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RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION ON MINERAL RESOURCES

The Educational Scientific, Cultural and Health Commission, meeting in its second ordinary session from 29 November to 4 December 1971 in Cairo, Egypt,

Having discussed the contents and proposals in document ESCHC/72 on "Co-operation in the exploration, exploitation, development and utilization of mineral resources",

Noting that the proposed OAU Inter-African Centre for Earth Sciences is expected to offer training facilities, technical services and research and development services to Member States,

Desirous of stimulating the exploitation of minerals as a contribution to the rapid overall development desired for increasing the standards of living of the peoples of Africa,

1. RECOMMENDS that wherever possible Member States should jointly undertake and co-ordinate the exploration, mapping, exploitation and development of minerals.
2. REQUESTS the OAU Secretariat, in collaboration with the Economic Commission for Africa and with other relevant international organizations, to undertake an inventory of Africa's known minerals, and to co-ordinate the co-operation between Member States in mineral matters.
3. RECOMMENDS that Member States pool, as far as possible, their political efforts with a view to setting up machinery for the sale of their minerals so as to secure adequate prices of these minerals as well as safeguard their interests in other related fields.

RESOLUTION ON REPORT OF PANEL OF SCIENTISTS ON
OCEANOGRAPHY, SEA AND INLAND FISHERIES

The Educational, Scientific, Cultural and Health Commission of the OAU meeting in its second ordinary session in Cairo, Egypt from 29 November to 4 December 1971;

Noting the report of the OAU Panel of Scientists on Oceanography, Sea and Inland fisheries in Document ESCHC/84;

Aware of the importance to Africa of the need for Scientific exploitation and for conservation and protection of the natural resources of the sea around the Continent, and especially of the fish resources;

Noting with pleasure that the African convention on the conservation of Nature and Natural Resources has now come into force;

1. RECOMMENDS the adoption of the report of the Panel except for the proposal to establish an OAU Bureau on Oceanography and Fisheries.
2. CONGRATULATES the panel on its excellent report.
3. INVITES all Member States to undertake and participate effectively in inland and ocean fishing activities including fish processing for local and export markets.

RESOLUTION ON BASIS FOR ENSURING INCREASING
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION AND PRODUCTIVITY OF PEASANT
FARMERS AND NOMADS.

The Educational, Scientific, Cultural and Health Commission meeting in its second ordinary session from 29 November to 4 December 1971 in Cairo, Egypt,

Having discussed the contents and proposals in document ESCHC/74 on "Discussions on possible basis for ensuring increasing agricultural production and productivity of peasant farmers",

Noting that a great part of African economies depend on agricultural production which is mainly in the hands of peasant farmers and nomads;

Aware that the peasant farmer is faced with innumerable problems of technological and socio-economic nature;

Noting that the OAU programme to establish regional food reserves and the regular staging of All Africa Trade Fairs leading to more inter-African trade in agricultural products will call for continuous increases in the agricultural production of the peasant farmers;

1. URGES all Member States to plan for and provide adequate services and facilities supported by an appropriate socio-economic approach aimed at increasing the production and productivity of peasant farming and nomadism, including the provision of simplified information on modern animal and plant husbandry, cheap inputs (e.g. machinery, fertilizers, improved seeds etc.) and supporting extension and research and development services. Similar facilities should be extended to other forms of Organizations for agricultural

production including cooperatives.

2. RECOMMENDS that there should be machinery in all Member States for soil surveys. There should also be an inventory of the economic flora and fauna in each Member State and that research work carried out should be relevant to the needs of increasing food production in the shortest possible time.
3. URGES Member States to enter, where possible, into trade pacts to encourage Inter-African trade in agricultural products and for the formation of (export) marketing organizations to safeguard adequate prices of exported agricultural products.
4. URGES Member States to ensure an integrated interdisciplinary approach to the solving of problems of or related to increasing peasant agricultural production and productivity, and that important aspects, such as stimulating the consumption of modern goods and services by peasants should receive adequate attention.
5. URGES Member States to cooperate in the training of rural technicians by utilizing fully all the available existing facilities within each state.
6. REQUESTS the OAU Secretariat in collaboration with FAO, to assist in the establishment of germ plasm banks and semen-banks and in the overall implementation of this resolution.

RESOLUTION ON HUMAN ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT.

The Educational, Scientific, Cultural and Health Commission meeting in its second ordinary session from 29 November to 4 December 1971 in Cairo, Egypt,

Having discussed the United Nations Conference on Human Environment and Development to be held in Stockholm in June 1972; Believing that it is most desirable for African States to present a united or common position at the Conference;

Bearing in mind that decisions taken at the Conference may have a direct bearing and possible adverse effect on;

- (a) export of primary, semi and finished commodities for developing countries to the markets of developed countries;
- (b) the flow of international aid assistance to developing countries;
- (c) the possible transfer of pollutive industries to developing countries;
- (d) human settlements of developing countries;
- (e) economic and social development of developing countries;

Aware that already African States are concerned about the environmental effects of international fishing and oil exploitation in the seas adjacent to their territories;

Concerned about the use of chemical and biological warfare in some dependent territories of Africa;

Concerned about the environmental effects of some gigantic dams being constructed in southern Africa;

1. RECOMMENDS to Member States of the OAU which have not done so to implement the resolution of the Addis Ababa Seminar on Human Environment and Development;
2. RECOMMENDS to Member States of the OAU which have not done so to send in their "country papers" before the end of February 1972."
3. RECOMMENDS to all OAU Member States to establish national Committees in order to prepare adequately for the Stockholm Conference to ensure effective participation.
4. REQUESTS the Secretariat of the OAU to convene in conjunction with the ECA Secretariat a meeting of African Representatives in Stockholm a few days before the main Conference in order to harmonize the views of Member States.

RESOLUTION ON OAU SYMPOSIUM ON SCHISTOSOMIASIS
(BILHARZIASIS)

The Educational, Scientific, Cultural and Health Commission meeting in its second ordinary session from 29 November to 4 December 1971 in Cairo, Egypt;

Having discussed the report and recommendations in Document ESCHC/68 of the OAU Symposium on Schistosomiasis (Bilharziasis);

Noting that the disease is prevalent in nearly all African countries;

Noting further that it is a major problem in many countries of the continent;

Concerned that the disease should be actively controlled or eliminated from the continent of Africa;

1. ENDORSES the recommendations in Document ESCHC/68;
2. URGES Member States to implement early these recommendations individually and jointly as necessary;
3. INVITES the International Organizations active on this disease and specially the WHO to participate fully in the implementation of these recommendations.

RESOLUTION ON OAU SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY PANEL ON
COMMUNICABLE AND ENDEMIC DISEASES.

The Educational, Scientific, Cultural and Health Commission meeting in its Second Ordinary Session from 29 November to 4 December 1971 in Cairo, Egypt.

Having discussed the report and recommendations in Document ESCHC/69 of the OAU Scientific Advisory Panel on Viral, Bacterial and Parasitic diseases;

Aware of the detrimental effect of the viral, bacterial and parasitic diseases on human life;

Noting their prevalence and spread in the continent;

Desirous that these diseases should be controlled or eradicated in Africa;

1. ADOPTS the recommendations in Document ESCHC/69.
2. URGES that these recommendations should be implemented by Member States individually and jointly as necessary.
3. FURTHER URGES OAU in collaboration with Member States to prepare comprehensive maps of the geographical distributions of the major endemic and communicable diseases in Africa.
4. REQUESTS that the Scientific Panel on Viral, Bacterial and Parasitic diseases should meet periodically and if possible every two years.

RESOLUTION ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, MATERNAL AND CHILD
HEALTH AND NUTRITION

The Educational, Scientific, Cultural and Health Commission meeting in its second ordinary session from 29 November to 4 December 1971 in Cairo, Egypt.

Having discussed the report and recommendations in document ESCHC/78 of the first meeting of the OAU Scientific and Advisory Panel on Health Education, Maternal and Child Health and Nutrition;

Noting that the ~~ware~~ care of the child and mother is of vital importance to the future generations in Africa;

Realizing the value of health education in improving the health of the people and in enlisting their active cooperation and support for health programmes;

Aware of the fact that mal-nutrition is prevalent in most of the countries of Africa;

1. ADOPTS the report and the recommendations of the first meeting of the OAU Scientific Advisory Panel on Health Education, Maternal and Child Health and Nutrition as contained in document ESCHC/78.
2. URGES that these recommendations should be implemented by Member States individually and jointly as necessary.
3. INVITES the International Organizations active in these matters such as UNICEF, WHO and FAO to participate effectively in the implementation of these recommendations.

RESOLUTION ON CO-ORDINATION IN EPIDEMIOLOGICAL
SURVEILLANCE OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

The Educational, Scientific, Cultural and Health Commission meeting in its second ordinary session from 29 November to 4 December 1971 in Cairo, Egypt,

Having discussed the report on the co-ordination in the surveillance and control of communicable diseases in Africa in Document ESCHC/70;

Considering the importance of epidemiological centres in the co-ordination and control of communicable diseases;

1. EXPRESSES its appreciation for the establishment by the WHO of the two epidemiological Centres: one in Abidjan for Western and Central Africa and the other in Nairobi for Eastern Africa, and
2. REQUESTS the WHO to consider the setting-up of a similar Centre in North Africa for the countries of that region.

RESOLUTION ON OAU RESEARCH ON AFRICAN MEDICINAL
PLANT

The Educational, Scientific, Cultural and Health Commission of the OAU meeting in its second ordinary session in Cairo, Egypt from 29 November to 4 December 1971,

Noting the progress already made in the OAU sponsored Research on African Medicinal Plant contained in Document ESCHC/80;

Aware of the tremendous economic value of the project to all OAU Member States as a means of diversifying their commercial activities and reducing their dependence on non-African sources for drugs;

RECOMMENDS

1. that the OAU should create a Special Fund for Research on African Medicinal Plant and Traditional Pharmacopoeia to be administered by the OAU Secretariat.
2. that the OAU Panel of Scientists on Medical Sciences and Pharmacology (African Medicinal Plant Research) be responsible for screening application from research workers for financial assistance in this field and that only candidates recommended by the OAU Panel be considered for financial assistance.
3. that as far as possible, the OAU should seek external financial support for workers in this field.
4. all OAU Member States should give priority to research in this field and vote money for its execution.

RESOLUTION ON DRAFT STATUTES: JOINT OAU/FAO/WHO
REGIONAL FOOD AND NUTRITION COMMISSION FOR AFRICA

The Educational, Scientific, Cultural and Health Commission meeting in its second ordinary session from 29 November to 4 December 1971, Cairo, Egypt,

Aware that among the permanent organs taken over by OAU from the former Commission for Technical Co-operation in Africa was the then joint CCTA/FAO/WHO Regional Food and Nutrition Commission for Africa; and that OAU has since the take-over in 1961 been making a modest annual financial contribution towards the cost of disseminating information by the Commission;

Noting in document ESCHC/79 that the Secretariats of FAO, WHO and OAU have negotiated revised draft statutes for that Commission, and having considered these revised statutes;

Wishing to align the functions and structure of that Commission with the relevant needs of African states in nutritional matters;

1. ADOPTS the draft statutes for the joint OAU/FAO/WHO Regional Food and Nutrition Commission for Africa as contained in document ESCHC/79.
2. INVITES the Assembly of Heads of State and Government and the Council of Ministers to approve the statutes to enable the Commission to function more effectively on the basis of the agreed arrangements.

RESOLUTION ON WATER SUPPLIES IN RURAL AND
URBAN AREAS OF AFRICA

The Educational, Scientific, Cultural and Health Commission meeting in its second ordinary session in Cairo, Egypt, from 29 November to 4 December 1971,

Aware of the great dangers to health in Africa constituted by inadequate and unsafe water supplies;

Aware also of the great hardships that the majority of the African people have to endure in order to get their daily supply of potable water;

Conscious of the fact that water-borne diseases can be completely controlled by the provision of safe and adequate water supplies;

1. URGES the OAU, in collaboration with WHO, to draw up, for approval by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government, a ten-year plan for the provision of adequate and safe water for all rural and urban areas in Africa;
2. INVITES the Administrative Secretary-General to seek aid from external sources including UNDP and the World Bank for the implementation of this resolution, and
3. REQUESTS the OAU to bring the problem before the International Conference on Human Environment due to take place in Stockholm in June 1972.

RESOLUTION ON CORRESPONDENCE, EQUIVALENCE AND RECOGNITION
OF DEGREES AND DIPLOMAS

The Educational, Scientific, Cultural and Health Commission meeting in its second ordinary session from 29 November to 4 December 1971,

Recalling its resolution ESCHC/Res.4 (I) on the correspondence equivalence and recognition of degrees and diplomas awarded by African and non-African institutions;

Noting that the OAU had established a Panel of African Experts to assist the Administrative Secretary-General in implementing that resolution;

Having considered document ESCHC/66 which contains the report and recommendations of the first meeting of that panel;

1. ADOPTS the report and recommendations in document ESCHC/66.
2. CONGRATULATES the Panel of Experts and the Secretariat on the work accomplished so far, and accepts the recommendation that the Panel should continue working until the OAU decides otherwise.
3. AUTHORIZES the Panel to make direct contacts with other organizations that are similarly involved in this exercise, such as the Association of African Universities, UNESCO and OCAMM.

RESOLUTION ON MOTION OF THANKS

The Educational, Scientific, Cultural and Health Commission of the OAU, meeting in its second ordinary session in Cairo, Egypt, from 29 November to 4 December 1971;

Considering the importance of education, science, culture and health in the economic and social development of Member States;

Taking into account the praiseworthy efforts of the OAU General Secretariat in implementation of the resolutions adopted in Addis Ababa, in 1969, concerning the application of science and technology to development in Africa;

1. CONGRATULATES MEMBER STATES for their active interest in that problem, which has been reflected in the quality of the delegations attending the Commission's meeting;
2. CONGRATULATES the General Secretariat on the work already accomplished and urges it to pursue actively its efforts to achieve the speedy development of education, science, culture and health in Africa;
3. EXPRESSES ITS THANKS to His Excellency Anwar El Sadat, President of Arab Republic of Egypt, the Government and people of Egypt, for the brotherly hospitality bestowed on the delegates during their stay in Cairo and requests the Administrative Secretary-General to convey the expression of gratitude to the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

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