

**RESOLUTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN  
INSTITUTE FOR NATURAL RESOURCES IN AFRICA**

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twenty-first Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 18 to 20 July, 1985,

**Recalling** that the Lagos Plan of Action for the Development of Africa lays special emphasis on the importance of natural resources in Africa,

**Considering** that the Organization of African Unity particularly aims at the coordination of intensification of the cooperation and efforts of Member States with the view to improving the living conditions of the African peoples,

**Considering** that the United Nations University, an autonomous organ of the United Nations General Assembly, has undertaken, with the assistance of African scientists, the study of a project concerning the establishment of an Institute for Natural Resources in Africa,

**Considering** the Memorandum of Agreement concluded on 26 April 1985, between the OAU, ECA and United Nations University:

1. NOTES WITH APPRECIATION that the project to establish an Institute for Natural Resources in Africa springs from the objectives of the Lagos Plan of Action;
2. ACCEPTS the principle to establish this Institute which will undertake activities in the following priority areas:
  - a) land use;
  - b) water resources;
  - c) plant resources;
  - d) animal resources;
  - e) mineral resources;
  - f) energy.

- 3. NOTES WITH APPRECIATION** the offer of the Governments of the Ivory Coast and Zambia to host this Institute and finance it;
  
- 4. APPEALS** to Governments, Agencies of bilateral and multilateral cooperation as well as other funding sources to finance this Institute within the framework of international cooperation.

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