

RESOLUTION ON SOLAR ENERGY IN THE SAHARA³

The Assembly,

Considering the development of solar energy which tends to be a substitute for thermal energy, the sources of which will dwindle;

Considering the many inconveniences related to atomic energy;

Considering that the Sahara is an inexhaustible source of solar energy;

Considering that developed countries are in the process of establishing increasingly powerful solar stations in the Sahara as an alternative source of energy;

Considering the fact that Africa's tardiness in the competition for access to solar energy will result in lack of competitiveness on the part of Continent with a negative impact on its economy;

DECIDES to:

- i. **REQUEST** all countries which have part of the Sahara within their territories to consider that the solar energy potential in this part of our Continent is a precious asset which should be managed for the benefit of our Continent;
- ii. **REQUEST** the Commission to conduct a study on the solar energy issue at technical experts' level to backstop efforts to harness solar energy and to report to the Assembly at its Ordinary Session in January 2011 through the Executive Council and the Permanent Representatives Committee on the financial implications for the implementation of this Resolution.

³ Reservation entered by Algeria

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