

**RESOLUTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND FOR DROUGHT
AND FAMINE IN AFRICA**

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 the Lagos Plan of Action which recommends the consideration of possibility to establish an African food relief organization so as to help the member countries in the event of serious food shortage,

Bearing in mind the Declaration of Famine in Africa adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government in Nairobi,

Recalling Res. 35/69 of the United Nations General Assembly on the food and agriculture situations in Africa which stipulates the grant of an additional food and financial aid to enable the countries of the continent face the food shortage,

Considering that many African countries are victims of a persistent drought,

Deeply concerned about the serious economic and social problems resulting from the drought situation and deterioration of the agrarian structures particularly the extension of hunger and malnutrition.

Noting that the combination of consequences of this drought and the repercussions of the world economic crisis have seriously perturbed the development efforts of those countries,

Deploring the lack of progress made by the international community in the attainment of the objective of the Universal Declaration on the elimination of hunger and malnutrition,

Conscious of the need for concrete and emergency measures to ensure the survival of African people threatened by hunger:

1. **DECIDES** to establish a Special Emergency Assistance Fund for drought and famine in Africa;
2. **CALLS UPON** the Member States, other developing countries and the developed countries to contribute generously to the Fund;
3. **RECORDS** with deep appreciation the initial contributions of US\$10 million each to the Fund by Algeria and Libya;
4. **CALLS UPON** the agencies and operational programmes of the United Nations System to participate actively in the obtainment of the objectives of the Fund;
5. **REQUESTS** the OAU Secretary-General to make the necessary contacts for the purpose and submit a report on the progress made to the next Assembly of Heads of State and Government.

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