RESOLUTION ON THE SUMMIT ON THE ECONOMIC PROMOTION OF RURAL WOMEN PRESENTED BY SENEGAL

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in it Twenty-eight Ordinary Session in Dakar, Senegal from 29 June to 1 July 1992:

<u>Recalling</u> UN General Assembly Resolution 44/78 on "Improving the Situation of Women in Rural Areas" and Resolution 46/99 on the "Implementation of the Nairobi Forward Looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women".

<u>Recalling further</u> ECOSOC Resolution 1991/64 on the summit on the Economic Advancement of Rural Women,

<u>Recognizing</u> the critical role of rural women as food producers and architects of household food security,

<u>Noting however with deep concern</u> the continuing rise in the number of rural women in poverty,

<u>Reiterating</u> in this context its commitment to working to create conditions in which rural women can develop their full potential and thus foster more equitable, balanced and viable development:

- 1. WELCOMES the high level participation in the Summit on the Economic Advancement of Rural Women held from 25 to 26 February, 1992 in Geneva;
- 2. EXPRESSES ITS DEEP APPRECIATION to the Queen of Belgium and to the First Ladies of Colombia, Egypt, Malaysia, Nigeria, Senegal and Turkey who together launched this initiative;
- **3.** COMMENDS IFAD and other international institutions which organized and/or provided technical support for the Summit;

- 4. ENDORSES the Geneva Declaration for Rural Women adopted by the Summit;
- 5. UNDERLINES the importance of ensuring effective follow-up to the Summit recommendations with the minimum aim of halting further increase in the number of women in absolute poverty;
- 6. TO THIS END CALLS ON the international community, the United Nations System of Organizations and other regional and sub-regional organizations to take necessary measure to implement the recommendations of the Geneva Declaration.

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