

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

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government, meeting in its 25<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session from 24 to 26 July, 1989 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia,

**Recalling** the relevant provisions of the Lagos Plan of Action and more particularly its Final Act,

**Reaffirming** the commitment to the principles and objectives of promoting and strengthening economic cooperation and integration as a launching pad for an endogenous, self-sustaining and self-reliant development of Member States within the framework of the establishment of the African Economic Community,

**Convinced** of the urgent need for a rational re-organization of the African economic space through strengthened existing regional economic groupings and through the coordination and harmonization of projects and programmes of African inter-governmental organizations under their own aegis,

**Recalling inter alia** the relevant provisions of the Declaration adopted during the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Organization,

**Cognizant** of the steps and practical measures adopted by the Permanent Steering Committee since its 15<sup>th</sup> Session to accelerate the process of establishing the community (Doc. PSC/RAPT (XV)):

1. APPROVES the Conclusions and Recommendations of the 15<sup>th</sup> Session of the Permanent Steering Committee (Doc. CM/1521 (XLIX – part 1 annex ii)) as endorsed by the 49<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council as regards specially;
  - a) The concept, content and scope of the community;
  - b) The stages and modalities for the project implementation;
  - c) The institutional machineries;
  - d) The practical and transitional measures;
  - e) The indicative calendar for the realization of the project.

2. **PAYS TRIBUTE** to the Out-going Current Chairman for his particular attention to the issues concerning African economic integration and for the efforts deployed for launching and giving dynamic orientation to the Project, and given the importance of the issue, reiterates the mandate conferred upon the Current Chairman to personally take up and follow-up the progress of the project in providing political directives and guidelines enabling the Permanent Steering Committee to proceed with the accelerated implementation of the Project on the establishment of the Community;
3. **EXPRESSES FURTHER ITS APPRECIATION** to Member States who submitted their views and comments which have made it possible for the Permanent Steering Committee to proceed with the consideration of the Draft Treaty;
4. **COMMENDS** the **EFFORTS** and **INITIATIVES** taken by the Permanent Steering Committee, under the dynamic supervision of its Current Chairman, to set an indicative calendar for the realization of the Project and **URGES** the Committee to pursue its efforts in close consultation with Member States and in close collaboration with the existing regional economic groupings;
5. **MANDATES** the OAU Secretary-General to take all the necessary steps, with the technical and financial assistance of the relevant African and international organizations especially the ECA, the ADB and the UNDP to pursue the sensitization and popularization campaign with African Member States on the concept, content, scope and dimensions of the African Economic Community;
6. **CALLS UPON** the OAU, ECA Secretariats and the ADB to coordinate and pool their efforts and resources so as to provide, a joint Secretariat, the required logistic and technical support to the Permanent Steering Committee in the process of establishing the African Economic Community;
7. **URGES** all Member States and existing economic groupings to take an active part in the meetings of the PSC devoted to the consideration of the draft Treaty of the Community;

8. **EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION** for the initiatives being undertaken at inter-regional and intra-regional levels by the Current Chairman of the existing economic groupings to promote co-operation among African IGO's;
9. **REITERATES ITS APPEAL** to all Member States to adopt firm measures to harmonize and rationalize the activities of co-operation organizations in the same region within the overall development strategy of existing economic groupings while keeping in mind the specificity of each IGO and its contribution towards the achievement of the objectives of the Final Act of Lagos;
10. **DIRECTS** the OAU Permanent Steering Committee to study the technical assistance of the ECA and the ADB the ways and means for promoting and strengthening co-operation between existing economic groupings with focus to inter-regional projects while coordinating and harmonizing their activities and **URGES** international organizations of the UN System, especially the UNDP, to extend adequate financial and technical assistance to the Economic Groupings in order to strengthen their internal capacities in line with their adopted objectives and defined priorities;
11. **COMMENDS UNDP** for the financial, technical and logistic support the latter continues to provide with a view to promoting and strengthening economic co-operation and integration on the Continent within the framework of the Project on the establishment of the African Economic Community and **TAKES NOTE** of its favorable arrangements towards the multisectoral projects submitted by the Regional Economic Communities aiming at promoting the integration processes and the co-ordination and the harmonization of their efforts in this regard;
12. **DIRECTS** the OAU Secretary-General in close collaboration with the Executive Secretary of the ECA and the President of ADB, to hold consultations with the executive Heads of existing regional economic groupings in order to:

- a) establish a permanent consultative platform for the coordination and harmonization of activities, projects and programmes related to economic co-operation and integration at all levels;**
  - b) exchange information in co-operation and integration experiences;**
  - c) adopt a common position vis-à-vis their partners of the international community in the area of economic co-operation and integration of the continent;**
  - d) prepare joint periodic reports for the Assembly of the OAU Heads of State and Government on the state of economic co-operation and integration in Africa.**
- 13. REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the OAU to prepare and submit to every annual session of the Conference a progress report on the establishment of the African Economic Community.**

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