading nations such as ours into the international **trading** system. However, the durability of the system depends, on the **other** hand, on its ability **to provide benefits to** all trading partners. Thus it is of the utmost importance that attention be paid by all participants in the Round to the concerns and problems **of African countries**. The final stage of the Uruguay Round negotiations provides **the** last and a unique opportunity for **responding** appropriately and adequately to these concerns.

9. In participating in the Round African countries were inspired by **four major perceptions:**

Firstly, greater trade **liberalisation** which takes into account, the special needs of developing countries would result in their **increased** participation *in* world **trade**, offering them the **best possible means** to grow out **of** the marginalization to which they have been subjected by an **assymetrical** world economic and trading **system;**

Secondly, the strengthening of **an** open multilateral trading system based on equitable, transparent and predictable rules and **disciplines** would be in the interest of African countries, the **weakest** member of the world trading community.

Thirdly, the unprecedented complexity and scope of the negotiations would have far reaching **impact** on the international **economic and** trade relations for all **countries**, particularly, **those** in Africa whose integration into the **world** economy would be taking place at a time **of** rapid structural change.

Fourthly, in a world fast evolving into regional trading blocs, no Continent need8 the multilateral **system** more, than **Africa**, **as** the only guarantee for maintaining an open trading system.

10. In the light of **these** perceptions, African countries attach the greatest importance to the successful outcome of the Round. The outcome we seek, **however**, has to be compatible with these perceptions. Such outcome **must** include, inter-alia

- improved market **access** condition8 in all products of interest **to African countries;**
- **more** vigorous application of the **principles of special and differential** treatment for African countries in **all** areas because of **their** particular vulnerability and structural handicaps; adequate flexibility in all the various agreements to ensure the unhindered pursuit of development **policy** objective8 and provide *for* specific **commitments** by developed **countries** in **those** agreements aimed at **facilitating** the **achievement** of **such objectives;**
- no additional obligation8 on **African** countries without additional offsetting **rights** to safeguard the existing balance *in GATT* right8 and **obligations;**
- provisions for *free and unrestricted* access to *markets* for goods and **services from African** Least Developed *Countries*, without demanding reciprocity.

11. **Proposals for a multilateral trade organisation must** be studied thoroughly, at **the appropriate time**, in *cooperation with* the other **bodies** of the **U.N. System**, and in **accordance** with the **Havana Charter**, *of which some* provisions of **interest** for **African countries** have remained neglected **ovu** the last **forty years**.

12. **Finally**, we undertake *to* do the **u' most in** the **remaining period** of the negotiation8 *in order* to **secure** the **success** of the Uruguay Round on the **basis of a balance** between rights *and* obligation8 of **all trading partners**. In order to **do this**, we **seek** maximum **transparency** in the **negotiations** at all **levels** during the **final and decisive phase** of the Round,

DECLARATION ON  
THE CURRENT AFRICAN HEALTH CRISIS

1. We, the Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting at the **Twenty-seventh Ordinary Session** of our Assembly in Abuja, **from 3 to 5 June, 1991**, have recalled the pertinence of **the** Declaration we adopted in **Addis Ababa** on "Health, Foundation for Development".
  
2. We bear in mind **the** expansion of health services, increase of human resources for health and **success** in the control of epidemic<sup>s</sup> in the decades **of** the sixties and seventies. We are **convinced** that **these** development<sup>s</sup> were made possible because member governments allocated **substantial resources to health** which was accepted as critical for development.
  
3. We **realize** that the **current** economic recession, the debt **crisis** and the consequent **financial** constraints have resulted in significant reduction in health budget<sup>s</sup> in many countries. Similarly the negative impact *of* the **economic crisis** on the social and related sectors such as **housing, water supplies, food security, education and employment** have also aggravated the health crisis.
  
4. We feel deeply concerned of the foreseeable trend in the health **crisis** due to:
  - uncontrolled **AIDS** pandemic:
  
  - **resurfacing with increased** frequency, of epidemics **such as** malaria, cholera, **plague, meningitis** and yellow fever;

- insufficient organization of local communities for their full participation in health and development .

5. In the light *of* the afore-mentioned observations, we therefore, commit ourselves to continue to strengthen national health systems and decide to resolve the health crisis by:

- adapting national health policies, strategies and action plans to community health priorities;
- ensuring that carefully planned and approved health care programmes are effectively implemented to the benefit of the clients;
- adopting and strengthening an organisational framework for the allocation of tasks and responsibilities to ensure *effective* implementation;
- strengthening health management structures at all levels and ensure their improved functioning;
- supporting the implementing institutions with adequate resources;
- training and making effective use *of* health and related manpower and ensuring their equitable distribution at all levels and ensuring that economic structural adjustment programmes do not impair their functioning;
- making **full use** of national expertise *for* planning, implementing and evaluating technical cooperation programmes;

- establishing mechanisms for ensuring that technical cooperation programmes are gradually absorbed into the national health development framework;
- strengthening *national* AIDS control and prevention programmes with particular attention to their management capacity and integration with other health programmes such as tuberculosis, sexually transmitted diseases; maternal and child health, family planning and health education programmes; and ensure that National AIDS Control Programmes focus their activities at the local community levels, thus improving programme effectiveness and sustainability;
- promoting a multisectoral approach to AIDS prevention and control by calling on different ministries such as planning, finance, education, social affairs, agriculture, industry and information, to work together with a view to reduce the pandemic's impact on development in general ;
- establishing guidelines and procedures for self-evaluation of the effectiveness of the national health system at all levels as well as using simple community health indicators for monitoring progress towards health for all.

6. We commit ourselves to promote inter-African cooperation in the field of health by adopting the following measures:

- (a) Facilitating people to people cooperation in health through reinforcing:

- **community health organizations, community health and development activities and community health revolving funds;**
- **community health initiatives and support to district health systems;**
- **exchange of experiences and cooperation between health districts at country, regional and inter-regional levels.**

**(b) Intensifying their current cooperation with governments through:**

- **adopting people-centred, community-oriented policies, strategies and action plans, and encouraging exchange of experiences and health information between countries;**
- **promoting the exchange of students of health sciences, their teachers and other senior health professionals within Africa;**
- **promoting inter-country cooperation in health sciences and technology especially cooperation in specialized and expensive tertiary care among African countries.**

**(c) Accelerating and sustaining technical cooperation activities in integrating health and development through assisting selected districts to**

- **undertake planning, management implementation and monitoring of joint health and development activities with the cooperative support**

*of the appropriate agencies and extending these experiences progressively to other districts!*

- undertake major expansion of their revolving funds, through the provision and cost recovery of **supplies** of essential drugs (Bamako Initiative) or of other marketable goods and services *of the health sector*, as an initial **step** towards a national health financing programme ;
- undertake a major effort in community-based home care of AIDS patients and other chronic health diseases.

7. We direct our **Ministers** of Health to report on the implementation of this Declaration through the Secretary-General of the OAU by **1995**.

**ABUJA DECLARATION ON SOUTH AFRICA**

Adopted at the OAU Twentys-seventh Assembly of Heads of State and Government : Abuja, Nigeria: June 3 - 5, 1991.

1.0. From its foundation, the OAU, acting in support of the People of South Africa, led by their *National* Liberation Movements, had been engaged in the struggle to end the apartheid crime against humanity.

2.0. As long as apartheid, persists, it continues to Be a grave affront to all peoples, in particular those of Africa and the black diaspora, who have been victims of slavery, colonialism and racialism.

3.0. It has taken the lives of many people both in South Africa and other countries of Southern Africa, destroyed means of livelihood for millions, dehumanised and degraded entire peoples.

4.0. Because of all this and more, it has posed a challenge to all people of conscience to act in a manner consistent with love of freedom and understanding of the import of the principle that all persons are born equal.

5.0. As we meet in Abuja, we are inspired with renewed confidence that, as a result of struggles that have been waged by the people of South Africa, Africa and the rest of the world, the scourge of apartheid will soon be a thing of the past.

6.0. This outcome, for which millions of people on our continent and the rest of the world have striven, will make a decisive contribution to the universal effort to end racial

**oppression** and prejudice, wherever they may **occur**, and to assert the dignity of **every** human being, **regardless** of **colour**, race or gender.

7.0. Coming at this time in the **history** of Africa, the liquidation of the **system** of Apartheid will be an important **signal** of the **commitment** of our **continent** to its renewal **as a zone** of **freedom**, **respect for human** and people's rights, **justice**, prosperity, **peace** and stability.

8.0. As part of that commitment, we reiterate our **long-held preference** for the, transformation of **South** Africa into **a** united democratic **and** non-racial country by peaceful means.

9.0. We **reaffirm our conviction** that implementation of the provisions contained in the **Harare** Declaration and UN **General** Assembly Declarations on Apartheid\* and its **Destructive** Consequences in Southern **Africa** adopted at its Sixteenth Special Session in **December** 1989 would **lead** to such a peaceful resolution of the South African **question**.

10.0. The **people** of South **Africa** have an urgent need **to live together in conditions of justice, peace**, prosperity and **friendship** among **themselves**. We believe that to **achieve this**, the steps visualized in these Declarations should be carried **out** expeditiously.

11.0. The very **success** of the **future** process of reconstruction required that South **Africa** **proceeds** as quickly **as possible**, to transform itself into a **non-racial** democracy.

12.0. This **is also imperative** for the future of all the countries of the region of Southern **Africa** to enable them to cooperate among themselves **as** equals for the upliftment of all their peoples.

13.0. **We are** also convinced that a liberated South Africa will **make** an important contribution to the critical efforts of the peoples of Africa to create a political and social order which will guarantee all the peoples of our continent human rights, **peace, security, stability and development.**

14.0. *For all these* **reasons, it is** vital that **we,** the peoples of Africa, Continue to wage a united struggle against apartheid and persist in **our** support *for* the **South** African Liberation Movements until the abhorrent system of racist, white minority domination is totally abolished.

15.0. Accordingly, we reaffirm our support **for** the constitutional principles contained **in** the **Harare** and UN Declarations which provide the basis for the transformation of South Africa **into** a non-racial democracy and would, once **implemented,** make for an internationally acceptable solution of the South Africa question.

16.0. We urge the people **of** South **Africa** and all their political parties and organizations themselves to accept these principles. Abandoning all notions of racial and ethnic fragmentation of the population, so as to **establish** the condition<sup>8</sup> for speedy movement forward towards the adoption of a democratic constitution.

17.0. To create the climate conducive to negotiations, we call on **the** South **African** Government to implement all the reconditions stipulated in the **Harare** and United Nation<sup>8</sup> Consensus Declarations on South **Africa** and the agreements it has entered into under the **Groote** Schuur and Pretoria Minutes and **desist from** any further resort to delaying tactics.

18.0. We **are also** gravely concerned at the current **organised and orchestrated violence** which has already claimed the lives of too many black people. **This** violence has itself emerged **as a major obstacle** to the **process** of negotiations.

19.0. We **demand** that the South African **Government** act **immediately to end this violence and enter into firm public commitments** to do everything **in its power** to protect the **lives and property** of all the people of South Africa.

20.0, We **also** urge all political and other public **organisations** to **stop fratricidal conflict which** could delay the **process** towards the **elimination** of apartheid; to agree to and abide **by** a code of conduct aimed at ending all violence among **their members** and supporters.

21.0. We wish to impress on the South African **Liberation Movements** the strategic importance of the unity of **all anti-apartheid** forces in the continuing struggle to liberate their country. We commend the decisions and steps that **have** been taken in this regard and **urge** them to pursue this **objective** with all **necessary vigour**. On **our** part we stand ready to assist the **democratic** forces of South Africa to achieve **this** unity.

22.0. We acknowledge that there have been some **positive** developments **in South Africa**. Accordingly, we encourage the South African Government to pursue its efforts and to take further **measures to accelerate** the **process for the elimination of apartheid**. **However**, the preconditions set out in the **Harare** and United Nations Consensus Declarations and the **Groote Schuur** and **Pretoria** Minutes have not been fully met. **In** these circumstances all sanctions **must** remain in place. We further reaffirm the decisive importance of sanctions in moving South Africa forward towards a non-racial democracy and **are** convinced that it will be **necessary** to continue to **use** this form of pressure until the **system of apartheid has been ended**. /...

23.0. **Bearing in** mind the positive development<sup>8</sup> made so far inside South Africa and the general international reaction thereto, we mandate the current Chairman **of the OAU**, in consultation with the Frontline states and the National Liberation **Movements**, and within the **framework of** the OAU **Ad HOC** Committee of **Heads** of State and Government on Southern Africa **to continue to monitor and review the situation in** South Africa, taking into account concrete steps undertaken **by** South Africa to remove all **obstacle<sup>8</sup> to genuine negotiations** as stipulated **in the Harare** and the UN Consensus Declarations, as well as putting an immediate **end** to the on-going violence.

24.0. Should the South **African Government** adopt **measures** which lead **to** positive, profound and **irreversible** change towards the abolition of apartheid, we commit ourselves **to review** the question of sanctions with a view to **re-admittin<sup>g</sup>** South Africa **into** the international community.

25.0. We reiterate **our** support for the South African Liberation Movement<sup>8</sup> and other democratic forces that have been **in the forefront** of struggle **to abolish the** system of apartheid.

26.0. **Accordingly**, we therefore **commit ourselves** to continue to provide these fighters **against** apartheid, for a democratic **South Africa with** the **necessary** financial and material assistance to enable them **to carry out** their historic **mission** of liberating their country.

27.0. Let all the peoples of the world reaffirm their resolve to act in concert **to assist** the people of South Africa **to regain** their liberty without further delay. Let all our actions **be** guided by **this** noble **objective**, knowing that **our** own freedom

**will remain circumscribed as** long as the people of South Africa **are not free** and knowing that our own actions can make a **decisive** contribution to **the speed with which** the **final** liquidation of **the system** of white minority **rule on** our continent **is** achieved. **Let** all of **us** walk **the last** mile together **and** together **arrive** **at** the **common** destination of the liquidation of the **system** of **apartheid** and the **transformation** of South Africa into a non-racial democracy.

AHG/Res.201 (XXVII)

**RESOLUTION ON THE COMORIAN ISLAND OF MAYOTTE**

The **Assembly** of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity **meeting** in its **Twenty-seventh** Ordinary Session in **Abuja**, Federal Republic of Nigeria, *from 3 to 5 June*, 1991,

CONSIDERING the report of the Chairman of the **OAU Ad-Hoc** Committee of Seven on the Comorian Island of **Mayotte**, (CM/1660 (LIV) PART 1,

Bearing in mind resolution **CM/Res.496** (XXVII) establishing the **OAU Ad Hoc** Committee of Seven on the Comorian Island of Mayotte,

Recalling the relevant resolutions of the OAU on **the** Question of the Comorian Island of Mayotte **particular** resolution **AHG/Res.193** (XXVI),

Recalling further the **relevant** resolutions and recommendations of the United Nations, the *Non-Aligned* Movement, the Islamic Conference **and** the League of Arab States, on the Question of the Comorian Island of **Mayotte**,

Considering the fundamental principles **of** the Charter of the Organization of *African* Unity **relating** to the **sovereignty** and territorial integrity **of Member States**,

Reiterating the **legitimacy** of the claims **of** the Comorian Government with respect to the re-integration of the Comorian Island of Mayotte into the Federal Islamic Republic of the **Comoros**,

Recalling the **Programme** of Action recommended by the **OAU Ad Hoc** Committee of Seven contained in **Doc. Cttee 7/Mayotte/Rec. 1-9 (II)** adopted in **Moroni** in **November** 1981:

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1. **TAKES NOTE** of the report of the Chairman of the Ad HOC Committee of **Seven** on the Comorian Island of Mayotte ;
2. **REAFFIRMS** the sovereignty of the **Federal Islamic Republic** of the **Comoros over** the Island of Mayotte;
3. **REAFFIRMS ITS SOLIDARITY** with the people of **Comoros** in their determination to recover the political integrity of their country to defend *its* sovereignty and its territorial integrity!
4. **LAUNCHES AN APPEAL** to the French Government to meet the legitimate **demands** of the Government of the **Comoros** in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the OAU, the UN, the Non-Aligned Movement, the Islamic **Conference** and the League of Arab **States**;
5. **CALLS UPON OAU** Member States to do everything possible individually and collectively to alert the French and international **public** opinion to the question of the **Comorian Island of Mayotte** and to compel the French Government to put **an end to** the occupation of **Mayotte**;
6. **APPEALS** to all OAU **Member** States and the international community to condemn and reject outright any **form** of talks which could be organized by France in the Comorian Island of Mayotte on the legal international **status** of the Island since the referendum on **self-determination** held on 22 December, 1974 remains the only valid **consultation** on the Archipelagor

7. **FURTHER APPEALS** to all **OAU Member States** and the international community to **condemn** any initiative by *France* to make **the Comorian Island** of **Mayotte** participate in any event **as a separate identity from** the **Federal Islamic Republic of the Comoros;**
8. **MANDATES** the **OAU Ad-Hoc Committee of Seven** on the **Comorian Island of Mayotte** and the General Secretariat to **resume** dialogue with the French Authorities **in** their continued **effort** to **ensure** the return of the **Comorian Island of Mayotte to** the **Islamic Federal Republic of the Comoros** as soon **as** possible;
9. **REQUESTS** that the Question of the Comorian Island of Mayotte **be** maintained on the agenda of all the meetings of the **OAU, the UN, the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, the Islamic Conference** and the **League of Arab States** until the **Comorian Island of Mayotte is re-integrated** into the **Federal Islamic of the Comoros;**
10. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the *Secretary-General* of the **OAU** to **monitor** the developments on the issue and to **submit** a report thereon to the next Session **of** the Council of **Ministers.**

**RESOLUTION ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES RIGHTS**

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organisation of African Unity, meeting in its Twenty-seventh Ordinary Session in Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria, from 3 - 5 June, 1991,

**Having considered** the annual report on the activities of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights by its Chairman, **PROF. UMOZURIKE**, in conformity with Article 54 of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights,

**Recalling** that the current Session marks the 10th Anniversary of the adoption in Nairobi, in June 1981, of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights, which came into force on 21 October, 1986,

**Considering** that pursuant to Article 1 of this Charter, Member States of the Organization of African Unity, parties to the present Charter shall recognize the rights, duties and freedoms enshrined in this Charter and shall undertake to adopt legislative or other measures to give effect to them:

1. **TAKES NOTE with satisfaction** of the report on the activities of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights for 1990 - 1991 and **AUTHORIZES** its publication;
2. **REAFFIRMS** its position declared during the Twenty-fifth Ordinary Session held in July, 1989 stating that the promotion and protection of human and people's rights are essential factors for the progress of African citizens and **CONSTITUTES** a significant contribution to the attainment of their aspirations for development; /...

3. **APPEALS** to Member States to •  to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights if they have not yet done so;
4. **CALLS ON** Member States, parties to the Charter to submit regularly, periodic reports on legislative or other measures taken with a view to giving effect to the rights and freedoms recognized and guaranteed by the present Charter, in accordance with its Article 62;
5. **RECOMMENDS** that Member States of the OAU celebrate the anniversary of the entry into force of the Charter, on 21 October of every year by organizing activities aimed at promoting human and peoples' rights.

**RESOLUTION ON GLOBAL COALITION**  
**FOR AFRICA**

The Asoembly of **Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity**, meeting in its **Twenty-seventh Ordianry Session in Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria**, from **3 to 5 June, 1991**,

**Recalling** their previous resolution (**AHG/Res .8 (XXVI)** of **July 11, 1990**) concerning the **Global Coalition for Africa (GCA)**,

**Convinced** that events on the international scene since the adoption of this resolution have underlined the need for an initiative such as the GCA providing the framework for a partnership for a high political level dialogue between Africa and its development partners on the crucial development issues facing the continent,

**Noting** with satisfaction the progress report presented by His Excellency President **Dr. Q.K.J. Masire** of Botswana, Co-Chairman of the GCA on efforts towards the establishment of the GCA to date:

- 1. EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION to His Excellency President Q.K.J. Masire and his Co-Chairmen for the initiatives they have taken to establish the GCA;**
- 2. CALLS ON the African continental Organizations and Africa's development partners to strengthen their oupport for and cooperation with the Global Coalition for Africa in pursuit of African development.**

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**RESOLUTION ON THE CONDITIONS OF  
IMMIGRANT AFRICAN WORKERS IN EUROPE**

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity in its Twenty-seventh Ordinary Session in Abuja, Nigeria, from 3 - 5 June 1991,

**Bearing in mind the Declaration of the Heads of State and Government of the OAU on Employment Crisis in Africa, which underscores inter alia the rational development and utilisation of human resources,**

**Considering that the entry into force of the SINGLE EUROPEAN ACT in January 1993 will have social, cultural and political implications for the immigrant African workers,**

**Concerned by the fact that the SINGLE EUROPEAN ACT contains some legal and social clauses which contravene the provisions of Annexes V and VI of the Lomé IV Convention,**

**Concerned by the fact that the provisions of the SCHENGEN and TREVI Agreements relating to the right of asylum, visa and entry residence and movement conditions of foreigners in EEC countries, threaten the future of the younger generations of immigrant African workers,**

**Concerned also by African "brain drain" and illegal migration of young African to Europe:**

- 1. NOTES WITH SATISFACTION the interest which the Secretary-General of the OAU has in the disturbing condition of immigrant African workers in Europe;**

2. **STRESSES** the *need* for Member States to henceforth show special interest in the problems of the African immigrant workers in Europe;
3. **REQUESTS** the General Secretariat of OAU to undertake, in collaboration with the General Secretariats of ACP, ILO, IMO, ATUU, FETAF and the major organisations dealing with the issue of immigrant African workers to carry out a study on African immigration within the context of the Lomé Convention with a view to establishing a 'true status of the immigrant African worker;
4. **REQUESTS** the OAU Labour Commission to report through the Secretary-General to the 'next Summit on the implementation of this resolution.

**RESOLUTION ON THE AFRICAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY**

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twenty-seventh Ordinary Session, in Abuja, Nigeria, from 3 to 5 June, 1991,

**Recalling** its solemn commitment in the Lagos Plan of Action, and particularly, in its Final Act, to establish an African Economic Community, so as to ensure the economic, social and cultural integration of the African Continent,

**Recalling further** its earlier resolutions on the establishment of the African Economic Community, namely Resolution AHG/Res.161 (XXIII), Resolution AHG/Res.179 (XXV) and Resolution AHG/Res.190 (XXV),

**Reaffirming** its determination to mobilize and co-ordinate collective efforts and resources of the OAU Member States for the attainment of the economic and social integration through harmonization and rationalization of the activities of the various African Inter-governmental Organizations at all levels,

**Having considered** the conclusions and recommendations of the 21st meeting of the OAU Permanent Steering Committee as endorsed by the 53rd Session of the OAU Council of Ministers, on the establishment of the African Economic Community:

1. **WELCOMES** the signature of the Treaty and **URGES** Member States to make the required arrangements for its early ratification and for the establishment of national follow-up mechanisms responsible for Community matters ;
2. **DECIDES** to establish a Committee composed of the Secretary-general of the OAU, the Executive Secretaries of the Regional Economic Communities to follow-up and monitor the implementation of the African Economic Community and **BEQUESTS** the ADB, ECA and UNDP to provide the required technical support.
3. **CALLS UPON** all the Member States of the respective Regional Communities and the other relevant Inter-governmental Organizations, to lend full support and cooperation to ensure the necessary rationalization, coordination and harmonization activities and projects of the African Inter-governmental Organizations at regional and continental levels, in keeping with the objectives of the Treaty of African Economic Community and the recommendations of the Permanent Steering Committee;
4. **REQUESTS** the Secretary-General of the OAU, in close cooperation with the Executive Secretary of ECA and the President of the ADB, to accelerate the preparation of the Protocols particularly that on the relations between the African Economic Community and the Regional Economic Communities, and **CALLS UPON** the Regional Economic Communities to lend their full support in this important exercise;

5. **REQUESTS** the **Secretary-General** to **convene as soon as possible**, a meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on the **OAU Charter Review in order** to **finalize** the review of the **OAU Charter** taking into account the relevant **provisions** of the Treaty establishing the African **Economic Community** and **decisions** on the merger of the **OAU** and the **Community**;
  
6. **URGES** the International Community, the **UN System**, **UNDP** and other **multilateral funding Agencies** and **institutions** to **lend** their full technical and financial support to the establishment of the **African Economic Community**,