

RESOLUTION ON THE AFRICAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Twenty-seventh Ordinary Session in Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria, from 3 to 5 June, 1991,

Recalling its solemn commitment in the Lagos Plan of Action and particularly, in its Final Act, to establish an African Economic Community, so as to ensure the economic, social and cultural integration of the African Continent,

Recalling further its earlier resolutions on the establishment of the African Economic Community, namely Resolution AHG/Res. 190 (XXV),

Reaffirming its determination to mobilize and co-ordinate collective efforts and resources of the OAU Member States for the attainment of the economic and social integration through harmonization and rationalization of the activities of the various African Inter-governmental Organizations at all levels,

Having considered the conclusions and recommendations of the 21st meeting of the OAU Permanent Steering Committee as endorsed by the 53rd Session of the OAU Council of Ministers, on the establishment of the African Economic Community:

1. WELCOMES the signature of the Treaty and URGES Member States to make the required arrangements for its early ratification and for the establishment of national follow-up mechanisms responsible for Community matters;
2. DECIDES to establish a Committee composed of the Secretary-General of the OAU, the Executive Secretaries of the Regional Economic Communities to follow-up and monitor the implementation of the African Economic Community and REQUESTS the ADB, ECA and UNDP to provide the required technical support.
3. CALLS UPON all the Member States of the Respective Regional Communities and the other relevant Inter-governmental Organizations, to

lend full support and cooperation to ensure the necessary rationalization, coordination and harmonization activities and projects of the African Inter-governmental organizations at regional and continental levels, in keeping with the objectives of the Treaty of African Economic Community and the recommendations of the Permanent Steering Committee;

- 4. REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the OAU, in close cooperation with the Executive Secretary of ECA and the President of the ADB, to accelerate the preparation of the Protocols particularly that on the relations between the African Economic Community and the Regional Economic Communities, and CALLS UPON the Regional Economic Communities to lend their full support in this important exercise;**

- 5. REQUESTS the Secretary-General to convene as soon as possible, a meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on the OAU Charter Review in order to finalize the review of the OAU Charter taking into account the relevant provisions of the Treaty establishing the African Economic Community and decisions on the merger of the OAU and the Community;**

- 6. URGES the International Community, the UN System, UNDP and other multilateral funding Agencies and institutions to lend their full technical and financial support to the establishment of the African Economic Community.**

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