

**RESOLUTION ON THE AFRICAN
ECONOMIC COMMUNITY (AEC)**

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) meeting in its Thirtieth Ordinary Session in Tunis, Tunisia, from 13 to 15 June, 1994,

Considering the provisions of the Charter of the OAU and of the Treaty_
Establishing the African Economic Community,

Welcoming the entry into force of the Treaty Establishing the African Economic_
Community on May 12, 1994,

Having considered the progress report of the OAU Secretary-General (Doc. No CM/1836 (XL) on the implementation of the Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community,

Bearing in mind that the entry into force of the Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community and its implementation places additional responsibilities on the OAU Secretariat and that adequate human and financial resources should be made available to the Secretariat in order to enable it face the challenges of the Community;

Mindful of the importance of the Lagos Plan of Action and the Final Act of Lagos

which called for the establishment of the African Economic Community during the decade of the 1990s and the strengthening of the existing regional economic communities with a view to fostering closer economic cooperation and harmonious integration,

Noting with satisfaction the existing working relations and close consultations between the Secretariat of the OAU/African Economic Community and those of the regional economic communities, as well as between the AOU/ECA/ADB within the context of the implementation of the Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community,

Mindful of the Resolutions AHG/Res.206 (XXVII) and AHG/Res.218 (XXIX) of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the OAU on the African Economic Community,

Reiterating its resolve and commitment to the implementation of the Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community through the stages stipulated in the Treaty:

1. COMMENDS those Member States which have ratified and deposited their instruments of ratification of the Treaty establishing the African Economic Community with the OAU General Secretariat, and URGES those which have not yet ratified the Treaty to do so as expeditiously as possible;
2. CALLS UPON the OAU Secretary-General in collaboration with the Executive Secretary of the ECA and the President of the ADB to continue and accelerate the preparation of the draft protocols to be annexed to the Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community and to submit them to the OAU Permanent Steering Committee for consideration;
3. URGES the Secretariats of the regional economic communities to continue to cooperate with the OAU Secretariat especially during the process of strengthening

their respective institutions and their integration programmes and activities within the framework of the Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community;

- 4. ALSO URGES the OAU Permanent Steering Committee to examine the new OAU/AEC structure this facilitating its submission by the Secretariat to the Advisory Committee on Administrative, Financial and Budgetary Matters for consideration and recommendations;**
- 5. REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General to mobilize extra-budgetary resources towards the implementation of the Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community. To its end, it designates the OAU Secretariat as the Secretariat of the continental and regional integration Organizational for purposes of Section XII of Lome Convention and REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General to contact the European Commission with a view to securing its assistance for Community projects and programmes;**
- 6. ALSO REQUESTS the UNDP Governing Council to allocate adequate funds for regional economic integration programmes in Africa, and FURTHER REQUESTS Member States to supplement these resources, by voluntarily allocating a percentage of their Indicative Planning Figure (IPF) towards regional integration projects and programmes;**
- 7. FURTHER REQUESTS the ECOSOC, in its first Session, to rationalize African sectoral ministerial meetings by regrouping them as Specialized Technical Committees of the ECOSOC in accordance with the provisions of Article 25 of the Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community and to submit its recommendations through the Council to the Assembly of OAU Head of States and Government in accordance with the provisions of Articles 15 and 16 of the Treat;**

- 8. URGES Member States to ensure the full implementation of the Treaty and the set up national mechanisms to follow-up and incorporate the commitments made in the Treat into national plans and programmes;**
- 9. URGES Member States, in close cooperation with the OAU Secretariat, to continue the process of popularizing the Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community at national level in order to reach their respective socio-economic operators, institutions of higher learning as well as their populations;**
- 10. REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General to convene the first session of the ECOSOC as soon as possible in order to adopt its rules of procedure and work programme;**
- 11. FURTHER REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General to submit regular reports to the Assembly Heads of State and Government of the OAU on the implementation of this resolution.**

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