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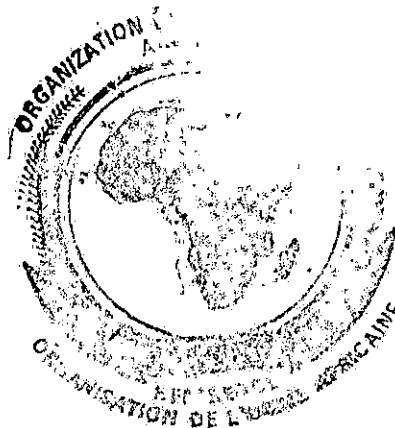
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1. At its Eighth Extraordinary Session held in Addis Ababa on 19 - 21 November 1973, the Council of Ministers adopted Resolution ECM/Res.20(VIII) on Co-operation between African States, and Arab States that is between the Organization of African Unity and the League of Arab States, in political, economic, social, financial and technical matters for the mutual interest of both Organizations.
2. The said resolution also "Recommends the establishment of economic co-operation between the Arab League States and the OAU Member States and instructs the Administrative Secretary-General, in consultation with the Secretary-General of the Arab League, to set up the Machinery for such co-operation". (See Annex I).
3. The Council of Ministers of the OAU meeting at its Twenty-Third Ordinary Session and the African Summit meeting at Mogadiscio (Somalia) June 1974, adopted a resolution on co-operation between African and Arab countries (CM/Res.337 (XXIII) which contains, inter alia, the following:
"Decides to establish a special machinery 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 competent body within the Secretariat of the Arab League (i.e. African Department), to organize and convene joint Specialized Commissions to study and discuss possibilities of ensuring the necessary co-operation;

"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". (See Resolution 337 in Annex II).

4. "The Arab Kings' and Heads of State meeting in Algiers from November 26 to 28, 1973, adopted the Algiers' Declarations which contains the steps to be taken and principles and measures to be applied to institutionalize the African-Arab relations and strengthen their solidarity (See Declaration in Annex III).

5. The Sixty Third Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers of the Arab League and the Seventh Arab Summit meeting at Rabat (Morocco) October 1974, adopted several resolutions calling for the strengthening of African-Arab co-operation in all fields. (See Resolution of the Arab Summit Conference in Annex IV).

6. During his official visit to Cairo (18 - 21 November, 1974), the Administrative Secretary-General had further consultations and discussions with the Secretary-General of the Arab League and co-operation and co-ordination between the two Organizations.
7. The Secretary-General of the Arab League informed the Administrative Secretary-General of the OAU that the Arab League's Council of Ministers has decided to establish a Bureau for the Arab League in Addis Ababa, in order to ensure further African-Arab Co-operation and to work closely with the OAU. He also informed that the Director of the Arab League Bureau in Addis Ababa has been appointed, and that the Bureau is expected to start its functions very shortly.
8. Also the Secretary-General of the Arab League expressed the hope and desire that the OAU will take the same action, on reciprocal grounds, by establishing a similar body of the OAU to work closely with the Arab League with the aim that both Organizations harmonize their activities in all fields through this mutual liaison, according to Resolution 3202 of the Council of Ministers of the Arab League and Resolutions of the Council of Ministers of the OAU related to this subject, i.e. ECM/Res.20 (VIII) and CM/Res.337 (XXIII).
9. Resolution No. 3202 of the Council of Ministers of the Arab League at its Sixty-Second Session, third meeting, held on 4 September 1974, was handed to the OAU Administrative Secretary-General. In the said resolution the Council of Ministers of the Arab League approved the recommendations of the Political Committee and the Administrative and Financial Committee, as well as the Note of the General Secretariat and decided to establish a Bureau for the Arab League in Addis Ababa and to allocate necessary funds for that purpose.

10. Also Resolution No.3201 of the Council of Ministers of the Arab League at its Sixty-Second Session, Third Meeting held on 4 September 1974, was delivered. In the said resolution the Council of Ministers of the Arab League approved the recommendations of its Political Committee and Legal Affairs Committee as well as the memorandum of the General Secretariat of the Arab League and accordingly decided to approve the draft Agreement of Co-operation between the Arab League and the Organization of African Unity. The said resolution also authorized the Secretary-General of the Arab League to sign the draft Agreement on behalf of the Arab League.

11. After an in-depth study of the matter, the General Secretariat reached the conclusion that one of the possible ways of implementing resolutions ECM/Res.20(VIII) and CM/Res.337 (XXIII) was to set up an Executive Secretariat in Cairo.

PART II

JUSTIFICATIONS FOR ESTABLISHING THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

1. The OAU Council of Ministers in its Twenty-Third Session, adopted Resolution CM/Res.337 (XXIII) which was endorsed by the Heads of State and Government at their meeting in Mogadiscio in June 1974. This resolution decided to establish a special machinery for Afro-Arab Co-operation, in order to undertake the tasks assigned to it as contained in the said resolution. Also Resolution ECM/Res.20(VIII) instructed the Administrative Secretary-General to set up a machinery for such co-operation.

2. The process of further African-Arab political and economic relations will never come to an end and must be seen as a continuous operation, and will remain to hold pivotal position within the activities of the OAU and the Arab League.

Thus there will be a continual scope and achievements to be reached, in all aspects of political and economic relations between the two organizations.

3. Development and co-ordination of African-Arab relations must be planned and exercised, both within the OAU Headquarters, and closely near the Headquarters of the Arab League, so as to reach a degree of "on the spot" practical and potential Afro-Arab relations.

4. Practice proved that further co-operation between the OAU and the Arab League necessitates that both Organizations should come closer, and work out the job jointly with a specific purpose, and in a way to avoid any delay, contradiction or misunderstanding.

5. Attention should be focused upon execution, implementation, and follow-up of decisions, resolutions, agreements, and declarations, in a way to avoid any difficulties, and to ensure the continuity of these relations, based on practical and solid grounds.

6. The impetus and co-ordination needed by the two Organizations had not really reached the required stage of progress. This could only be reached by direct communication and exchange of views, and information, in addition to personal contacts which lead to better results.

7. The Arab League has recently taken positive action by establishing an Arab League Office in Addis Ababa to work closely with the OAU. The establishment of the proposed Executive Secretariat of OAU in Cairo, will tremendously help to realize the objectives contained in the Council of Ministers' resolutions, as it will pave the way for mutual investigations,

consultations, evaluation, and interviews with the Arab League's staff. Moreover, it will be much more fruitful than a short-term single man mission sent from the Headquarters who cannot really contribute in helping the Headquarters to formulate and plan policies.

8. At this stage the African-Arab countries should come together for the achievement of collective action in matters related to their raw materials, pooling their resources and self-reliance. Moreover, with their excessive resources they can have a major role to play in the establishment of a new international economic order, and in exchange of aid to the needy countries among themselves. The Executive Secretariat can play a good role in this connection.

9. It has been stressed that in both quantitative and qualitative terms, there are a number of beneficial results to be obtained from increasing co-operation and co-ordination among African and Arab countries. There exists in those countries a wealth of human, institutional and material resources and development experience which remain untapped and which can be utilized with great profit for assisting the development effort of all African and Arab countries. It is widely believed that these untapped resources are particularly relevant to the problems of development of all countries concerned, and can have significant impact on these problems. The "Executive Secretariat" can contribute to the framework of African-Arab co-operation, its nature and scope, collectively with the Arab League, and thus new depth and new dimensions in African-Arab relations could be attained and maintained.

10. As mentioned above, the Council of Ministers of the Arab League has approved the draft Agreement of Co-operation with the OAU. It has also decided to establish an Arab League Office in Addis Ababa, which will start its duties soonest, to work

closely with the OAU. This should be met by a similar action from the OAU, so that reciprocal relationship be created, and mutual liaison exists and develops.

11. Resolution 337 (XXIII) of the OAU Council of Ministers endorsed by the African summit in Mogadiscio, June 1974, requests the OAU Administrative Secretary-General to contact the Secretary-General of the Arab League with a view to considering the possibility of convening an Afro-Arab Conference at Ministerial level.

The Council of Ministers of the Arab League and the Arab Summit (Rabat) October 1974, decided to convene an African-Arab Summit. This will be preceded by a meeting of the African-Arab Foreign Ministers to prepare for the African-Arab Summit.

Looking for the future, the African-Arab Summit will achieve better basis, new conclusions and action for the years ahead. A basic strategy for effectively tackling these conclusions and actions, and to achieve higher rates of African-Arab co-operation and accelerating its expansion, includes and necessitates the establishment of the "Executive Secretariat".

PART III

FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES

1. The Executive Secretariat will carry out its functions and duties according to the contents of resolution CM/Res.337 (XXIII) on co-operation between African and Arab countries adopted at the Twenty-Third Session of the Council of Ministers and the 11th Session of Heads of State and Government, Mogadiscio (Somalia) June 1974, as well as Resolution ECM/Res.20(VIII).

It will also take the follow-up of the implementation of Resolutions adopted at the 63rd Session of the Council of Ministers of the Arab League and the 7th Arab Summit (Rabat) October 1974, as well as future resolutions of OAU and Arab League related to African-Arab co-operation. It will also prepare and participate in the joint activity programmes between OAU and Arab League, and will work for activating relations between the two Organizations. It will also propose and arrange for joint meetings at different levels, as deems necessary.

2. The Executive Secretariat will also set up a system of information between both Organizations and their member countries. It will prepare, collect and disseminate, studies, inquiries, analyses, information on questions, related to African-Arab relations and co-operation.

3. The OAU Executive Secretariat in Cairo will set up meetings of African and Arab Ambassadors in Cairo, so as to consult on issues of interest to their countries with the aim of harmonizing intra-African-Arab co-operation and with the aim of taking common African-Arab stand on these issues.

4. The Executive Secretariat will make recommendations, follow-up and assessment to the African-Arab activities in different fields.

5. Present trends in international development co-operation stress the importance of self-reliance, i.e. co-operation among developing countries themselves. Needless to mention that the African and Arab countries can give great impetus and achievements through co-operation and co-ordination policies. The main emphasis at the present stage seems to be on eliciting new way and means for the identification and implementation of this co-operation. This will be a task of the Executive Secretariat in Cairo.

6. The scope and examples of possible programmes of co-operation are countless. Suffice it to mention infrastructure, i.e. transport, communication, education, health and other areas of social development. Also co-operation includes development of trade and entering into negotiations for African-Arab trade expansion. Establishment of joint activities in agricultural projects and industrial plants, touristic promotion, the adoption of relevant policies and operations for multi-national corporations, are examples of fruitful avenues for African-Arab co-operation in which the "Executive Secretariat" will have a role to play.



RESOLUTION ON CO-OPERATION BETWEEN AFRICA AND
ARAB STATES

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Eighth Extraordinary session in Addis Ababa, from 19 - 21 November 1973,

Considering the fact that the present situation in the Middle East has demonstrated the common objectives between Africa and Arab peoples,

Bearing in mind the forthcoming Special Summit Conference of the Arab Countries on the Middle East Question,

Bearing in mind the need for African and Arab countries to foil attempts of some Western oil companies to harm African economic interests,

Convinced of the need for closer co-operation between the African and Arab peoples to achieve the total liberation of their territories and to speed up their economic development,

1. DECIDES to establish a Committee of Seven OAU Member States who will make contacts with Arab countries through the Arab League so as,
 - (a) to study the effects of the oil embargo on African countries,
 - (b) to discuss with Arab Crude oil producing countries how best to alleviate the effects of this impact on African countries;

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2. RECOMMENDS the establishment of economic co-operation between the Arab League States and the OAU Member States and instructs the Administrative Secretary-General, in consultation with the Secretary-General of the Arab League, to set up the machinery for such co-operation;
3. RECOMMENDS the holding of periodic consultations at various levels between the Arab League and the OAU in order to ensure the continued co-operation which will further strengthen our unity of purpose and action;
4. APPEALS to Arab countries, which have not yet done so, as well as to Iran to extend the oil embargo to South Africa, Portugal and Southern Rhodesia until they comply with the United Nations General Assembly and Security Council Resolution on decolonization;
5. INSTRUCTS the Administrative Secretary General to transmit this resolution to the Secretary General of the Arab League.

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 Mogadishu, 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 institution for African Affairs,

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

1. NOTES WITH SATISFACTION 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 machinery 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.

DECLARATION OF THE ALGIERS ARAB SUMMIT CONFERENCE

The Arab Kings and Heads of State meeting in Algiers from November 26 to 29, 1973,

Having reviewed the new situation created in the Middle East following the Israeli aggression as well as its international implications,

Considering the vast movement of solidarity on the part of African brotherly countries in favour of the just cause of Arab people struggling to liberate their occupied territories and to restore the national rights of the Palestinian people, a struggle which is part of the fight waged by all liberation forces against colonialism, racism, imperialism and Zionism,

Considering that Arab-African solidarity must express itself in a concrete manner in all fields, and in particular as far as political and economic co-operation are concerned in order to strengthen their national independence and to promote their development,

1. Pay a vibrant homage to the brotherly States of Africa for their decision to sever their relations with Israel, which is increasingly isolated in the world.

2. Welcomes the reaffirmation by Africa of its solidarity with the Arab countries in their fight at the recent special session of the Organization of African Unity Council of Ministers.

3. Assures African people of their total support in their national liberation struggle, for economic progress and against colonialism and racial discrimination.

4. Welcomes the decision taken by the OAU Council of Ministers at its First Session to set up a seven-member committee in view of developing Arab-African co-operation, and in order to strengthen Arab-African solidarity and implement it in practice, decides to adopt the following measures.

A. Develop Arab-African co-operation through consolidation of Arab diplomatic representation in Africa.

B. Seve. ace, by Arab countries which have not already done so, of all diplomatic, consular, economic, cultural and other relations with South Africa, Portugal and Rhodesia.

C. Impose a complete embargo as regards shipment of Arab oil to these countries.

D. Review special measures in order to maintain normal deliveries of Arab oil to brotherly African countries.

E. Strengthen and develop economic, financial and cultural co-operation with brotherly African countries on a bilateral basis, as well as at the level of regional co-operation institutions, especially the African Development Bank.

F. Set up an Arab Fund for contributing to the social and economic development of African countries and granting them technical assistance.

G. Grant immediate assistance to African countries victims of natural diseases and specially draught.

H. Give increased diplomatic and material support to national liberation movements in Africa.

5. In order to speed up implementation of these decisions and to instal permanent co-operation between Arab and African countries, mandate the Arab League Secretary-General to take practical measures and to consult with the OAU Administrative Secretary-General and the Committee of Seven in order to arrange periodical consultations at all level, including the highest, between Arab and African States.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE SEVENTH ARAB SUMMIT CONFERENCE
HELD IN RABAT FROM 26 TO 29 OCTOBER 1974 ON
AFRO-ARAB SOLIDARITY

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) to approve 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 the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa, and decided the following:

- (a) that the capital of ABEDA be increased and 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's governing Council meets.
- (d) that all countries subscribing to the Bank's capital should expedite depositing the instruments of ratification with the General Secretariat of the League.

IV. Arab Loan Fund and 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,
- (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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