

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government meeting in its First Ordinary Session in Cairo, UAR, from 17 to 21 July 1964,

Recalling Article II (b) of the Charter of the Organization of African Unity, which sets forth that one of the purposes of the Organization is to co-ordinate and intensify the efforts of the Member States in the field of economic co-operation, including Transport and Communications;

Recalling further the Resolution adopted by the Conference of Heads of State and Government, in Addis Ababa in May 1963, recommending the study of “the co-ordination of means of transport and the establishment of road, air and maritime companies”;

Conscious of the responsibility devolving on Member States to harness their natural and human resources for the total advancement of their peoples in all spheres of human endeavour;

Aware of the importance of establishing direct communication links among African States so as to promote and strengthen direct contacts;

Recognizing further the importance of transport and communications for the development of economic and cultural relations among Member States with a view to strengthening understanding between their peoples;

Noting that the present state of transport and communications among African countries requires considerable improvement in the interest of consolidating further the existing friendly relations among African States;

Recognizing that efforts exerted by African Countries in the improvement of communications and transport, if carried individually would lead to prohibitive costs and that this situation necessitates the effective co-ordination of such efforts within the framework of the Organization of African Unity;

Decides to establish, in accordance with Article XX of the Charter of the Organization of African Unity, a Transport and Communications Commission as a Specialized Commission of the Organization of African Unity with a view to drawing up plans and co-ordinating action for telecommunications and postal service as well as for air, land and maritime transport.

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