

**DECISION ON THE CONVENING OF THE  
FIRST MINISTERIAL SESSION OF THE  
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION**

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting at its 32nd Ordinary Session in Yaounde, Cameroon from 8 to 10 July 1996,

Having considered Document CM/1953 (LXIV) containing the Report of the Experts relating to the First Session of the Economic and Social Commission (ECOSOC),

Considering the entry into force, as of 12 May 1994, of the Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community,

Aware of the urgency of implementing the provisions of the Treaty, in particular its Article 6:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report on the first Expert's session of ECOSOC;
2. **DECIDES** that the Ministerial Session of ECOSOC should take place before the end of November 1996 in order to consider the draft recommendations of the meeting of Experts;
3. **URGES** all Member States to be represented at the Ministerial Session of ECOSOC by Ministers responsible for Economic Development and Planning or regional integration, as specified in Article 15 of the AEC Treaty;
4. **URGES FURTHER** all Member States to give priority attention to the Draft Protocol on Relations between the African Economic Community and Regional Economic Communities so as to facilitate its consideration and approval by the Ministerial Meeting of ECOSOC.

**AND GOVERNMENT**  
**Thirty-Second Ordinary Session**  
**8 - 10 July, 1996**  
**Yaounde, Cameroon**

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