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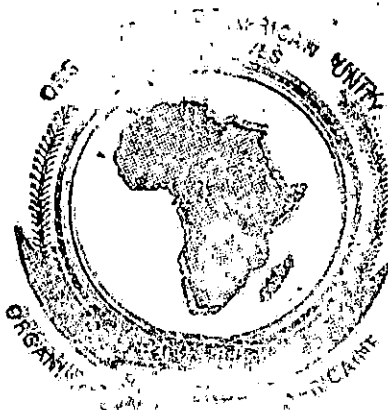
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THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE SEVENTH ARAB SUMMIT CONFERENCE
HELD IN RABAT FROM 26 - 29 OCTOBER 1974
ON AFRICAN ARAB CO-OPERATION



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It would be recalled that the Council of Ministers of the OAU adopted a number of resolutions on African-Arab Co-operation.

At its Eighth Extraordinary Session, the Council of Ministers adopted Resolution ECM/Res. 20(VIII) on Co-operation between African States and Arab States, that is between the OAU and the Arab League, in political, economic social and technical matters, for the mutual interests of both organizations. The Twenty third Session of the Council of Ministers adopted resolution CM/Res.337 (XXIII) on co-operation between African and Arab countries (see Annex I). Following the adoption of these resolutions the General Secretariat continued its contacts with the Arab League Secretariat to find ways and means for implementing these resolutions. The Administrative Secretary-General attended the Seventh Arab Summit in Rabat and in this regard felt it necessary to communicate to the Council the Resolutions of the Arab Summit attached to this report (See Annex II). In fact these resolutions have been communicated to Member States just after they were adopted in Rabat. The Secretariat draws the attention of the Council to paragraph II of the resolutions on convening of an African-Arab Summit to be preceded by a Foreign Ministers' Conference, to prepare for the Summit. It is worth mentioning here that Resolution CM/Res.337(XXIII) on Co-operation between African and Arab Countries included in its operative paragraph (2) the initiative of calling for convening an Afro-Arab Conference at Ministerial level.

The Secretariat General seeks the guidance of the Council on the Arab Summit Resolutions, and particularly on the convening of an African Arab Summit meeting and the Foreign Ministers Conference that will be preceded to prepare for the Summit.

The Council may wish also to consider the other parts of the Resolutions and take appropriate action, including the expression of appreciation and the desire for further African Arab Co-operation.

RESOLUTION ON CO-OPERATION BETWEEN
AFRICAN AND ARAB COUNTRIES

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twenty-Third Ordinary Session in Mogadiscio, Somalia, from 6 to 11 June, 1974,

Recalling Resolution ECM/Res.20(VIII) adopted by the Eighth Extraordinary Session of the Council held in Addis Ababa from 19 to 26 November 1973;

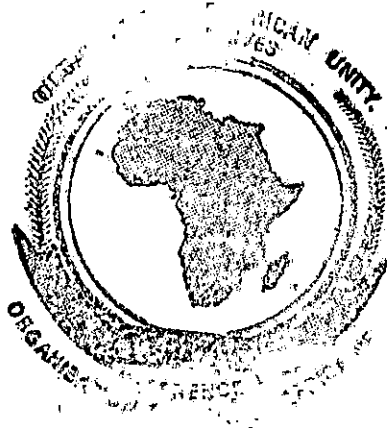
Desirous of strengthening Afro-Arab co-operation in all areas, in a practical and effective manner;

Mindful of the steps taken by the League of Arab States to establish an insitution for African Affairs;

Convinced of the need to establish a similar body within the OAU General Secretariat;

1. NOTES with satisfaction on the fruitful co-operation which is developing between African and Arab countries as reflected in Document CM/606;
2. REQUESTS the OAU Administrative Secretary-General to contact the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States with a view to considering the possibility of convening an Afro-Arab conference at ministerial level to discuss the possibilities and areas of co-operation in which joint efforts would be made especially regarding joint co-operation for development and the establishment of a joint Afro-Arab development strategy;
3. DECIDES to establish a special body within OAU for Afro-Arab co-operation to study and submit recommendations on all factors likely to strengthen co-operation between African and Arab countries in all fields and especially;

- (a) The possibility of drawing up an industrialization policy based on co-ordination of development of Arab-African resources;
 - (b) Co-operation between African and Arab countries in Agriculture, trade, science, technology and technical know how;
 - (c) The prospects and problems of investment in Arab and African countries;
 - (d) The role which oil and other raw materials can play in afro-Arab development;
 - (e) The adoption of the necessary measures, in collaboration with the equivalent body within the General Secretariat of the Arab League, to organize and convene joint Specialized Commissions to study and discuss possibilities of ensuring the necessary co-operation;
4. RECOMMENDS that the Administrative Secretary-General submit a report on the measures taken in this connection to the Twenty-Fourth Session of the Council of Ministers.



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RESOLUTIONS OF THE SEVENTH ARAB SUMMIT
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I. Strengthening co-operation between the League of Arab States and OAU in all fields.

II. (1) CONVENING AN AFRO-ARAB SUMMIT CONFERENCE:

The Conference considered the question of Afro-Arab Co-operation and decided the following:

- (a) The convening of an Afro-Arab Summit Conference.
- (b) That the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States should contact African countries to ascertain their opinions on the matter. If it is agreed upon, the necessary arrangements would be taken to convene an Afro-Arab Conference of Foreign Ministers to prepare for the Conference.

(2) That a delegation consisting of the Foreign Ministers of the United Arab Emirates, Algeria, Sudan, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Lebanon, Kuwait, Egypt, and Mauritania be sent to African countries with a view to strengthening Afro-Arab solidarity and briefing these countries on the resolutions of the Seventh Arab Summit Conference in this field.

III. ARAB BANK FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA:

The Conference has considered the question of Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa, and decided the following:

- (a) That the capital of ABEDA be increased, and that the matter be submitted to Finance Ministers at the next meeting of the Economic Council to determine the amount of this increase.
- (b) That Khartoum be the venue of the Headquarters of the Bank.

- (c) That the question of co-operation between the Bank and ADB should be left until the Bank governors' council meets.
- (d) That all countries subscribing Bank capital should expedite depositing the instruments of ratification with the General Secretariat of the League.

IV. ARAB LOAN FUND FOR AFRICA:

The Conference considered the question of the Arab Fund for providing loans to African countries and decided the following:

- (a) That the countries subscribing to the Fund capital and which have not yet met their obligations should as soon as possible hand them over to the General Secretariat of the League.
- (b) That the repayment period for Loans should be twenty five years instead of eight years, and the grace period should be ten years instead of three years.
- (c) That the amount allocated for the Fund in the last year should be completed and fully renewed for the next year in accordance with the obligations of each country.
- (d) The United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, and Kuwait, each pledged to increase its contribution by ten million dollars, and Iraq by five million dollars.

V. ARAB FUND FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO AFRICAN AND ARAB COUNTRIES:

The Conference considered the question of the Arab Fund for Technical Assistance to African and Arab countries and decided the following:

- (a) to approve the Constitution of the Fund as adopted by the Legal Standing Committee.
- (b) To increase the amount allocated for the Fund from fifteen million dollars to twenty five million dollars.

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