

**RESOLUTION ON THE STATEMENT OF OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS OF  
MEMBER STATES**

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,

**Having considered** Document AHG/125 (XX) of the Secretary-General a.i. on the statement of outstanding contributions of Member States to the ordinary budgets of the Organization of African Unity,

**Endorsing** Resolution CM/Res. 926 (XL) on the 1984/1985 budget and programme of the OAU adopted by the Fortieth Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers which met in Addis Ababa from 27 February to 5 March 1984,

**Aware of** the need for sound financial management to enable the Organization function normally and pursue its activities effectively,

**Bearing in mind** that the implementation of the Lagos Plan of Action and Final Act requires the mobilization of substantial financial resources,

**Greatly concerned** about the accumulation of arrears and the need to take urgent measures in order to solve this major problem which may compromise and paralyze the activities of the OAU General Secretariat,

**Considering** that the payment of outstanding contributions is the statutory and moral obligation of every Member State to the Organization of African Unity:

1. **EXPRESSES** its deep gratitude and sincere appreciation to the Member States which have paid contributions to the Ordinary Budget of the OAU regularly and fully before the close of each financial year;
2. **CONGRATULATES** the outgoing Chairman of the OAU on the repeated appeals made to his colleagues to honor their financial commitments to the OAU;

- 3. CONGRATULATES** the OAU Secretary-General a.i. on the series of strict austerity measures adopted in view of the General Secretariat's financial situations and **URGES** him to follow them up:
- 4. URGENTLY APPEALS** to Member States which have not yet paid their outstanding contributions to the Organization's Ordinary Budgets and to the budget of the current financial year to do so;
- 5. CALLS UPON** the Secretary-General to get in touch with Member States directly and urge them to honor their financial commitments to the OAU in compliance with Article 97 of the OAU Financial Rules and Regulations;
- 6. AGAIN CALLS UPON** the Advisory Committee on Administrative Budgetary and Financial Matters and the General Secretariat to propose an austerity programme and budget taking into consideration the economic crisis which seriously affects African States.

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