

RESOLUTION ON THE AFRICAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting at its Twenty-Ninth Ordinary Session in Cairo, Egypt, from 28 to 30 June, 1993,

Considering the relevant provisions of the Charter of the Organization of African Unity and the Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community,

Recalling the Declaration on the Political and Economic Situation in Africa and the Fundamental changes currently taking place in the world,

Concerned by the on-going geo-strategic transformations in the world and the increasing risk of marginalization of the African Continent,

Reiterating the relevant provisions of the Resolution AHG/Res.206 (XXVIII) adopted by its Twenty-Eight Ordinary Session calling on Member States to take the necessary steps to ensure on early ratification of the Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community if they have not yet done so:

- 1. CONGRATULATES OAU Member States which have ratified the Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community and REQUESTS those States that have not done so, to take urgent steps to ratify the treaty as early as possible;**

- 2. TAKES NOTE of the Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community (Doc. CM/1775 (LVIII));**
- 3. REQUESTS the Joint Secretariat to exploit all possibilities to mobilize financial resources for the benefit of the Community projects and to submit appropriate report to its next session;**
- 4. CALLS ON Member States to organize, with the help of the OAU/Community Secretariat, national seminars to popularize the Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community;**
- 5. REQUESTS ALSO each of the five regions of the continent, to rationalize all the existing sub-regional organs for economic cooperation and integration under the aegis of the regional economic communities, if they have not yet done so;**
- 6. FURTHER REQUESTS each regional economic community to begin revising their constituent texts in the light of the provisions of the Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community if they have not yet done so;**
- 7. CALLS UPON, the Current Chairman of each regional economic community to submit an annual report on the development in the activities undertaken by his community as part of the implementation of the Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community;**
- 8. REAFFIRMS its commitment to the Abuja Treaty and URGES the**

International Community to render appropriate assistance towards its implementation with due regard to Africa's options, while ensuring that the actions proposed are consistent with the Treaty;

- 9. REQUESTS the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to continue to lend its financial support to the General Secretariat of the OAU for the implementation of the Treaty;**
- 10. REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the OAU to submit a draft on the restructuring of the General Secretariat to Member States during the next Session of the Council of Ministers;**
- 11. FINALLY REQUESTS the Secretary-General, upon the entry into force of the Treaty, to convene the Economic and Social Commission provided for under Article 15 of the Treaty and to present a report on the implementation of the present resolution.**

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