

**RESOLUTION ON CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN MINISTERS**  
**OF EDUCATION**

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

**Noting** the meeting of the Ministers of Education of Sub-Saharan Africa held in Abuja, Nigeria in July, 1989, at which a number of recommendations were adopted on measures to improve the educational systems in Africa,

**Recognizing** that there are serious problems affecting the educational systems in Africa, especially the inability to maintain high standards and to make education available to more people, in the face of increasing demands for education and of dwindling resources available to governments to sustain it,

**Concerned** that these problems are posing political, social and economic difficulties for governments in sub-Saharan Africa,

**Convinced** that education in science and technology are indispensable for industrialization and rapid economic development in Africa:

1. **WELCOMES** the recent study conducted by the World Bank on education in sub-Saharan Africa and its attendant problems;
2. **RECOMMENDS** that member States should continue to make their best efforts to increase significantly the level of their investments in education, in order to maintain the high standards of education and improve its spread in their countries;
3. **CALLS UPON** OAU member States to co-operate more effectively, with one another in collaboration with the relevant organs, organizations and bodies within the United Nations' System through enhanced exchange of information and experience, in order to tackle the basic problems affecting education in Africa, including scarcity of resources, and thereby increase the

**capacity of governments to deliver adequately educational services, within the context of goals and objectives established by governments;**

- 4. INVITES OAU Member States to increase the level of resources available for the promotion of education in the field of science and technology at all levels in their countries and in this regard they should participate effectively in the activities of the Third World Network of Scientific organizations, the South Commission and other organizations with similar objective and principles;**
  
- 5. DECIDES to establish a Conference of African Ministers of Education under the aegis of the Organization of African Unity, which should meet at least every two years.**

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