

**RESOLUTION ON THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AFRICAN
ECONOMIC COMMUNITY**

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twenty-third Ordinary Session , in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 27 to 29 July, 1987,

Reaffirming its commitment to the basic principles and objectives of the Lagos Plan of Action, the Final Act of Lagos and of Africa's priority Programme for Economic Recovery, according to which the development of the Continent is a primary responsibility of the Governments and Peoples of Africa,

Reiterating its determination to pursue its individual and collective efforts to promote the economic cooperation and integration of our Countries in order to further strengthen solidarity among our peoples,

Determined to pursue the efforts aimed at the reorganization and restructuring of the African economic space, in conformity with the guidelines contained in the Final Act of Lagos, towards the establishment of the African Economic Community on the basis of a Treaty to be concluded,

Having taken cognizance of the preliminary technical studies by the General Secretariat and the recommendations of the Permanent Steering Committee and of the Council of Ministers as contained in documents CM/1434 (XLVI) and AHG/144 (XXIII).

Referring to its Resolution CM/Res. 1043 (XLIV) accepted by the Forty-fourth Session of the Council of Ministers;

1. **ENDORSES** the recommendations presented by the Permanent Steering Committee as endorsed by the Forty-fourth Session of the Council of Ministers;

- 2. CONGRATULATES Member States which have communicated their views and comments to the General Secretariat of the OAU and URGES those which have not yet communicated theirs to do so before 31 December 1987, to enable the General Secretariat prepare a summary report to be submitted to the Ninth Session of the Permanent Steering Committee for consideration;**
- 3. FURTHER CONGRATULATES the Permanent Steering Committee on the initiative it has taken to hasten the process towards the implementation of the project under conditions that take into account the primary interests and realities of the continent;**
- 4. REAFFIRMS the mandate given to the permanent Steering Committee under Resolution CM/Res. 1043 (XLIV) of the Forty-fourth Session of the Council of Ministers and directs the Permanent Steering Committee, under the supervision and directives of the Current Chairman, to take all the necessary measures to ensure the realization of the Project in accordance with the guidelines contained in the Final Act of Lagos;**
- 5. FURTHER DIRECTS that Permanent Steering Committee, in the light of the views and comments of Member States, to act at the appropriate time, as a Ministerial Drafting Committee as provided for in the Final Act of Lagos, and entrusted with the preparation of the Draft Treaty, and calls on all Member States which so desire, to take part in the work of the Committee;**
- 6. REQUESTS the authorities of the regional economic grouping, particularly ECOWAS, PTA, SADCC and ECCAS, to take an active part in the work of the Permanent Steering Committee acting as Drafting Committee and appeals to them to contribute to the work towards the realization of the Projects,**
- 7. FURTHER REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the OAU, the Executive Secretary of ECA and the authority of subregional and regional groupings, particularly ECOWAS, PTA, SADCC and EDDAS to take the necessary steps to ensure coordination, harmonization and finalization of the activities, projects and programmes of all on African intergovernmental cooperation**

and integration organizations in their respective regions in order to avert overlaps, power conflicts and wastage of efforts and resources;

- 8. REQUESTS the Permanent Steering Committee in cooperation with the Ad-Hoc Committee of the OAU Charter Review to make proposals relating to the review of the OAU Charter and to bear in mind the new dimension, the role and mandate of the Pan-African Organization in the area of the Continent's economic cooperation and integration so as to be able to determine the functional relations and structure of the revamped OAU are the proposed Community;**
- 9. FINALLY DIRECTS the Permanent Steering Committee to proper and indicative calendar, showing the proposed stages and actions for Accelerating the realization of the Project and calls on it to present periodic reports on the progress of the Project;**
- 10. GIVES AUTHORITY to the Current Chairman to monitor the Project personally by giving the necessary political services and guidelines to the Steering Committee so as to enable it carry out its mandate under favorable political conditions.**
- 11. CALLS ON appropriate international and African Organizations particularly ADB, UNDP, ECA and others, to provide, when the need arises, technical and or financial assistance to the OAU General Secretariat and to the Permanent Steering Committee in order to make it possible to quicken the pace towards the realization of the Project under the best conditions;**
- 12. CALLS ON the OAU Secretary-General, in cooperation with Member States and the existing sub-regional and regional economic groupings, ECOWAS, PTA, SADCC, ECCAS, UDEAC, CEAC and CEPEL on take the necessary steps to carry out a campaign of subsidization and popularization in respect of the African Economic Community idea, the Lagos Plan of Action and the Africa's Priority Programme for Economic recovery (1986 – 1990);**
- 13. REITERATES once again its call for the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures in consulting with the Advisory Committee oo**

Administrative, Financial and Economic matters to the OAU Committee on Structural Reform and to the OAU General Secretariat, particularly its structures entrusted with issues pertaining the economic development and cooperation;

- 14. CALLS ON the OAU Secretary-General to ensure that an item relating to the progress of the proposed establishment of the Economic Community is placed on the agenda of each of its subsequent sessions.**

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