

**RESOLUTION ON THE DRAWING UP OF A PROGRAMME OF
ASSISTANCE TO AFRICA BY UNESCO IN THE FIELDS
OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND RESEARCH/DEVELOPMENT**

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twenty-first Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 18 to 20 July, 1985,

Considering the fruitful co-operation that exists between the OAU and UNESCO, particularly in the fields of Education and Science, which has been further strengthened since the first meeting of the Joint OAU/UNESCO Consultation Committee (5 – 7 December, 1984),

Considering that the basic development problems of Africa can only be solved on a long-term basis through better mastery of science and technology,

Considering that the UNESCO programme already includes a series of major projects designed to develop the scientific and technical potential of African countries,

Considering that the formulation of these projects should be systematised through a genuine, harmonized and meticulously prepared programme so as to ensure greater efficiency:

1. CALLS UPON Member States to support within UNESCO and particularly at its forthcoming General Conference scheduled to be held in Sofia, Bulgaria in October 1985, the idea of the drawing up by UNESCO of a Programme of Assistance to Africa in the fields of scientific research and Research/Development;
2. SUGGESTS that this Programme should primarily aim at the development of the scientific and technical potential of the African countries in the fields of geology, micro-biology, agriculture, food, health, surface and underground waters;
3. REQUESTS the Secretary-General to submit a report to the next Assembly of Heads of State and Government on the implementation of this resolution.

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