

RESOLUTION ON UNESCO

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twentieth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 12 – 15 November, 1984,

Recalling that it is the cardinal duty of all countries to endeavor to preserve and consolidate international cooperation through the multilateral institutions, particularly those of the UN system which were primarily established to preserve world peace,

Considering that UNESCO and the OAU have since the 1960s maintained fruitful co-operation in the fields of Education, Social and Human Sciences, Natural Sciences, Cultural and Communication,

Bearing in mind the co-operation Agreement signed on 10 July 1968 by the two Organizations,

Expressing appreciation for the assistance UNESCO offers within the scope of its competence, not only to Member States, but also to the OAU General Secretariat, African national liberation movements and to African refugees:

1. **REAFFIRMS** its commitment to the noble ideals of UNESCO;
2. **WELCOMES** the action that it undertakes within the scope of its competence to promote peace, security and understanding amongst men;
3. **COMMENDS** Mr. A.M. M'Bow, the Director General of UNESCO, for his wise leadership and courage, his dedication to the cause of international cooperation and his exceptional role in assisting the Member States of the Organization;
4. **REGRETS** the intention of the United States of America to withdraw from UNESCO in the near future with the consequences this would have on the life and mission of the Organization;

- 5. BELIEVES that such an action, if it does materialize, would deprive the Organization and its Member States of a valid representative in the fields of Education, the Sciences, Culture and Communication;**

- 6. STRONGLY APPEALS to the Government of the United States of America to reconsider its position.**

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