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**RESOLUTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE**  
**AFRICAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY**

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government, meeting in its 25<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session from 24 to 26 July, 1989 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia,

**Recalling** the relevant provisions of the Lagos Plan of Action and more particularly its Final Act,

**Reaffirming** the commitment to the principles and objectives of promoting and strengthening economic cooperation and integration as a launching pad for an endogenous, self-sustaining and self-reliant development of Member States within the framework of the establishment of the African Economic Community,

**Convinced** of the urgent need for a rational re-organization of the African economic space through strengthened existing regional economic groupings and through the coordination and harmonization of projects and programmes of African inter-governmental organizations under their own aegis,

**Recalling inter alia** the relevant provisions of the Declaration adopted during the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Organization,

**Cognizant** of the steps and practical measures adopted by the Permanent Steering Committee since its 15<sup>th</sup> Session to accelerate the process of establishing the community (Doc. PSC/RAPT (XV)):

1. APPROVES the Conclusions and Recommendations of the 15<sup>th</sup> Session of the Permanent Steering Committee (Doc. CM/1521 (XLIX – part 1 annex ii)) as endorsed by the 49<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council as regards specially;
  - a) The concept, content and scope of the community;
  - b) The stages and modalities for the project implementation;
  - c) The institutional machineries;
  - d) The practical and transitional measures;
  - e) The indicative calendar for the realization of the project.

2. **PAYS TRIBUTE** to the Out-going Current Chairman for his particular attention to the issues concerning African economic integration and for the efforts deployed for launching and giving dynamic orientation to the Project, and given the importance of the issue, reiterates the mandate conferred upon the Current Chairman to personally take up and follow-up the progress of the project in providing political directives and guidelines enabling the Permanent Steering Committee to proceed with the accelerated implementation of the Project on the establishment of the Community;
3. **EXPRESSES FURTHER ITS APPRECIATION** to Member States who submitted their views and comments which have made it possible for the Permanent Steering Committee to proceed with the consideration of the Draft Treaty;
4. **COMMENDS** the **EFFORTS** and **INITIATIVES** taken by the Permanent Steering Committee, under the dynamic supervision of its Current Chairman, to set an indicative calendar for the realization of the Project and **URGES** the Committee to pursue its efforts in close consultation with Member States and in close collaboration with the existing regional economic groupings;
5. **MANDATES** the OAU Secretary-General to take all the necessary steps, with the technical and financial assistance of the relevant African and international organizations especially the ECA, the ADB and the UNDP to pursue the sensitization and popularization campaign with African Member States on the concept, content, scope and dimensions of the African Economic Community;
6. **CALLS UPON** the OAU, ECA Secretariats and the ADB to coordinate and pool their efforts and resources so as to provide, a joint Secretariat, the required logistic and technical support to the Permanent Steering Committee in the process of establishing the African Economic Community;
7. **URGES** all Member States and existing economic groupings to take an active part in the meetings of the PSC devoted to the consideration of the draft Treaty of the Community;

8. **EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION** for the initiatives being undertaken at inter-regional and intra-regional levels by the Current Chairman of the existing economic groupings to promote co-operation among African IGO's;
9. **REITERATES ITS APPEAL** to all Member States to adopt firm measures to harmonize and rationalize the activities of co-operation organizations in the same region within the overall development strategy of existing economic groupings while keeping in mind the specificity of each IGO and its contribution towards the achievement of the objectives of the Final Act of Lagos;
10. **DIRECTS** the OAU Permanent Steering Committee to study the technical assistance of the ECA and the ADB the ways and means for promoting and strengthening co-operation between existing economic groupings with focus to inter-regional projects while coordinating and harmonizing their activities and **URGES** international organizations of the UN System, especially the UNDP, to extend adequate financial and technical assistance to the Economic Groupings in order to strengthen their internal capacities in line with their adopted objectives and defined priorities;
11. **COMMENDS UNDP** for the financial, technical and logistic support the latter continues to provide with a view to promoting and strengthening economic co-operation and integration on the Continent within the framework of the Project on the establishment of the African Economic Community and **TAKES NOTE** of its favorable arrangements towards the multisectoral projects submitted by the Regional Economic Communities aiming at promoting the integration processes and the co-ordination and the harmonization of their efforts in this regard;
12. **DIRECTS** the OAU Secretary-General in close collaboration with the Executive Secretary of the ECA and the President of ADB, to hold consultations with the executive Heads of existing regional economic groupings in order to:

- a) establish a permanent consultative platform for the coordination and harmonization of activities, projects and programmes related to economic co-operation and integration at all levels;**
  
  - b) exchange information in co-operation and integration experiences;**
  
  - c) adopt a common position vis-à-vis their partners of the international community in the area of economic co-operation and integration of the continent;**
  
  - d) prepare joint periodic reports for the Assembly of the OAU Heads of State and Government on the state of economic co-operation and integration in Africa.**
- 13. REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the OAU to prepare and submit to every annual session of the Conference a progress report on the establishment of the African Economic Community.**

**RESOLUTION ON THE PROCLAMATION OF A SECOND  
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DECADE FOR AFRICA  
AND ON AN AFRICA INDUSTRIALIZATION DAY**

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its 25<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session from 24 to 26 July, 1989 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia,

**Reiterating** its commitment to the attainment of the objectives of the Lagos Plan of Action, the Final Act of Lagos and the African Priority Programme for Economic Recovery,

**Emphasizing** the crucial role of industrialization in the structural transformation and growth of the economies of African countries and in the attainment of a lasting solution to the economic crisis of African countries and to their external debt crisis,

**Noting** that the objectives of the first Industrial Development Decade for Africa are yet to be fully attained,

**Mindful** of UN ECOSOC resolution 1987/90, ECA Conference of Ministers' resolution 656 (XXIV) and OAU Council of Ministers resolution CM/Res. 1186 (XLIX) all recommending the proclamation of a second IDDA,

**Conscious** of the significant efforts and resources to be deployed towards the accelerated industrialization of African countries,

**Having considered** the report of the Ninth Meeting of the conference of African Ministers of Industry, held in Harare, Zimbabwe, from 29 May to 1 June, 1989 (CM/1554 (L) and CAMI 9./22/Rev.1):

1. SOLEMNELY DECLARES the years 1991 – 2000 as the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa, for the purpose of accelerating further the industrialization of Africa launched during the first Industrial Development Decade for Africa;

- 2. FURTHER DECLARES the day 20 November as the Africa Industrialization Day, for the purpose of mobilizing the commitment of African countries and the international community towards the industrialization of Africa;**
- 3. WELCOMES UNIDO Industrial Development Board Decision IDB.5/20 of 7 July, 1989 on the Industrial Development Decade for African and URGES the UN General Assembly to also proclaim the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (1991 – 2000) and the Africa Industrialization Day during its Forty-fourth Session;**
- 4. ENDORSES the recommendations adopted by African Ministers of Industry at their Ninth Meeting held in Harare Zimbabwe from 29 May to 1 June 1989 including, in particular, those pertaining to the formulation of a programme for the Second IDDA, commemoration of the African Industrialization Day and UNIDO III,**
- 5. RECOMMENDS to all African governments and peoples to formulate, adopt and carry out all necessary policy measures and operational actions towards the full attainment of the objectives of the Second IDDA and the Africa industrialization Day;**
- 6. REQUESTS the Director-General of UNIDO, the Executive Secretary of ECA and the Secretary-General of the OAU to take all steps including the mobilization of financial resources in order to render effective assistance to all African countries and organizations in the formulation, adoption and implementation of their programmes for the second IDDA and the Africa Industrialization Day. To this end, the Secretariats of OAU, ECAS and UNIDO should be provided with adequate resources in their respective regular budgets;**
- 7. REQUESTS FURTHER, the Secretary-General to transmit this resolution to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and to take the necessary follow-up action, in co-operation with the Executive Secretary of ECA, the Director-General of UNIDO and the African Group in New York to ensure that the UN General Assembly proclaims the Second IDDA and the African Industrialization Day during its Forty-fourth Session.**



**RESOLUTION OF THE WORK OF THE CONTACT GROUP**  
**OF THE CURRENT CHAIRMAN ON AFRICA'S**  
**EXTERNAL DEBT CRISIS**

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government, of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its 25<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session from 24 to 26 July, 1989 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia,

**Recalling** the Declaration of its Third Extra-Ordinary Session on Africa's External Debt Crisis, and its resolution AHG/Res. 175 (XXIV) of May, 1988 and in particular the mandate given to the Chairman of that Session regarding the convening of an international conference on Africa's external indebtedness,

**Gravely concerned** by Africa's mounting external debt, the heavy debt-service burden and the continuing deterioration in socio-economic conditions in Africa,

**Noting with appreciation** the actions so far taken or the declared intentions, by some creditor countries to cancel the official bilateral debt of African countries,

**Reaffirming its commitment** to the African Position on Africa's External Debt Crisis and its conviction of the efficacy of an international conference in tackling Africa's external debt crisis,

**Conscious of the need** for careful preparation for the international conference, as well as the international seminar on the African Common Position scheduled for Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt from 28 – 30 August, 1989,

**Having considered** the report of the activities of the Contact Group submitted by H.E. General Moussa TRAORE, president of the Republic of Mali and Chairman of the Twenty-fourth Assembly:

1. EXPRESSES PROFOUND APPRECIATION to H.E. General Moussa TRAORE, President of the Republic of Mali and chairman of the Twenty-fourth Assembly of his untiring effort in bringing the African Common

**Position to the attention of the international community with a view to convening an international conference on Africa's external indebtedness;**

- 2. TAKES NOTE of the arrangements for the international seminar scheduled for Cairo, Egypt from 28 – 30 August, 1989 and URGES all Member States to designate high level experts in banking, finance and monetary fields to participate in the Seminar;**
- 3. RENEWS ITS CALL for the convening of an International Conference on Africa's External Indebtedness and, to that end, RENEWS also the mandate to the Current Chairman to deploy all effort towards the organization of the Conference;**
- 4. APPEALS to the international community especially the creditor countries to provide meaningful reduction in Africa's stock of debt and debt service burden accompanied by significant new inflow of financial resources to African countries.**

**RESOLUTION ON THE DECLARATION OF AN AFRICAN  
YEAR OF THE ENVIRONMENT**

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government, of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its 25<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session from 24 to 26 July, 1989 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia,

Aware of the extreme gravity of problems related to the environment of the future of mankind and the survival of our societies,

Gravely concerned about the continuous degradation of the environment throughout the world in general and in Africa in particular, which has resulted in imbalances in the land , forest, coastal and maritime ecosystems, the warming of the earth, climatic changes with the dire consequences on the economic activities of world population and the destruction of the ozone layer,

Firmly convinced that to overcome the challenge posed by the ecological problems, there is need to pool all scientific, technical and financial resources possible only through international co-operation,

Recalling with interest that the Cairo Programme on Co-operation among African Countries in Environmental Matters adopted in December 1985 by the African Ministerial Conference on Environment contains the measures and solutions devised by Africa to solve the problems and challenges facing the Continent;

Further recalling that the aims and objectives of the Cairo Programme which aims at putting an end to the environmental degradation, developing the food crop production capacity of the continent, achieving energy self-sufficiency and restoring the balance between population and resources, constitutes a global plan which should be further considered to emphasize the major priorities taking into account the financial capabilities of our Member States,

Taking into account the Kampala Declaration on Lasting Development in Africa, adopted on 16 June, 1989, by African Ministers of the Environment, Planning and Education, in which the Ministers pledged that their countries would initiate “reforms

and innovations leading to development of policies and methods which would be ecologically sound, economically durable and socially acceptable”,

**Fully aware** that it is primarily incumbent on our countries to provide the financial resources required for the Cairo Programme and other responsibilities, before appealing for external assistance and taking advantage of the capital of good will of the international community,

**Anxious** to perpetuate the concept of environment in the economic, social and cultural development process of African nations, and to focus attention on the environment sector in relation to the other national sectors, and to establish links among all the Ministerial Departments, with a view to the environment in a determining position in the decision-making process,

**Bearing in mind** Resolution CM/1153 (XLVIII) on the dumping of nuclear and industrial wastes in Africa and CM/Res. 1199 (XLIX) on the Global Convention on the Control of the Cross Border Movement of Hazardous Wastes:

1. **DECLARES 1991 the African Year of the Environment;**
2. **INVITES Member States to adopt the following measures:**
  - i. **At the National Level**
    - **set up a National Committee to organize the African Environment Year and involve all active sectors of the nation;**
  - ii. **At the Africa Level**
    - **to create an Advisory Working Party at the OAU comprising experts of various regions of the Continent to:**
      - a) **rationalize and co-ordinate all projects on the protection of the Environment included in the Cairo Programme;**
      - b) **assess the environmental risks inherent in the projects programmed,**

- 3. INVITES the OAU General Secretariat to collaborate in the execution of the projects proposed in this connection;**
  
- 4. REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General to present a report at the next Summit on the implementation of this resolution.**

**RESOLUTION ON CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN MINISTERS**  
**OF EDUCATION**

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government, of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its 25<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session from 24 to 26 July, 1989 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia,

**Noting** the meeting of the Ministers of Education of Sub-Saharan Africa held in Abuja, Nigeria in July, 1989, at which a number of recommendations were adopted on measures to improve the educational systems in Africa,

**Recognizing** that there are serious problems affecting the educational systems in Africa, especially the inability to maintain high standards and to make education available to more people, in the face of increasing demands for education and of dwindling resources available to governments to sustain it,

**Concerned** that these problems are posing political, social and economic difficulties for governments in sub-Saharan Africa,

**Convinced** that education in science and technology are indispensable for industrialization and rapid economic development in Africa:

1. **WELCOMES** the recent study conducted by the World Bank on education in sub-Saharan Africa and its attendant problems;
2. **RECOMMENDS** that member States should continue to make their best efforts to increase significantly the level of their investments in education, in order to maintain the high standards of education and improve its spread in their countries;
3. **CALLS UPON** OAU member States to co-operate more effectively, with one another in collaboration with the relevant organs, organizations and bodies within the United Nations' System through enhanced exchange of information and experience, in order to tackle the basic problems affecting education in Africa, including scarcity of resources, and thereby increase the

**capacity of governments to deliver adequately educational services, within the context of goals and objectives established by governments;**

- 4. INVITES OAU Member States to increase the level of resources available for the promotion of education in the field of science and technology at all levels in their countries and in this regard they should participate effectively in the activities of the Third World Network of Scientific organizations, the South Commission and other organizations with similar objective and principles;**
  
- 5. DECIDES to establish a Conference of African Ministers of Education under the aegis of the Organization of African Unity, which should meet at least every two years.**

**RESOLUTION ON THE CHAD/LIBYAN TERRITORIAL DISPUTE**

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government, of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its 25<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session from 24 to 26 July, 1989 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia,

**Having heard** the report of the Chairman of the OAU **Ad-Hoc** Committee of the Chad/Libyan Territorial Dispute,

**Considering** the fundamental principles of the OAU Charter,

**Recalling** the relevant Resolutions of the OAU on disputes between African States particularly Resolution AHG/16 (X) on the inviolability of borders inherited from colonization,

**Recalling further** the resolutions, decisions and recommendations of the OAU relating to the Chad/Libyan Territorial Dispute,

**Considering** Declaration AHG/Decl (XXV) on the Establishment of the **Ad Hoc** Mediation Committee on the Chad/Libya Territorial Dispute,

**Expressing satisfaction** with the implementation of Resolution 174 particularly the re-establishment of diplomatic ties between Chad and Libya;

**Expressing appreciation** also with the historic Bamako Meeting held between the Heads of State of Libya and Chad on 20 and 21 July, 1989, on the initiative of President Moussa Traore and attended by President Al Hadj Omar Bongo, Chadli Bengedia and Ibrahim Babandion,

**Noting Further** the good will demonstrated by the two parties Chad and Libya with a view to facilitating the settlement of their dispute;

1. **ADOPTS** the report of the chairman of the OAU **Ad-Hoc** Committee on the Chad/Libya Territorial Dispute,



2. **COMMENDS** President Mousra Troare and El Jadj Omar Bongo, Current Chairman of the OAU and Chairman of the OAU Ad-Hoc Committee on the Chad/Libya Territorial Dispute respectively, for exceptionally remarkable efforts they made during the process of settling the Chad/Libya Territorial dispute;
3. **FURTHER COMMENDS** all Member States of the OAU Ad-Hoc Committee on the Chad/Libra Territorial dispute for the excellent work accomplished;
4. **REITERATES** its full confidence in H.E. El Hadj OMAR BONGO, Chairman of the Committee;
5. **RENEWS** the mandate of the Committee as initially constituted, and **REQUESTS** that it pursues its efforts in order to reach a political solution to the Chad/Libya dispute within the framework of the OAU by inter-alia:
  - a) ending completely all forms of hostility and consolidating the ceasefire;
  - b) settling the territorial dispute through peaceful and political means and signing a pact of non-aggression, fraternity and good neighborliness;
  - c) reparation of the effects of the war and the re-establishment of bilateral co-operation.
6. **EXPRESSES APPRECIATION** with the affirmed will of Chad and Libya to seek a political solution to their dispute with in the framework of the OAU and **INVITES** them to continue to co-operate closely with the Committee;
7. **REQUESTS** the Chairman of the Committee to submit a report to the Twenty-sixth Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government.

**RESOLUTION FOR AN ENDURING ALLEVIATION OF AFRICA'S  
DEBT PROBLEMS**

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government, of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its 25<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session from 24 to 26 July, 1989 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia,

**Recalling** the Lagos Plan of Action and the Final Act of Lagos adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government at its Special Session at Lagos, Nigeria in 1980,

**Noting** the African Priority Programme for Economic Recovery (APPER) and the United Nations programme of Action for Africa's Economic Recovery and Development (UNPAAERD),

**Recalling** also the Assembly of Heads of State and Government meeting at its Special Session on Africa's External Indebtedness in 1987 at which it was decided to convene an International Conference on Africa's External Debt Problems,

**Gravely Concerned** with Africa's economic situation which continues to worsen in spite of the determined efforts made by Member States to deal with the dismal state of their economies, especially the excruciating debt burden, which has stunted growth and development and engendered political instability in some African Countries:

1. **WELCOMES** the various debt initiatives, especially the recent debt cancellation offers by President François Mitterrand of France and president George Bush of the United States;
2. **RECOGNIZES**, however, that much more debt relief has to be granted to the debt-distressed countries in Africa.
3. **CALLS UPON** the international community to urgently evolve a more comprehensive strategy to address all aspects of Africa's debt problems, both official and commercial loans, on an enduring basis;

4. **URGES creditor countries to write-off the official debt owed from then by African countries, in view of their generalized poverty and the attendant economic structures that are fragile and obsolete together with the low per capita incomes which now make them qualify as low-income or debt-distressed countries:**
  
5. **RECOMMENDS THAT:**
  - a) **the World Bank should make at least 50 per cent of the resources under IDA-Ninth Replenishment available to African countries to relieve their debt burden; and**
  
  - b) **the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank should make resources available under the SAF, ESAP and the sub-Saharan African Facility to countries with overdue debt service obligations to the two institutions, so that repurchases can be undertaken by the affected countries with the advantage of enjoying the relief inherent in those facilities;**
  
6. **URGES the developed countries to establish a Special AID Consultative Group under the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, with the active support of the World Bank, IMF and the African Development Bank (ADB);**
  
7. **URGES FURTHER the donor and creditor countries to provide financial assistance under the Special Aid Consultative Group to distressed African countries, and that the proceeds of the financial assistance should be used to effect debt service obligations to those institutions where debt cannot be rescheduled or written off;**
  
8. **RECOMMENDS also:**
  - a) **the establishment of an international debt purchasing institution or agency, under the aegis of the IMF and the World Bank to purchase the existing commercial bank debt of African countries at substantial**

**discounts reflecting market rates, while the discounts so realized should be passed on to the obligators; and**

**b) that the transactions should be financed partly with voluntary contributions from the developed countries and with uncommitted resources under the specialized facilities of the World Bank and the IMF, with low or no conditionality attachment;**

**9. URGES also the creditor countries, in the meantime, to take urgent necessary action to moderate interest rates, so as to prevent a further build-up in Africa's debt stock;**

**10. INVITES African countries which are not already doing so to embark to appropriate comprehensive structural reforms and so strengthen their macro-economic management, in order to reverse capital flight, stimulate sustained growth and enhance balance-of-payment viability.**

**RESOLUTION ON ANGOLA**

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government, of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its 25<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session from 24 to 26 July, 1989 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia,

**Taking cognizance** of the initiatives of the Frontline States, and other African Heads of State to bring about national reconciliation, peace and harmony in the People's Republic of Angola, and the Peace Plan for Angola;

**Welcoming** the unanimous decision of the Central Committee of the MPLA Labour Party to endorse the Peace Plan,

**Further welcoming** the proclamation of a cease-fire in the People's Republic of Angola,

**Having heard** the report of the Current Chairman of the Summit of African Heads of State held in Gbadolite, Zaire on 22 June, 1989,

**Further noting** the statement of the President of the People's Republic of Angola on the Peace Plan for national reconciliation in Angola,

**Taking note** of the Gbadolite Declaration on Angola which aims at national reconciliation in the People's Republic of Angola,

**Taking note** of the Report on the mission of the 1989 Ministerial Delegation on Washington D.C. and,

**Taking further note** of the position of the Bush Administration to continue to provide military and financial assistance to UNITA:

1. EXPRESS ITS APPRECIATION to all those involved in the initiative for peace in the People's Republic of Angola, particularly to the Outgoing Chairman, president Moussa Traore of Mali to the presidents of the Frontline States, and among others the Presidents of the Republics of Zaire,

**Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Cape Verde, Chad, Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Gabon, Guinea Bissau, Nigeria, Rwanda, the Republic of Sao Tome and Principe, and His Majesty the King of Morocco;**

- 2. FURTHER EXPRESSES ITS DEEP APPRECIATION to President Jose Eduardo Dos Santos, the Central Committee of the MPLA-Labour Party and the People of Angola, for their commitment to national reconciliation, to peace and brotherhood in Angola;**
- 3. WELCOME the Gbadolite Declaration on Angola, and the Proclamation of a ceasefire in the People's Republic of Angola;**
- 4. TAKES NOTE of the Report on the mission of the 1989 Ministerial Delegation to Washington D.C.;**
- 5. CALLS UPON the Administration of President George Bush to discontinue all military and financial assistance to UNITA;**
- 6. FURTHER CALLS UPON the members of the Congress of the United States to oppose any and all assistance to UNITA and to support the efforts of Africa to bring peace and national reconciliation in the People's Republic of Angola,**
- 7. ENDORSES the Plan for Peace and Reconciliation in the People's Republic of Angola;**
- 8. CALLS UPON the International Community to support the initiatives for national reconciliation in the People's Republic of Angola.<sup>1</sup>**

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<sup>1</sup> Reservations of the Cote d'Ivoire on Paragraph 8 of the Preamble and paragraph 5 of the operative section

**RESOLUTION ON EXTERNAL RESOURCE FLOWS**

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twenty-fifth Ordinary Session, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 24 to 26 July 1989,

**Recalling** the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1985 – 1990 adopted by the UN General Assembly in June 1986 which, **inter-alia**, called upon the international community to make every effort to provide sufficient resources to support and supplement the African development effort,

**Concerned** that the flow of concessional resources to the Continent has not been commensurate with the requirements to fully support the efforts being made by African countries to implement policy reforms and structural adjustment programmes,

**Appreciative** of the contributions so far made by the international community towards resources mobilization for economic recovery and transformation,

**Recognizing** the vital role which these resources are playing in Africa's socio-economic recovery and development and that the international community is fully aware of the need for providing increased concessional resources to support the economic and social development of the African countries:

1. **APPEALS** to the international donor community to:
  - a) increase substantially the sixth replenishment of the African Development Fund over the level of the fifth replenishment and to increase the grant portion of finance for technical assistance,
  - b) increase substantially the ninth replenishment of the International Development Association (IDA) over the level of the eighth;
  - c) extend the Multi-Donor Special Programme for Africa beyond 1990; and

- d) recognize the need to create additional and separate facilities to provide concessional financial support to the African middle-income non-IDA-eligible countries, whose needs the present international arrangements are unable to provide on appropriate terms;**
- 2. APPRECIATES the continuing efforts made by the Management of the African Development Bank to find lasting solution to the external debt problem;**
- 3. REQUESTS the Managements of the African Development Bank and of the International Financial Institutions to intensify their efforts in mobilizing concessional resources from the developed countries to support the economic and social recovery and development of Africa.**



**RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE AFRICAN COMMISSION**  
**ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS**

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twenty-fifth Ordinary Session, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 24 to 26 July 1989,

**Having considered** the report on the activities of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights for the period 1988 – 1989, presented by the Chairman of the Commission, Mr. Isaac NGUEMA,

**Considering** that the promotion and protection of Human and Peoples' Rights are essential ingredients for the advancement of African citizens and peoples and constitute a significant contribution to the realization of their development aspirations,

**Expressing satisfaction** with the inauguration of the Headquarters and the Permanent Secretariat of the Commission in Banjul, Republic of the Gambia, on 12 June, 1989,

**Noting** the request of the Commission for appropriations for its promotional activities, increase in the emoluments for the Members of the Commission and the recruitment of staff to enable the Commissions to effectively carry out its assigned task,

**Resolved** to provide the Commission with the resources necessary for its effective functioning with the view to attaining its assigned objectives:

1. **ADOPTS** the report on the activities of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' rights for the period 1988 – 1989 and authorizes that it be published;
2. **EXPRESSES ITS GRATITUDE** to the Republic of The Gambia for the material and other facilities offered the Secretariat of the Commission to enable it become operational;

- 3. COMMENDS the Chairman and members of the Commission for the excellent work accomplished and URGES them to continue in the same manner;**
  
- 4. FURTHER URGES Member States who have not yet done so to ratify the African Charter on Human and Peoples' rights;**
  
- 5. REQUESTS the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the Advisory Committee on Administrative, Budgetary and Financial Matters to find, prior to the next financial year, appropriate solutions to the budgetary, financial and personnel problems raised by the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights.**

**VOTE OF THANKS**

We, Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twenty-fifth Ordinary Session, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 24 to 26 July 1989,

**Having heard** the comprehensive and excellent Activity Report of H.E. President Moussa TRAORE, Chairman of the Twenty-fourth Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity,

**Having followed** with keen interest the indefatigable efforts deployed throughout his term of office to ensure the realization and consolidation of the principles of the Organization of African Unity as well as the attainment of its objectives,

**Having noted** with satisfaction his realistic vision of African problems, his dedication to an unflinching and constant support for the cause of African Unity, the dignity of the African peoples as well as the survival of the Organization of African Unity,

**Noting** with deep satisfaction the efficient, farsighted and methodic manner in which H.E. President Hosni MOUBARAK has conducted the deliberations of the Twenty-fifth Ordinary Session of our Assembly,

**Expressing** our appreciation for the warm welcome and hospitality extended to the Heads of State and Government as well as Heads of delegation by Comrade President Mengistu Haile Mariam, the government and people of the People's Democratic Republic of Ethiopia,

**Further expressing satisfaction** at the lucid and informative reports submitted by the Secretary-General of the Organization, Mr. Ide OUMAROU:

1. CONGRATULATE AND THANK H.E. President Moussa TRAORE, Chairman of the Twenty-fourth Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of States and Government of the Organization of African Unity for his exhaustive report full of information on Africa's most crucial issues;

2. **EXPRESS OUR DEEP GRATITUDE to and OUR ADMIRATION for President Moussa TRAORE for his exceptional dedication to duty in the accomplishment of his mission, for his Pan-Africanist and unwavering stand on the strict adherence to the Charter and the principles of the Organization as demonstrated throughout his term of office;**
3. **FURTHER EXPRESS OUR PROFOUNC GRATITUDE to and OUR ADMIRATION for President Hosni MOUBARAK for the efficient, farsighted and methodical manner in which he has directed the deliberations of the Twenty-fifth Ordinary Session;**
4. **EXPRESS OUR MOST SINCERE THANKS and GRATITUDE to Comrade President Mengistu Haile Mariam, the Party, the Government and brotherly People of the People's Democratic Republic of Ethiopia for the warm welcome and the very generous hospitality accorded all delegations participating in the deliberations of the Twenty-fifth Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government;**
5. **EXPRESS ALSO our SENCERE THANKS and OUR GREAT SATISFACTION to the Secretary-General, Mr. Ide OUMAROU and the staff of our Continental Organization, for the lucid and comprehensive report they submitted to us;**
6. **EXPRESS our heartfelt congratulations to Dr. SALIM AHMED SALIM on his election as Secretary-General of our Organization and wish him success in his heavy, but exhalting task. Knowing his ability and seriousness as we do, we are confident that he will accomplish his mission with success.**

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