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**RESOLUTION ON THE ACTIVITIES OF MERCENARIES**  
**IN THE GREAT LAKES AREA AND ESPECIALLY IN ZAIRE**

The Council of Minister of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirty-Second Ordinary Session in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya, from 23 February to 4 March, 1979,

**Seriously concerned** with the continuous threat to the security of the African Continent and of certain African countries in particular posed by the presence and activities of mercenaries in the continent with a view to sowing the seeds of discord and undermining the territory integrity and sovereignty of the African States,

**Considering** the harmful effects of the numerous interventions and activities of mercenaries against the sovereignty, security, territorial integrity and the orderly development of African States,

**Recalling** the provisions of the OAU Convention on the Elimination of Mercenaries in Africa,

**Considering** the binding obligation assumed by the International Community to respect the provisions of the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and the Additional Protocols thereto regarding the basic guarantees of humanity and prohibiting their nationals from going to other regions of the world, including Africa, as mercenaries and thereby ensuring that their territories are no longer used for the recruitment, training and equipment of mercenaries:

1. **ONCE AGAIN DENOUNCES** in strong terms the activities of mercenaries aimed at destabilizing OAU Member States resulting in loss of human lives and desolation;
2. **CONDEMNS STRONGLY** the recent attempt of mercenaries in the Great Lakes area particularly to create diabolical acts of hostility against the Eastern Region of the Republic of Zaire with a view to destabilizing its institutions and paralysing its economy;

3. **CONGRATULATES** the Republic of Rwanda, on its fraternal co-operation which made it possible to frustrate the diabolical aims of those mercenaries, and also on its decision to take legal proceedings against those international criminals, in conformity with the relevant resolutions of the OAU and the OAU Convention on the Elimination of Mercenarism in Africa;
4. **CONDEMNS** all countries which continue to tolerate the recruitment, training and arming of mercenaries in their territories and calls upon them to take measures with a view to prescribing such acts in their territories;
5. **APPEALS** to all member states of the OAU to maintain close co-operation for the effective implementation of the provisions of the OAU Convention on the Elimination of Mercenarism in Africa;
6. **REAFFIRMS** its complete solidarity with the people of Zaire and assures them of its full support in the struggle to put an end to all mercenary activities in its territory.

**RESOLUTION ON DEVELOPMENT AND  
ECONOMIC INTEGRATION IN AFRICA**

The Council of Minister of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirty-Second Ordinary Session in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya, from 23 February to 4 March, 1979,

**Having heard** the introduction to the Secretary-General's report specially the parts relating to economic activities;

**Recalling** the African Declaration on cooperation, and development and economic independence adopted in Addis Ababa on 25 May 1973,

**Recalling** the resolutions of the Eleventh Extraordinary Session of the OAU Council of Ministers in cooperation in Socio-economic fields;

**Considering** the outcome of the conference of Ministers of Trade of OAU Member States held in Addis Ababa from 23 January to 2 February, 1979 and the Colloquim organised by the OAU and the ECA in Monrovia from 12 to 15 February 1979;

**Considering** the present world economic situation:

1. **CONGRATULATES** the Administrative Secretary-General on the efforts made in the field of development and economic integration of African countries;
2. **REAFFIRMS** the need to establish an African Economic Community;
3. **CONSEQUENTLY REQUESTS** the Administrative Secretary-General to undertake in collaboration with the Institutions of the United Nations system and specially the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa and African Institutions for development, the necessary studies for the expeditions of the establishment of this Community;
4. **REQUESTS** the Administrative Secretary-General to convene a meeting of experts as well as a Conference of Ministers competent in this field to study the project;

5. **REQUESTS** the Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Financial Matters to take the necessary steps promptly to enable the Secretariat to implement this resolution;
  
6. **CALLS UPON** the Administrative Secretary-General to submit to the Thirty-Third Ordinary Session of the council an interim report which will be submitted to the Sixteenth Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity.

**RESOLUTION ON RECRUITMENT OF PERSONNEL AND  
NATIONAL QUOTAS**

The Council of Minister of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirty-Second Ordinary Session in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya, from 23 February to 4 March, 1979,

**Having Considered** the Activities Report of the Administrative Secretary-General of the OAU covering the period July 1978 to February 1979 contained in Document CM/928 (XXXII) Part II as well as the report of the committee of 14 on the Structural Reforms of the OAU;

**Recognizing** the need for the Administrative Secretary-General to recruit competent staff for the administration and effective running of the OAU Secretariat;

**Bearing in mind** also the established principle of national quotas as well as that of equitable geographical distribution;

1. **DECIDES:**

- a) That for the time being Staff Members of the General Services Category who are recruited should not be subject to the quota system;
- b) That for the time being the recruitment of Technical Staff (Interpreters, Translators, Revisors, Precis writers) should not be counted against the quota of Member States;
- c) That the quota should only apply to staff Members in the professional Category.

2. **REAFFIRMS** that in all matters of recruitment equitable geographical distribution should as much as possible be taken into account.

**RESOLUTION ON NAMIBIA**

The Council of Minister of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirty-Second Ordinary Session in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya, from 23 February to 4 March, 1979,

**Having heard** a statement by Mr. Sam Nujoma, President of SWAPO

**Considering** the gravity of the situation prevailing in Namibia on the eve of the scheduled elections to be held under UN auspices,

**Resolves** to assist Namibia to accede to independence in the best conditions.

1. **DECIDES** to set up a Special Committee which, in close collaboration with the United Nations Council for Namibia will assess Namibia's needs both during the period of transition and the post-independence period ensure her accession to independence by the best condition and to assist her in consolidating her independence by setting up a Namibian national administrative machinery. This Committee includes the African members of the United Nations Council for Namibia, the front Line States and the Executive Secretary of the Liberation Committee.
2. **RECOMMENDS:**
  - a) that member states which possess the means to contribute to the UNTAG contingent forces, inform the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity, as soon as possible;
  - b) that the Secretary-General of the OAU express to the Secretary General of the United Nations the concern f the council about the intention of the Contact Group of Western Countries to maintain in Namibia observers during the transitional period.
  - c) that the OAU Secretary-General requests also the UN Secretary-General:

- i. to include as much as possible, African troops in the United Nations contingent forces for the maintenance of peace in Namibia during the period of transition;
- ii. to obtain from the Republic of South Africa formal assurances on the respect of its commitment to strictly observe the settlement plan approved by the United Nations for the accession of Namibia to independence.

**RESOLUTION HAILING IRAN'S RALLYING TO THE**  
**SANCTIONS ADOPTED AGAINST RACIST AND**  
**MINORITY REGIMES**

The Council of Minister of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirty-Second Ordinary Session in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya, from 23 February to 4 March, 1979,

**Having taken note** of the report of the Administrative Secretary-General (Doc. CM/928 (XXXII) Part I), especially the chapter relating to sanctions,

**Recalling** the imperative need to isolate the South-African racist regime through strict, vigorous and total application of sanctions in general and oil embargo in particular,

**Taking into account** the various resolutions already adopted by the OAU on sanctions, particularly resolution CM/Res. 634 (XXXI) adopted in Khartoum, Sudan, in July 1978,

**Recalling** the categorial refusal of the previous regime of Iran to receive the OAU Ad Hoc Committee on oil embargo and to consult with it on the best ways to apply oil sanctions,

**Welcoming with deep appreciation** the friendly and encouraging decision of the revolutionary Government of Iran who clearly indicated that henceforth Iran would no longer supply oil to the racist regimes of Southern Africa as well as the Zionist regime of Israel,

**Convinced** that a total oil and trade embargo would weaken the racist and minority regimes of Southern Africa considerably and would undoubtedly accelare the liberation process of the oppressed peoples of Southern Africa from the racist and colonialist yoke:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the part of the Administrative Secretary-General's Report, relating to sanctions;
2. **REAFFIRMS** its strong determination to completely isolate the imposition of total and complete sanctions, including an effective oil and trade embargo;

3. **APPEALS** once again to all countries, especially to certain Western countries and Japan to sever their political, economic and other relations with the racist minority regimes in Southern Africa in pursuance of the relevant OAU and UN General Assembly resolutions;
4. **EXPRESSES** its satisfaction with the revolutionary act of solidarity and courage of the present Government of Iran in applying an oil embargo against the racist and minority regimes of Southern Africa and against the Zionist regime of Israel;
5. **URGENTLY APPEALS** to Iran and to all OPEC countries as well as all other oil exporting countries with a view to compelling the international oil companies to apply the embargo decided by the United Nations against the racist minority regimes of Southern Africa, by stopping supplying them with oil and by ensuring that oil does not reach them indirectly;
6. **CALLS UPON** the OAU Standing Committee on Sanctions to immediately establish contacts with the Government of Iran, and all OPEC Countries as well as any other country producing and exporting crude or refined oil with a view to devising the best ways and means of ensuring effective oil embargo against the racist and minority regimes of Southern Africa.

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE ATTACK**  
**PERPETRATED BY RHODESIA AGAINST THE PEOPLE'S**  
**REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA**

The Council of Minister of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirty-Second Ordinary Session in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya, from 23 February to 4 March, 1979,

**Having heard** the statement made by the head of the delegation of the People's Republic of Angola on the recent attacks perpetrated against his country,

**Considering** the aggression perpetrated against the Republic of Zambia,

**Further recalling** resolutions CM/Res. 577 (XXIX) and CM/Res. 637 (XXXI) relating to the assistance given to the Front Line States which are victims of the aggression of the racist regimes of Southern Africa,

**DECIDES:**

- a) to strongly condemn the aggressive perpetrated against the Front Line States by the racist regimes of Southern Africa and to bring them to the knowledge of United Nations Secretary-General and the British Prime Minister in his capacity as the head of the Government of Administering power of Rhodesia;
- b) to address a message to Dr. Agostino Neto, president of the People's Republic of Angola expressing the support and solidarity of the Council to the people and government of Angola;
- c) to send to Angola and Zambia a delegation with a message of the Council expressing the indefatigable support of the OAU Member States to the governments and peoples of the People's Republic of Angola and the Republic of Angola and the Republic of Zambia;

- d) to instruct the Committee of Ten to assess the nature and importance of the material support to be given to the Front Line States which are victims of this aggression;
  
- e) to instruct the African Group at the United Nations to submit to the Secretary Council, for consideration, the question of aggression perpetrated by the Rhodesian regime, which constitutes a serious threat to peace and security in Africa and the world.

**RESOLUTION ON THE OAU ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL**

The Council of Minister of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirty-Second Ordinary Session in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya, from 23 February to 4 March, 1979,

**Having considered** the Report of the Secretary-General on the appointment of a new member of the OAU Administrative Tribunal (Document CM/942 (XXXII)),

**Referring** to the Regulations of the Administrative Tribunal;

**DECIDES:**

- i. after balloting, to retain the Republic of Djibouti as the third member of the Tribunal in the place of the Congo;
- ii. to maintain the status quo with regard to the meetings of the Tribunal.

**RESOLUTION ON BUDGETARY AND  
FINANCIAL MATTERS**

The Council of Minister of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirty-Second Ordinary Session in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya, from 23 February to 4 March, 1979,

**Having considered** the Report on the Activities of the Advisory Committee on budgetary and Financial Matters,

**DECIDES:**

- a) to adopt this Document together with other relevant documents, taking into consideration the reservations expressed on certain paragraphs;
- b) to adopt the 1979/80 budget amounting to US \$14,474,568 as proposed by the Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Financial Matters;
- c) to set up a Review Committee on Member States' Scale of Assessment of contributions to the OAU Budget. This Committee will submit a draft recommendation to the Thirty-Third Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers in Monrovia;
- d) that the Review Committee on Scales of Assessment will have to formulate its drat recommendations taking into account the up-to-date data furnished by Member States and observations by the countries concerned;
- e) to approve the allocation of subventions as proposed by the Advisory Committee and to request that in future all applications be considered in the light of the relevant observations made by the Council of Ministers.

**RESOLUTION ON THE PROPOSAL OF AN AFRICAN  
CANDIDATE TO THE POST OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY (IAEA)**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirty-Second Ordinary Session in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya, from 23 February to 4 March, 1979,

**Recalling** its resolutions CM/Res. 480 (XXV), CM/Res. 477 (XXVIII), CM/Res. 884 (XXIX) and CM/Res. 627 (XXXI) relating to the inadequate representation of Africa at the highest levels of the various executive organs of the United Nations system,

**Having heard** the statement made by the delegation of Zaire

1. **DECIDES** to support the candidature of Professor MAU WA KALENGA, a Zaire national for the post of Deputy Director of the International Atomic Agency (IAEA);
2. **DRAWS** the attention of all Member States of the United Nations to this candidature;
3. **REQUESTS** the OAU Administrative Secretary-General to forward this candidature to the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency and to take all appropriate measures so that it might be a success.

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE FORMULATION OF  
A STRATEGY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFRICA**

The Council of Minister of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirty-Second Ordinary Session in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya, from 23 February to 4 March, 1979,

**Having read** the report of the Secretary-General on Economic problems confronting Africa in which he mentioned the results of the OAU/ECA Colloquim of Perspectives of Economic Development and Growth in Africa to the Year 2000 held in Monrovia from 12 to 16 February, 1979;

**Mindful of** the numerous resolutions adopted by the OAU summit Conference on the urgent question of economic development and integration in Africa;

**Cognizant of** the urgent need for action to forestall the bleak projections of the economic future of Africa;

**Having listened** to the Statement of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Liberia on the OAU/ECA Colloquim held in Monrovia:

1. **COMMENDS** the Secretary General of the OAU and the Executive Secretary of the ECA for taking the initiative in organising the Colloquim;
2. **EXPRESSES** its appreciation to the Government of Liberia for its active support for and its generosity in hosting the Colloquim in Monrovia;
3. **TAKES NOTE** of the proposal of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Liberia for the formulation of a Declaration of Commitment to specific priority projects for the speedy economic development of the continent;
4. **URGES** Member States to give serious consideration to the idea of a Declaration of Commitment and when they attend the 33<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Council of Ministers to come with concrete suggestions for such a Declaration;

5. **REQUESTS** the Secretary General of the OAU to prepare and submit to Member States of the Organization of African Unity at least thirty days before the 33<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers a progress report of all sectors in which declarations, resolutions and action programmes have been adopted by the OAU Heads of State and Government and to indicate the status of such measures, and to list all resolutions and declarations before the OAU pertaining to this matter;
  
6. **REQUESTS** the Secretary General of OAU in collaboration with the Economic Commission for Africa to present concrete proposals to the Member States of the Organization of African Unity at least 30 days before the 33<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers for the formulation of an Action programme with a view to the implementation of decisions taken by the previous Sessions of the Council of Ministers for the establishment of an African Economic Community, and in this regard to take into consideration decisions taken at the 11<sup>th</sup> Extraordinary Session of the Council of Ministers held in Kinshasa in December, 1976.

**RESOLUTION ON CRITERIA FOR AFRICAN  
CANDIDATURES TO POSTS WITHIN THE UNO SYSTEM**

The Council of Minister of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirty-Second Ordinary Session in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya, from 23 February to 4 March, 1979,

**Having considered** document CM/956 (XXXII) on Criteria for African Candidatures to posts with the UNO System,

**Aware** of the need to facilitate the work of the African Group at the UN,

**Convinced** of the importance of the role being played by the African Group at the UNO in New York,

**APPROVES** the criteria for African Candidatures as contained in Doc. CM/956 (XXXII).

**RESOLUTION ON THE INITIATIVES ENVISAGED WITHIN THE  
UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND MOVES MADE BY THE UNITED  
KINGDOM CONSERVATIVE PARTY PARLIAMENTARIANS TO SEND  
TEAMS TO OBSERVE THE SO-CALLED ELECTIONS IN SOUTHERN  
RHODESIA**

The Council of Minister of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirty-Second Ordinary Session in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya, from 23 February to 4 March, 1979,

**Having received** information according to which initiatives were taken within the US Congress and the UK conservative Party to send teams to observe the proposed so-called elections in Southern Rhodesia,

**Considering** that the OAU, the UN Security Council and the UN General Assembly have condemned and rejected the so-called internal settlement which is the basis for these bogus elections,

**Further Considering** that the United Nations Security Council has determined that the rebel Rhodesia Government is illegal under international law,

**Convinced** that the proposed elections are blatant attempt to confer legitimacy to the illegal regime of Ian Smith and the so-called internal settlement:

1. **CONDEMNS** the initiatives taken within the United States Congress and the moves made by the United Kingdom Conservative Party to send observers to the so-called elections in Southern Rhodesia;
2. **DRAWS** the particular attention of the United Kingdom – the Administering Power to the grave consequences of the decision taken by one of the parties of its Parliament to send observers to the so-called elections in Southern Rhodesia;
3. **DEMANDS** that the US Government do all in its power to ensure that its Congress or any of its citizens are not sent to observe the forthcoming so-called elections in Southern Rhodesia;

4. **SOLEMNLY REAFFIRMS** that any representation at the so-called elections would be in contravention of OAU and UN resolutions;
5. **FURTHER REAFFIRMS** that these elections calculated to circumvent a genuine independence of the struggle in Zimbabwe as null and void;
6. **CONDEMNS** these maneuvers which will only prolong the suffering of the Zimbabweans and lead to the escalation of the conflict;
7. **CALLS** on the international community to refrain from any action that could conceivably lend the elections credibility and legitimacy;
8. **REJECTS** any entity which may emerge as a result of the proposed elections.

**RESOLUTION ON THE OAU PROGRAMME COMMITTEE**

The Council of Minister of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirty-Second Ordinary Session in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya, from 23 February to 4 March, 1979,

**Having discussed** the report on the Recommendations on conditions of the contest for the anthem of the OAU and other matters (Rapporteur's Report of the Programme Committee of Tenth Anniversary) Doc CM/919 (XXXI) Rev. 1;

**Acknowledging** the importance of having an OAU anthem which will nonetheless be a great symbol of unity;

**Determined** to pursue the question on the production of the film expected to depict the Tenth Anniversary of the OAU to its logical conclusion:

1. **ADOPTS** the report (CM/919 (XXXI) Rev. 1) together with the recommendations as contained in page 13 paragraph 32 of the same report,
2. **REQUESTS** the Programme Committee to pursue the question of the OAU anthem;
3. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Program Committee to continue with its works on the materialization of the film commemorating the Tent Anniversary of the OAU and ensure its submission for the forthcoming summit of the OAU in Monrovia, Liberia.

**RESOLUTION ON THE CONFERENCE ON THE SITUATION  
ON REFUGEES IN AFRICA**

The Council of Minister of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirty-Second Ordinary Session in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya, from 23 February to 4 March, 1979,

**Having noted** the information submitted by the Administrative Secretary-General in his progress report for the period July 1978 to February 1979 on the preparations of the Conference on the Situation of Refugees in Africa scheduled to take place at Arusha, Tanzania, from 6 to 17 of May 1979, (CM/962 (XXXIX))

**Recalling** Resolution CM/Res. 621 (XXXI) adopted in Khartoum during the Thirty-First Session authorizing the OAU to co-sponsor this conference;

**Having noted** with satisfaction the progress made on the preparations for the conference:

1. **CALLS UPON** all OAU Member States to participate actively at Ministerial level and, on top of their individual contributions, defray the cost of participation of their delegates of the conference,
2. **CALLS UPON** the General Secretariat of the OAU to co-operate fully with the Planning Committee for the success of the conference;
3. **COMMENDS** the Planning Committee and the Government of the Republic of Tanzania for the work already accomplished.
4. **DECIDES** that the General Secretariat of the OAU, in consultation with the Advisory committee on Budgetary and Financial Matters, cover the Balance for the organization of the Pan-African Conference on African refugees from savings made by the Secretariat.

**RESOLUTION ON THE ACTIVITIES OF MERCENARIES IN  
ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA AND AGAINST THE FRONT-LINE STATES**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirty-Second Ordinary Session in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya, from 23 February to 4 March, 1979,

**Gravely concerned** at the growing number of victims and the bloody evolution of the situation in Zimbabwe as a direct result of the wanton destruction and murder of civilians, women and children by the racist, rebel army of Ian Smith;

**Further gravely concerned** at the increasing threat which the activities of mercenaries pose to the liberation struggle in Zimbabwe and Namibia as well as to the independence, sovereignty, stability and peace of the Frontline States;

**Considering** the provisions of the OAU convention for the Elimination of Mercenaries in Africa,

**Recalling** that the two Protocols additional to the Geneva Convention of 1949 relative to the protection of war victims provide:-

- i. that wars of national liberation in African territories under colonial domination or racist minority regimes are international conflicts subject to the provisions of the additional protocols of the Geneva Convention of 1949;
- ii. that protected persons and places, notably civilian populations and refugees camps, must under no circumstances be subjected to acts of reprisals;
- iii. that mercenaries do not enjoy the status of combatants and therefore liable to summary execution, if captured;

**Deploring** the fact that certain non-African States have not yet taken adequate and effective steps to implement the undertaking to prevent their nationals from coming to Africa as mercenaries and to ensure that their territories are no longer used for the recruitment, training and equipping of mercenaries to fight in Africa;

**Highly appreciative** of the measures taken by the Patriotic Front to abide by fundamental humanitarian rules consistent with its respect of the OAU Convention for the Elimination of Mercenarism in Africa, and the Geneva conventions:

1. **STRONGLY CONDEMNS** the activities of the mercenaries employed by the illegal racist regime of Ian Smith who massacre civilians in Zimbabwe and cause havoc among them and in violation of all basic guarantees of humanity, attack neighbouring countries destroying civilian lives and installations including refugee camps;
2. **CONDEMNS** countries that offer facilities or grant passage to the mercenaries and forces of the illegal, racist regimes in Southern Africa to attack the Frontline States;
3. **CALLS UPON** all states, particularly the United States of America, France, Federal Republic of Germany, Portugal, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Australia, New Zealand and Canada to take legislative and/or Executive measures prescribing the recruitment, training, equipping and passage of mercenaries within their territorial jurisdictions and, in respect of their nationals, such acts if committed by them while outside their own countries;
4. **REITERATES** Africa's determination to take all measures to eliminate from the African continent the scourge of mercenarism;
5. **APPEALS** to all friendly States and International Organisations to provide immediate relief assistance and protection to the civilians in refugee camps run by the Patriotic Front and in the Frontline States;
6. **REAFFIRMS** its total solidarity with the Patriotic Front and the Frontline States which are victims of the current activities of mercenaries employed by the illegal racist rebel regime of Ian Smith;

7. **REQUESTS** the African Group at the United Nations to inscribe on the Agenda of the Thirty-Fourth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, as a matter of urgency, an item entitled “Preparation of an International Instrument Outlawing Mercenarism”.

**RESOLUTION ON ZIMBABWE**

The Council of Minister of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirty-Second Ordinary Session in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya, from 23 February to 4 March, 1979,

**Having considered** the statements of Member States and the Patriotic Front on the question of the Angola-American initiatives;

**Having examined** the reprehensible activities of Bishop Muzorewa, Reverend Sithole and Chief Chirau;

**Strongly condemning** the repeated aggression of the Rhodesian racists on the Frontline States of Angola Botswana, Mozambique and Zambia, and the bombings of refugee camps of the Patriotic Front in these countries-

1. **HOLDS** that the Anglo-American Proposals because of the vacillations of the governments of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America and the intransigence of the illegal regime of Ian smith have been overtaken by the qualitative development of the liberation war in Zimbabwe;
2. **APPRECIATES** and **ENCOURAGES** the progress in the armed liberation struggle being waged by the Patriotic Front, the sole and authentic liberation movement in Zimbabwe;
3. **REAFFIRMS** that the armed struggle being waged by the Patriotic Front must be intensified, and **RESOLVES** to increase political, material and financial assistance to the Patriotic Front to ensure the quick defeat of the illegal racist Minority regime of Rhodesia;
4. **EXPRESSES** its indignation at the conclusion between Bishop Muzorewa, Reverend Sithole and Chief Chirau; with the illegal regime which it considered as a betrayal of the people of Zimbabwe;

5. **CALLS UPON** OAU Member States to continue not to give any kind of recognition, assistance or encouragement to any of the traitors or their followers;
6. **CONDEMNS** the illegal racist minority of Rhodesia for its criminal aggression of the Front-Line States of Angola, Botswana, Mozambique and Zambia and its massacres of Patriotic Front Refugees in these countries;
7. **CALLS UPON** all OAU Member States to fulfill their obligation by implementing the resolution adopted by the OAU Summit in Mauritius calling upon Member States to come to the assistance of Front-Line States.

**RESOLUTION ON NAMIBIA**

The Council of Minister of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirty-Second Ordinary Session in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya, from 23 February to 4 March, 1979,

**Having examined** once again, this ominous and critical military and political situation resulting from the continued illegal occupation and colonial oppression of the country by the fascist Apartheid regime of South Africa,

**Recalling** all the previous resolutions and decisions of the Council of Ministers and the Assembly of heads of States and Government of the Organization of African Unity on Namibia,

**Taking into consideration** the relevant resolutions adopted by the General Assembly and the Security Council on Namibia,

**Deploring** the persistent obstinate refusal of the Pretoria regime to relinquish its illegal on Namibia; and its determination to impose in the territory a neo-colonial solution, through the introduction of the Turnhalle arrangements, designed to give a semblance of power to a puppet regime, and a cover of legality to the colonial illegal occupation,

**Strongly condemning** South Africa's increased repression and suppression of the political rights of the Namibian people and for integrity, as well as its repeated acts of aggression against and military provocations and incursions into African States bordering on Namibia,

**Gravely concerned** at the increased militarization of Namibia by the racist illegal occupation regime of South Africa and for its efforts to develop a nuclear capability for military and aggressive purposes,

**Deploring** the policies of those states which, despite the relevant decisions of the United Nations and the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice of 21<sup>st</sup> June, 1971 continue to maintain diplomatic, economic consular and other relations as well as military or strategic collaboration with South Africa, although they purport to act on behalf of or concerning Namibia;

**Strongly condemning** as an act of colonial expansion, provocation and aggression, the attempt of South African to annex Walvis Bay, thereby undermining the National security, economic wellbeing and further undermining the territorial integrity of Namibia,

**Reaffirming** its full and an qualified support for the armed struggle of the Namibian people under the leadership of SWAPO, their sole and authentic representative,

**Strongly supporting** the efforts of the United Nations Council for Namibia in the discharge of the responsibilities entrusted to it by the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly;

**Concerned** about the intention of the Contact Group of the Five Western Powers to maintain observers in Namibia during the transition period which may undermined the mandate of the United Nations Council for Namibia;

1. **REAFFIRMS** the inalienable right of the Namibian people to self-determination, freedom and national independence;
2. **REAFFIRMS FURTHER** that Namibia is the direct responsibility of the UN until genuine freedom and independence are achieved, in accordance with the Charter of the UN and as recognized in General Assembly and Security Council resolutions, especially Resolution 385 (1976), 435 (1978);
3. **COMMENDS SWAPO**, the sole and authentic representative of the Namibian people, for its political mobilization of the Namibian people as well as for its intensification of both armed struggle and diplomatic campaign;
4. **STRONGLY CONDEMNS** the military build-up of South Africa in Namibia, the creation of tribal armies, civilian commando forces for a major confrontation with the forces of the People's Liberation Army of Namibia (PLAN), led by SWAPO;

5. **FIRMLY RESOLVES** to increase material, financial and moral assistance to SWAPO in order to best intensify the armed struggle and maintain vigilance and effectively until victory;
6. **REITERATES** in the most solemn manner what Walvis Bay is an integral part to Namibia, and reaffirms its unequivocal condemnation of South Africa's attempt at annexing Walvis Bay which could constitute flagrant violation of Namibia's unity and territorial integrity;
7. **REQUESTS** the United Nations to ensure that South Africa complies fully with the provisions of the Security Council Resolution 385 (1976) and all subsequent resolution of that Council in particular Resolution 439 (1978) failing which the UN Security Council should urgently convene to take effective measure under Chapter VII of the UN Charter, including a comprehensive programme of sanctions which should cover trade and oil embargo as well as complete arms embargo;
8. **ENDORSES** the decision of the General Assembly to re-convene the Thirty-Third Session at a time to be decided in consultation between the President of the General Assembly, the President of UN Council for Namibia and the UN Secretary-General, as a measure of keeping the situation under constant review,
9. **STRONGLY CONDEMNS** the South African regime for unilaterally holding sham elections in Namibia from 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> December, 1978, in contravention and defiance of Security Council Resolution 385 (1976) and 439 (1978);
10. **REITERATES** its previous decisions that those elections and their results are null and void;
11. **URGES** all the OAU Member States and all the friends and supporters of Africa's cause for National Liberation not to accord any form of recognition to any organ or representative established as a result of those elections;
12. **REITERATES** OAU's commitment to actively co-operate with the United Nations on the question of Namibia until final resolution of the conflict and

renews its strong support for the efforts deployed by the United Nations Council for Namibia in the exercise of the responsibilities conferred to it by pertinent resolution of the General Assembly;

13. **DECLARES** that any entity that will emerge as a result of election held in Namibia without the participation of SWAPO; the sole and authentic representative of the Namibian people, should not be recognised

**RESOLUTION ON SOUTH AFRICA**

The Council of Minister of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirty-Second Ordinary Session in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya, from 23 February to 4 March, 1979,

**Having discussed** the situation in South Africa;

**Having adopted** the Report of the Thirty-Second Ordinary Session of the OAU Coordinating Committee for the Liberation of Africa (Doc. CM/964 (XXXII));

**Having listed** to the statements made by the two National Liberation Movements concerned and recognized by the OAU;

**Deeply concerned** with the oppressive measures still being practiced by the racist Pretoria regime and the assistance it received from its collaborators;

**Conscious** of the need for the effective function of the offices of the National Liberation Movements in New York;

**Recalling** previous OAU and UNO resolutions on the question of South Africa;

**Concerned** with the apparent lack of progress towards unity between the National Liberation Movements of South Africa:

1. **NOTES** with appreciation that not a single country outside apartheid South Africa has granted recognition to the Bantustans of the Transkei and Bophutatswana;
2. **APPEALS** to all peace and justice loving countries not to grant visas or allow into their territories by representatives of the South African Bantustans;
3. **FURTHER APPEALS** to the international community not to allow any kind of investment or aid or assistance through state organs, private firms or individuals to these Bantustans;

4. **APPEALS** to the UN General Assembly to further concretise its resolution of 1976 declaring that the people of South Africa and the Liberation Movements are a special responsibility of the world body by granting financial assistance for the maintenance of the offices in New York of the National Liberation Movements recognized by the OAU (The African National Congress of South Africa and the Pan-Africanist Congress of Azania) without prejudice to the need for unity among the two Liberation Movements;
5. **CALLS** on OAU Member States to observe the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the Pan-Africanist Congress of Azania on April 6, 1979;
6. **STRONGLY CONDEMNS** the violation by Western Countries of the UN Security Council resolution calling for an embargo on the sale of arms to racist South Africa and recommends that the Security Council takes effective measures to ensure that the arms embargo is comprehensive and complete;
7. **CALLS** once again on the two Liberation Movements to study seriously the question of unity amongst themselves and to take concrete measures to that end;
8. **REQUESTS** the sub-Committee of Reconciliation of Liberation Movements of South Africa (Angola, Egypt, Kenya, Libya, Mozambique, Tanzania and Zambia) to continue with 'tis task in reconciling the Liberation Movements of South Africa and submit a report on the question to the Thirty0Third Ordinary Session of the Liberation Committee.

**RESOLUTION ON THE ASSOCIATION OF AFRICAN  
TRADE PROMOTION ORGANIZATIONS**

The Council of Minister of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirty-Second Ordinary Session in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya, from 23 February to 4 March, 1979,

**Having considered** the report of the Administrative Secretary-General, Doc. CM/928 (XXXII) Part II,

**Recalling** Resolution CM/Res. 501 as proposed by the Twenty-Seventh Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers and approved by the Thirteenth Session of the conference of Heads of State and government of the Organization of African Unity, held in Port-Louis, Mauritius, on the Association of African Trade Promotion Organizations,

**Conscious** of the fact that only 26 out of 49 member States of the OAU are currently signatories to the constitution of the Association,

**Aware** of the fact that the Association will not operate effectively unless Member States pay their contributions to the budget of the Association,

1. **URGES** Member States who have not yet signed the Constitution of the Association or who have not yet deposited their instrument of ratification to do so as soon as possible;
2. **APPEALS** to Member States of the Association to pay their contribution to the budget of the Association;
3. **CALLS ON** Member States to facilitate the work of the Association by providing the necessary information to the organs of the Association;
4. **DECIDES** to refer to the Thirty-Third Ordinary Session of the council of Ministers, the consideration of the application for the status of Specialized Agency of the OAU, submitted by the Association of African Trade Promotion Organizations, and to this end, calls on the Administrative Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive report on this request.

5. **APPEALS TO** international institutions and donor countries to consider favourably applications for financial and technical assistance by the Association;
6. **URGES** Member States to attend the Third Session of the General Assembly of the Association to take place in Tangiers from 23 to 27 April 1979.

**RESOLUTION ON THE UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL  
DEVELOPMENT FUND (UNIDF)**

The Council of Minister of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirty-Second Ordinary Session in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya, from 23 February to 4 March, 1979,

**Recalling** its resolution CM/Res.....(XXX) adopted during the Thirtieth Ordinary Session held in Tripoli, Libya – February 1978 during all member states in support of UNIDF:

**Further recalling** its resolution CM/Res. 666 (XXXI) urging UNIDO to expand its programme of assistance in favour of the least developed, land-locked. Sudana-Sahelian and drought stricken countries and developing island countries in Africa;

**Conscious** of the fact that the United Nations Industrial Development Board assigned a desired ceiling of \$50 million as voluntary contribution each year;

**Further conscious** of the fact that at the second conference on contributions to UNIDF for 1974 mounted to only US\$10.5million;

**Convinced** of the importance of industrial services and technical assistance which UNIDO could offer more effectively if additional funds are made available through the UNIDF;

1. **REAFFIRMS** its commitments to the objectives of the LIMA Declaration and Plan of Action as an important measure towards the attainment of the goals envisaged in the New International Economic Order:
  
2. **FURTHER REAFFIRMS** its full support to UNIDO as the United Nations Organization accorded the central role for United Nations activities in support of industrial and technical development and technical assistance in developing countries;

3. **CALLS** on the OAU member states to lend their political, diplomatic and material support to the United Nations Industrial Development Fund; to intensify their participation in the activities of UNIDO; and to strengthen their co-operation with UNIDO in order to obtain optimum benefit from the services provided by UNIDO;
4. **URGES** all member states of the United Nations, particularly these more affluent to contribute and/or raise the level of their contribution to the UNIDF with a view to reaching the desired ceiling of \$50 million each year to enable them cope with the increasing demand for UNIDF services;
5. **REQUESTS** the Administrative Secretary-General of the OAU to convey the contents of this resolution to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and to the Executive Director of UNIDO.

**RESOLUTION ON TECHNICAL  
CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES**  
**(TCDC)**

The Council of Minister of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirty-Second Ordinary Session in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya, from 23 February to 4 March, 1979,

**Having examined** the Report of the Administrative Secretary-General on the United Nations Conference on the TCDC; Doc. CM/954 (XXXII),

**Convinced** that the TCDC is one of the means to promote self-reliance among developing countries and contribute to the establishment of a new world economic order,

**Considering** the plan of action of the Buenos Aires Conference,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the OAU Administrative Secretary-General on the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries held in Buenos Aires in September 1978;
2. **REASSERTS** that Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries (TCDC) should not only promote self-reliance in developing countries, but should also be a new and firmly established kind of international co-operation;
3. **PROCLAIMS** that the promotion of TCDC will particularly contribute to the establishment of a new world economic order;
4. **RECOMMENDS** that the OAU Member States:-
  - a) undertake an in-depth study of the Plan of Action of the Buenos Aires conference;
  - b) see to the implementation of its findings at national and international levels;

- c) actively participate in the various meetings on TCDC to be organized within the framework of the UNDP, and in other sectorial meetings organized by the specialized Agencies of the United Nations.
5. **REQUESTS** the OAU General Secretariat to present to the next session of the council of Ministers, proposals with a view to reinforcing co-operation between African States and other developing countries.

**RESOLUTION**  
**ON THE PROJECT FOR THE PREPARATION OF A**  
**HYDRO-GEOLOGICAL MAP OF AFRICA**

The Council of Minister of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirty-Second Ordinary Session in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya, from 23 February to 4 March, 1979,

**Having examined** the Report of the Administrative Secretary-Genera (Document CM/963 (XXXII) on the first meeting of experts on the proposed Preparation of a Hydro-geological Map of Africa, held in Addis Ababa from 6 to 8 November 1978 in accordance with Resolution CM/Res. 450 (XXV) of Kampala, from 18 to 25 July 1975,

**Bearing in mind** Resolution CM/Res. 336 (XXIII) Mogadiscio, from 6 to 11 July 1974 and CM/Res. 450 (XXV), Kampala, from 18 to 25 July 1975 which underlined especially the need for defining an overall continental strategy to combat drought and desertification in Africa and to undertake urgent and decisive actions to eradicate them,

**Recalling** the important recommendation of the UN Water Conference held in Mar del Plata (Argentina) from 14 to 25 March 1977, especially concerning the inventory and the evaluation of water resources for regional cooperation in this field,

**Recalling further** the important recommendations of UN Conference on Desertification held in Nairobi, from 29 August to 9 September 1978 especially recommendations 5, 18 and 26,

**Aware** of the fact that the preparation of a Hydro-geological map of Africa should facilitate a better implementation and harmonization of national policies for the development of inventory projects and exploitation of the underground water resources of all Member States,

**Conscious** of the fact that experts from many Member States could not attend the first meeting of Experts held in Addis Ababa from 6 to 8 November 1978 especially those from the numerous countries faced with the acute problem of assessing the availability underground water resources,

**Conscious** of the urgent action to be taken on Resolution CM/Res. 450 (XXV):

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Administrative Secretary-General's Report contained in Document CM/963 (XXXII);
2. **CALLS UPON** the Administrative Secretary-General to urgently convene a second meeting of experts of all Member states to gather the views of the maximum number of Member States and to review the manner in which this project is to be implemented;
3. **CALLS UPON** the Administrative Secretary General, to send to all Member States as early as possible the minutes of the first meeting of experts in preparation for the second meeting;
4. **APPEALS** to all Member States as well as their national research institutions and universities to participate actively in the meeting of experts as well as in the implementation of the project by especially cooperating with the work of collecting and analysing the necessary data for the project;
5. **AUTHORISES** the Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Financial Matters to appropriate funds for the second meeting in para 2 above.

**RESOLUTION ON THE RESULTS OF THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE TENTH  
FAO REGIONAL CONFERENCE FOR AFRICA**

The Council of Minister of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirty-Second Ordinary Session in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya, from 23 February to 4 March, 1979,

**Having considered** the Report of the Administrative Secretary General (Document CM/952 (XXXII)) on the Tenth FAO Regional Conference for Africa held in Arusha (United Republic of Tanzania) from 18 to 29 September 1978,

**Having heard** the message of the representative of the director General of FAO, to the 32<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers,

**Seriously concerned** about the disastrous and anachronistic situation prevailing in Africa, with regard to food and agriculture,

**Recalling** Resolution 12/77 of the General conference of the FAO calling a World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development (WCARD) in Rome (Italy) in July 1979,

**Recalling** the special resolution No..... of the United Nations Economic and Social Council adopted at its            Ordinary Session in Geneva and approving the organization of the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development under the auspices of the FAO,

**Recalling** further the resolution of Tenth FAO Regional Conference for Africa relating to Agrarian Reform and Rural Development,

**Concerned about** the constant deterioration of the physical and human environment in rural Africa and the rapid progression of rural depopulation in African countries,

**Aware** of the fact the reorganisation of national rural development structures and the redefinition of agrarian development policies constitute the cornerstone of agricultural development and of the revision of production relationships in the African region;

**Recalling** further the 1973 African Declaration on Co-operation, Development and Economic Independence adopted in May 1973 at the Twenty-First Session of the OAU Council of Ministers in Addis Ababa,

**Bearing in mind** the need to ensure the success of the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development,

**Mindful** of the need to harmonize the stands of the African Group so as to ensure the Continent's full and effective participation in the said conference,

1. **ENDORSES** the Resolutions adopted at the Tenth Regional Conference for Africa, held in Arusha from 18 to 29 September 1978;
2. **AUTHORIZES** the Administrative Secretary General to organize a Conference of African Ministers of Agriculture on rural Development and Agrarian Reform in Africa for the purpose of exchanging views and experience among Africans, for reaching common stands and ensuring full and effective participation by the African Group in the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development;
3. **AUTHORIZES** the Advisory Committee on budgetary and Financial Matters to make available the funds needed for the holding of the said Conference;
4. **APPEALS** to all Member States to actively participate in the African Conference scheduled for May 1979 and the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development scheduled to take place in Rome (Italy) in July 1979;
5. **TAKES NOTE** with appreciation of the fact that Tunisia has declared her willingness to host the Conference of African Ministers of Rural Development and Agrarian Reform.
6. **CALLS** upon all International Organizations working in Africa and the bodies of the United Nations directly concerned to closely co-operate with the OAU for the success of the African Conference on rural Development and Agrarian Reform;

7. **AUTHORIZES** the Administrative Secretary-General to take all necessary measures to ensure effective and functional cooperation between the OAU and the FAO, especially within the framework of the existing structures of the OAU/FAO/WHO Joint commission;
  
8. **CALLS ON THE OAU** Administrative Secretary General in consultation with the Committee on Structures to prepare a study on the advisability and financial implications of the opening of a liaison office at the FAO Headquarters in Rome;
  
9. **CALLS ON THE OAU** Administrative Secretary General to draw up in collaboration with the FAO, a concrete cooperation programme with specific objectives in the fields of Food and Nutrition, Drought, Desertification, Pest and the African Animal Trypanosomiasis Control.

**RESOLUTION**  
**ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL CENTRE FOR INTEGRATED**  
**RURAL DEVELOPMENT ON TANZANIA**

The Council of Minister of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirty-Second Ordinary Session in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya, from 23 February to 4 March, 1979,

**Having discussed** the report of the Administrative Secretary-General Document CM/952 (XXXII) on the Tenth FAO Regional Conference for Africa held in Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania, from 18 to 29 September 1978,

**Noting with satisfaction** the efforts FAO is making towards rural development and agrarian reform in Africa,

**Mindful** of the urgent need to increase food production in Africa:

1. **WELCOME** the decision by the Tenth FAO Regional Conference for Africa to establish a Regional Centre for Integrated Rural Development in Tanzania;
2. **CALLS UPON** the Administrative Secretary-General to fully co-operate with FAO in this regard, and see to it that the Regional Centre takes off as soon as possible.

**RESOLUTION ON THE OPERATION OF THE  
PAN-AFRICAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION (PATU)**

The Council of Minister of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirty-Second Ordinary Session in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya, from 23 February to 4 March, 1979,

**Having taken note** of the report of the Secretary-General of the Pan-African Telecommunications Union (PATU), on the Union's activities,

**Considering** OAU Resolution CM/Res. 404 (XXIV) relating to the setting up of the Pan-African Telecommunications Union,

**Considering** OAU Resolution CM/Res. 613 (XXX) granting OAU Specialized Institution status to PATU,

**Considering** articles 24 and 25 of PATU convention relating respectively to the ratification of the Convention and the accession of new member states,

**Considering** article II of PATU Convention requesting the Government of the host country, to advance yearly to the Union the necessary funds for the execution of its budget pending the reimbursement of the said funds by the other member countries,

**Considering** OAU Resolution CM/Res. 401 (XXIV) and Article 4 of PATU Convention establishing the Union's headquarters in Kinshasa (Republic of Zaire),

**Aware** of the importance of the objectives of PATU and the urgent task assigned its Secretary-General,

**Desirous** of pleading at the disposal of the general Secretariat of PATU, human, financial and material means necessary for its smooth operation,

1. **REITERATES** its appeal to OAU Member States signatories to PATU Convention, which have not as yet ratified the said Convention to do so as soon as possible for it to come into force;

2. **CALLS** on the OAU member States which are not yet members of PATU to accede to the Union's Convention;
3. **CONGRATULATES** the Republic of Zaire for the funds already provided for the initial budget of PATU and requests it to continue lending assistance to the Union to enable it to fulfil its obligations;
4. **CALLS** on Member States, signatories to the PATU Convention if they have not yet done so, to pay their contributions to the 1978/79 budget of the Union as soon as possible;
5. **REQUESTS** PATU member States to pay their contributions to the Union's budget, each year, well in advance before the end of the financial year.

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE CONVOCAATION OF A**  
**CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN TELECOMMUNICATION EXPERTS IN**  
**PREPARATION FOR THE WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO CONFERENCE**  
**(WARC)**

The Council of Minister of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirty-Second Ordinary Session in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya, from 23 February to 4 March, 1979,

**Having taken note** of the progress report of the Secretary General of the Pan-African Telecommunications Union (PATU),

**Considering** that the next World Administrative Radio Conference (WARC) scheduled to take place in Geneva (Switzerland) from 24 September 1979, for a period of ten weeks will have to make a general review of the regulations on radio communications, and will thus determine its structure up to the year 2000;

**Considering** the political, economic and technical interest of the World Administrative Radio Conference (WARC) for the countries of the world in general, for the third world in particular, and specially for Africa engaged in a struggle for its harmonious and accelerated developments;

**Conscious** of the need for African States to harmonize their view points so as to make a common stand with a view to better defending the interest of Africa at the meetings of the World Administrative Radio conference;

**Considering** that PATU, a specialized agency of the OAU is at its initial stage and lacks therefore human, material and financial means;

1. **APPROVES** the convention of a Conference of African Telecommunications Experts proposed by the Secretary General of the Pan African Telecommunications Union (PATU) with a view to adopting a common African stand of the world Administrative Radio Conference in Geneva, a Conference to be held in a place to be decided later.

2. **DECIDES** that the Conference of African Telecommunications Experts takes place before the Thirty-Third Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers;
3. **CALLS UPON** the Administrative Secretary General of the OAU and PATU to closely co-operate for the convocation, preparations and holding of this Conference;
4. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Administrative Secretary General of the OAU to provide for all the human, material and financial facilities to ensure the realisation of the objective of the said Conference;
5. **REQUESTS** the Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Financial Matters to place at the disposal of the OAU Administrative Secretary-General the financial means necessary for the implementation of the present Resolution;
6. **CALLS UPON** the Union of African Radio and Television Organizations (URTHA) to actively participate in the preparations and proceedings of the Conference of African Telecommunications Experts;
7. **APPEALS** to all OAU Member States to actively participate in the proceedings of the Conference of African telecommunications Experts by taking into account the interest of all the services using radio communications.

**RESOLUTION ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG  
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES**

The Council of Minister of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirty-Second Ordinary Session in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya, from 23 February to 4 March, 1979,

**Having heard** the report of the Administrative Secretary-General on economic cooperation among developing countries doc. CM/961 (XXXII),

**Recognizing** the importance of economic cooperation among developing countries as fundamental element for the achievement of a new international economic order,

**Bearing in mind** the African Declaration of Cooperation, Development and Economic Independence,

**Recognizing** that the efforts geared towards economic cooperation among developing countries are the direct concern of developing countries,

**Recognizing** further that their aims cannot be fully achieved without a concomitant action on the part of both developed countries and international organizations engaged in supporting the programme:

1. **TAKES NOTE** with appreciation of Document CM961 (XXXII);
2. **URGES** the developed countries to take the following action for supporting the programme of economic cooperation among developing countries;
  - a) to give priority to the restructuring of their economics while taking into account the development and cooperation perspectives among developing countries;
  - b) to refrain from adopting measures of undertaking actions likely to frustrate the implementation of decisions taken by developing countries to strengthen their economic cooperation and diversify their production structures,

- c) refrain from exploiting the heterogeneous nature of the economies of developing countries by taking advantage of the close relations between their economies and those of developing countries,
  - d) make provision in their development and programme, for credit to promote multinational production enterprises and developing countries and finance feasibility studies, to affirm projects, strengthen evaluate available techniques and means of technological research,
  - e) support existing programmes as well as future programmes of economic cooperation and integration among developing countries at subregional, regional and interregional levels, those aiming at complete economic integration,
  - f) grant technical and financial assistance to support economic and technical cooperation programmes for developing countries,
  - g) give both at national and international levels, a technical assistance for setting up and exploitation of state import/export enterprises in developing countries,
  - h) give a technical assistance to developing countries which are working on the elaboration of joint investment programmes in production sectors as well as technical commercial and financial support to the implementation of these programmes.
3. **URGES** international organizations as well as financial institution to :
- a) support through a technical aid, the setting up of financial market and capital in developing countries to strengthen direct financial relations between developing countries with a favourable balanced of payment and deficit countries,
  - b) support the expansion of the present system of financing the guarantee of export credits and the setting up of new systems by the World Bank and by regional, sub-regional development Bank,

- c) adjust their internal financial and operational policies to take into express account the peculiar difficulties facing the launching of multinational projects in developing countries.
4. **CALLS UPON** the International Community including International Organizations and financial institutions to take special measures to help alleviate the difficulties faced by the Least Developed, landlocked, Island and the most seriously affected among developing countries and those affected by drought and natural disasters so as to enable them participate in and benefit from economic cooperation among developing countries.

**RESOLUTION ON INTRA-AFRICAN CO-OPERATION IN LABOUR,  
EMPLOYMENT, POPULATION, SOCIAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT FIELDS**

The Council of Minister of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirty-Second Ordinary Session in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya, from 23 February to 4 March, 1979,

**Having** and considered the Report of the Administrative Secretary-General – document CN/946 (XXXII),

**Having heard** the statements of the representatives of the ILO, UNEP, UNESCO, WHO and FAO concerning their respective programme of activities in Africa,

**Inspired by** the Charter of the Organization of African Unity the objectives of which include the promotion of understanding and co-operation among African peoples,

**Recalling** Resolution CM/952 (XXXI) adopted by the Council of Ministers in its 31<sup>st</sup> Ordinary Session held in Khartoum, Sudan, on the results of the Third Session of the OAU Labour Commission,

**Further recalling** the declaration and programme of Action adopted by the World Employment Conference of June, 1976, in Geneva, the Action Programme of the First conference of Ministers of Labour of the Non-Aligned Countries and other Developing Countries held in Tunis, in April, 1978 and the World Population Plan of Action,

**Recalling also** the Declaration and Programme of Action of the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries held in August – September, 1978, in Buenos Aires,

1. **CONGRATULATES** the General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity for the comprehensive Report;
2. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report and adopts the recommendations therein;
3. **CALLS UPON** the Secretary-General in close collaboration, with Member states to implement, in conformity with the interests of the OAU the Declaration and

Programme of Action adopted by the World Employment Conference and the World Population Plan of Action adopted by the World Population Conference in Bucharest;

4. **INVITES** Member States to ensure that in the formulation of their development plans, social factors should be given due emphasis in order to avoid a lobe-sided development;
5. **APPEALS** to African countries to take more advantage of all the technical and vocational training facilities currently provided by the Turin Advanced Technical and Vocational Training Centre;
6. **INVITES** the Secretary-General and the Director of the ILO Regional Office for Africa to:-
  - i. intensify the OAU/ILO joint programme of co-operation in the field of labour employment, population, co-operatives and the role of women in employment and development;
  - ii. concretise arrangements already under way to step up such programme of co-operation by, inter alia, reinforcing the Labour and Population Section of the OAU, with the active financial support of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA).
7. **APPEALS** to the ECA, ILO, UNEP, WHO, FAC, UNESCO, UNCTAD, UNIDO and other relevant specialized Agencies of the United Nations System to co-operate with the OAU and OATUU in the implementation of the recommendations made in the report:
8. **INVITES** the OAU Administrative Secretary-General, the Secretary-General of the Arab League, the Secretary-General of the Arab Labour Organization and the Director of the ILO Regional Office to make formal consultations regarding
  - a) which of the recommendations contained in the report could easily be financed under the framework of Afro-Arab Co-operation,
  - b) which of them could be established under the aegis of OAU/ILO programme of co-operation,

- c) the dates, venue and agenda of the First Conference of African and Arab Labour Ministers.
10. **CALLS UPON** the Administrative Secretary-General of the OAU to present comprehensive report on this subject including the examination of Decentralisation of ILO activities in Africa to the Fifth Session of the OAU Labour Commission and to the next convenient of the Council of Ministers.

**RESOLUTION ON THE PROGRESS OF THE PROPOSED  
SETTING-UP OF A CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN INTER-  
CONVENTIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

The Council of Minister of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirty-Second Ordinary Session in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya, from 23 February to 4 March, 1979,

**Having studied** the Report of the Administrative Secretary-General on the proposed setting-up of a Conference of African Inter-Governmental organizations, Doc. CM/953 (XXXII);

**Recalling** the various OAU resolutions on the setting-up of sub-regional economic groupings in Africa;

**Desirous** of obtaining as fully as possible information on the implications of the setting-up of a Conference of African Inter-Governmental Organizations, its institutionalization and running;

**Aware** of the needs for these African Inter-Governmental Organizations to hold regular consultations with one another in order to harmonies their programmes of work among themselves on the one hand and with the OAU on the other;

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Progress Report presented by the Administrative Secretary-General on the proposed setting-up of a Conference of African Inter-Governmental Organizations;
2. **REAFFIRMS** the contents of Resolution CM/Res. 495 (XXVII) of the Twenty-Seventh Ordinary Session;
3. **REQUESTS** the OAU Administrative Secretary-General

- a) to submit to the Thirty-Fourth Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers, a report analysing new developments regarding co-operation with Inter-Governmental Organizations as well as the implications of the setting-up, the institutionalization and running of a Conference of African Inter-Governmental Organizations;
  
- b) to convene the Conference of Inter-Governmental Organizations as soon as financial arrangements are made.

**RESOLUTION ON CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE  
OAU AND PATU**

The Council of Minister of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirty-Second Ordinary Session in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya, from 23 February to 4 March, 1979,

**Having received** and considered the Draft Agreement on Co-operation between the OAU and PATU as contained in Document CM/947 (XXXII), Rev.1;

**Having noted** with satisfaction that the First Administrative Council of PATU, which met in Kinshasa, from 4 – 9 September 1978, had examined the Draft Agreement in accordance with operative paragraph (a) of the OAU Resolution CM/Res. 671 (XXXI);

**Considering** Article I of the Pan-African Telecommunications Union convention (Addis Ababa, 1977) relating to the establishment of PATUU as a Specialized Agency of the OAU in the field of telecommunications in Africa;

**Considering** Article 20 of the very PATUU convention which states among others that the Union shall enjoy privileged relations with the OAU and agreement shall be concluded between the two organizations;

1. **DECIDES** to adopt the Draft Agreement on co-operation between the OAU and PATU,
2. **REQUESTS** the Administrative Secretary-General of OAU and Secretary-General of PATU to take necessary steps to sign this agreement, as soon as possible;
3. **REQUESTS** also the Administrative Secretary-General to report to the next Council of Ministers on implementation of this resolution.

**RESOLUTION ON WORLD CONFERENCE OF WOMEN ON  
QUALITY, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE**

The Council of Minister of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirty-Second Ordinary Session in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya, from 23 February to 4 March, 1979,

**Having considered** and adopted Document CM/951 (XXXII) on the Integration of Women in Development in Africa,

**Aware of** the various United Nations Resolution calling for the World conference of Women on Equality, Development and peace to be held in Denmark in 1980,

**Conscious of** the need for the African Group to adopt a common and firm stand on the situation of oppression and exploiting in which live the African women under the minority and racist regimes in Southern Africa,

1. **DECIDES** that the item entitled “The specific Situation in which live the Women under the oppressive, racist and minority regimes in Southern Africa” be included in the Agenda for the World Women conference on Equality, development and Peace due to take place in Denmark in 1980;
2. **URGES** the African Preparatory Group Meeting in Lusaka in 1979, to prepare an appropriate document containing adequate information and measures to be taken on the situation facing the African Women under the oppressive, racist, apartheid and minority regimes in Southern Africa;
3. **REQUESTS** the Administrative Secretary-General to follow up the work of the Preparatory Meetings at the United Nations Headquarters, Lusaka and Denmark, and to communicate to member States the necessary information which will form the basis of the African document to be presented at the World Women conference in Denmark
4. **APPEALS** to all Member States and Liberation Movements recognized by the OAU to actively participate in the preparatory work and the World conference of Women on Equality, Development and Peace.

**RESOLUTION ON THE CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN  
NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS**

The Council of Minister of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirty-Second Ordinary Session in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya, from 23 February to 4 March, 1979,

**Having heard** the Administrative Secretary-General's report on Co-operation between the OAU and African Non-Governmental Organizations (Doc. CM/945 (XXXII)),

**Having examined** also the report of the OAU Secretary-General on the proposed co-operation with the PID contained in document CM/955 (XXXII),

**Appreciating** the Administrative Secretary-General's initiative to further strengthen co-operation between the OAU and the African Non-Governmental Organizations by associating them with the OAU's economic and social development programmes,

**Desirous** of making the African Non-Governmental organizations play their role in favour of the economic and social development of OAU Member States, without interfering in the internal affairs of the Member States, and/or projecting extra-continental interests not in conformity with the OAU objectives,

**Conscious of** the need of collecting the fullest possible information on Non-Governmental Organizations existing in Africa, their constitutions, funding sources and their relationship with the OAU,

**Noting** that it is necessary to undertake a study on the criteria and general principles which should govern co-operation between the OAU and the African Non-Governmental Organizations,

1. **DECIDES** to refer the consideration of the question regarding the holding of a Conference of African Non-Governmental Organization to the 34<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers;
2. **CALLS ON** the Administrative Secretary-General:

- a) to submit to the 34<sup>th</sup> Session of the council of Ministers a detailed study defining the general principles and criteria governing co-operation between the OAU and non-governmental institutions in Africa,
  
- b) to collect the fullest possible information on non-Governmental Organizations in Africa their constitutions, funding sources and their relationships with the OAU of any other organization of region etc.

**RESOLUTION ON THE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF OAU SPECIALIZED  
AGENCIES STAFF**

The Council of Minister of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirty-Second Ordinary Session in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya, from 23 February to 4 March, 1979,

**Considering** the African Declaration on Co-operation Development and Economic independence adopted by the Tenth Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government in June 1973 at Addis Ababa (Ethiopia), CM/ST.12 (XXI),

**Considering** the relevant resolutions approved by the OAU Heads of State and Government regarding OAU specialized agencies,

**Considering** the provisions of Article VIII Sections 1 to 4 on the general convention of the privileges and immunities of the Organization of African Unity approved by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government on 21 July 1964,

**Considering** the need to study the problems relating to the privileges and immunities to appropriate of staff of OAU specialized agencies,

**REQUESTS** the Administrative Secretary-General to submit concrete and comprehensive proposals on the matter to the 33<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Council of Ministers in Monrovia.

**RESOLUTION ON INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA**

The Council of Minister of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirty-Second Ordinary Session in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya, from 23 February to 4 March, 1979,

**Noting** with interest the role the General Secretariat plans to play towards the integration of African women in development;

**Convinced** that his is in accordance with the spirit and letter of the OAU Charter and the Memorandum of Addis Ababa on the responsibilities and priorities of the General Secretariat and the Declaration of Mexico regarding undertaking action to uplift the image, status and role of women in Africa,

**Aware** of the need to strengthen the general Secretariat both in terms of manpower and finance in order to enable it cope with the work in general and with activities for integration of women in particular:

1. **APPROVES** the proposed plan of action contained in Doc.\cm/951 (XXXII);
2. **AUTHORISES** the Administrative Secretary-General to take immediate action in ensuring that sufficient manpower is available for the General Secretariat to undertake the implementation of the plan;
3. **REQUESTS** the Administrative Secretary-General to present to the Advisory Committee on budgetary and Financial Matters the financial requirements for the proposed staffing of the women unit and projects for the OAU women programme;
4. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the OAU Administrative Secretary-General to launch a campaign to sensitise all member states in promoting the integration of women in development, as an integral part of their national development programmes;
5. **CALLS UPON** the Administrative Secretary-General to activate PAWO to launch projects aimed at promoting women in development in Africa;

6. **CALLS UPON** the ILO and ECA to assist in the programme of integration of women in development through the establishment of special women projects:
7. **APPEALS** to the OAU Member States to positively consider implementation of the ILO and other international conventions and recommendations pertaining to promotion of socio-economic development of women;
8. **URGES** the Administrative Secretary-General to increase his follow up action on the activities of the African Training and Research Centre for Women ; and
9. **FURTHER URGES** the Administrative Secretary-General to constantly report on the progress made and problems encountered in the implementation of the plan of action for integration of African women in development.

**RESOLUTION ON CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE OAU AND  
SCSA**

The Council of Minister of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirty-Second Ordinary Session in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya, from 23 February to 4 March, 1979,

**Having received** and considered the Draft Agreement on Co-operation between OAU and SCSA as contained in Document CM/957 (XXXII) Rev. 1.,

**Having noted** with satisfaction that the General Assembly of the SCSA which met at Rabat, from 21-23 November, 1977, had examined the Draft Agreement in accordance with operative paragraph (a) of the OAU Resolution CM/Res. 578 (XXIX),

**Considering** the resolution adopted by the 6<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of SCSA in Kinshasa in May 1975 asking the OAU to grant to SCSA status of specializes Agency.

**Decides** to adopt the Draft Agreement on Co-operation between the OAU and the SCSA.

**Requests** the Administrative Secretary-General of OAU and the President of the SCSA to take necessary steps to sign this agreement, as soon as possible.

**Requests** also the Administrative Secretary-General to report to the next Council of Ministers to implementation of this resolution.

**RESOLUTION ON THE RENEGOTIATION OF EEC/ACP CONVENTION**

The Council of Minister of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirty-Second Ordinary Session in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya, from 23 February to 4 March, 1979,

**Having examined** the report of the Administrative Secretary General on the Renegotiation of EEC/ACP Convention; Doc CM/960 (XXXII)

**Convinced** of the importance of the renegotiations currently taking place in Bruxelles between ACP and EEC countries;

1. **TAKES NOTE** with appreciation the report of the Administrative Secretary General on the EEC/ACP negotiations.
2. **REAFFIRMS** the Khartoum resolution No. 673 (XXXI) & urges the ACP negotiators to maintain the strong stand which they had so far adopted to ensure that the interests of the ACP countries were not sacrificed in compromises.
3. **URGES** all ACP countries to maintain very strong unity in the renegotiations.
4. **REQUESTS** the Administrative Secretary General to participate in the negotiations and to inform the ACP negotiations of the decisions adopted by the Council of Ministers on the matter.