

DECLARATION ON AFRICA'S INDUSTRIALIZATION

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirty-third Ordinary Session in Harare, Zimbabwe from 2 -4 June, 1997,

Conscious of the important role of industrialization in the economic transformation of a nation, and noting with concern the precarious state of African industries,

Recalling the motion of support for the United Nations Industrial Development Organization adopted by the Thirty-first Assembly of OAU Heads of State and Government held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in June 1995, and the Abidjan Declaration of October, 1996 establishing the Alliance for Africa's Industrialization,

Conscious of the need to involve the donor community and the other United Nations agencies in the formulation and implementation of the Alliance Programmes:

1. **DECIDES** to redouble efforts to promote sustainable industrial developments to overcome major economic and social constraints and achieve a greater stake in the global market place as called for in the Lagos Plan of Action and the Abuja Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community;
2. **REAFFIRMS** its belief that without sustainable industrial development, African economies will be condemned to persistent economic crisis, dependence on humanitarian relief and deepening poverty, despair and political unrest with dire consequences for global peace and stability;
3. **NOTES WITH APPRECIATION** the significant role played by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, in harnessing the joint forces of government and the private sector to foster competitive industrial production, develop international industrial partnerships and promote socially equitable and environmentally friendly industrial development;
4. **IS APPRECIATIVE** of the significant reforms undertaken by UNIDO in recent years and **CALLS** on the international community and partners in development to strengthen the Organization and maintain it as the UN specialized agency focusing on promoting industrial development through institutional capacity building, investments, environmentally friendly technologies, skills enhancement and facilitating partnerships and initiatives to support global industrial cooperation in developing countries and countries in transition;

5. **TAKES NOTE** of the findings and recommendations of the mid-term evaluation of the Second Industrial Development Decade (IDDA-II) Programme, and **ADOPTS** the Plan of Action of the Alliance for Africa's Industrialization as the implementation mechanism for a refocused IDDA-II Programme;
6. **CALLS ON** Member States and the Regional Economic Communities, with the full involvement of the African private sector and with the technical support of UNIDO and other relevant international organizations, to elaborate national and regional plans of action for the Alliance;
7. **APPROVES** the creation of a Patron Group of Africa's Industrialization, consisting of five Heads of State and Government;
8. **APPROVES** the creation of a Steering Committee - including its structure, composition, technical committees and supporting secretariat, to coordinate and guide the activities of the Alliance and develop strategies to promote the Alliance in Africa, in other developing regions and in developed countries;
9. **INVITES** each African country to take appropriate measures at the national level to incorporate the objectives of the Alliance in multilateral as well as bilateral cooperation programmes.
10. **REQUESTS** the Director-General of UNIDO, in cooperation with the Executive Secretary of the ECA and the Secretary-General of OAU, to organize preferably by the end of 1998, a meeting of donors under the leadership of the African Development Bank, in cooperation with the World Bank, the European Union and the United Nations Development Programme, as well as the other donors, in order to decide on the measures to be taken for financing programmes elaborated in the framework of the Plan of Action for the Alliance for Africa's Industrialization.

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