

**RESOLUTION ON AIDS AND AFRICA:**  
**AN AGENDA FOR ACTION**

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twenty-eighth Ordinary Session in Dakar, Senegal from 29 June to 1 July 1992:

**Considering** document ECAMH/I (II) on AIDS and Africa: An Agenda for Action;

**Recalling** Declaration AHG/DECL.3 – (XXVII) on the current African Health Crisis adopted in Abuja,

**Recalling further** resolutions CM/Res. 1165 (XLVIII), CM/Res. 1302 (LII) of the Council of Ministers of 1988 and 1990 respectively and recalling resolutions CAMH/Res. 11 (II), CAMH/Res. 6 (III) and CAMG/Res. 6 (IV) Rev. 1 of the Conference of African Ministers of Health on AIDS in Africa,

**Recognizing** the seriousness and deterioration of the AIDS situation due to an increasing number of people being infected with the AIDS virus in Africa,

**Realizing** that primary prevention of infection is based on effective education with subsequent behavioral changes towards safer sexual practices which are effective strategies requiring vigorous, concerted community-based sustained action,

**Realizing** that a significant increase in orphans and urban and rural poor is emerging in Africa as a result of this epidemic,

**Concerned** that there is presently no cure for AIDS and the available drugs which only prolong the lives of AIDS patients are financially beyond the reach of our Member States:

**1. RECOMMENDS TO ALL HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT:**

- i. that no effort be spared to combat this invariably fatal disease;

- ii. to declare full political commitment to making AIDS prevention a matter of highest priority and to mobilizing all national, local, traditional and religious leaders for the fight against AIDS through individual and collective behavior change and through the adequate allocation of both internal and external resources;
- iii. to fight against all forms of discriminatory practices and stigmatization against people with AIDS and actively protect vulnerable groups including women and children;
- iv. to establish mechanisms that will facilitate and ensure inter-sectoral and intercountry collaboration and coordination as well as integration with other relevant health related programmes for the long-term control of AIDS;

## **2. DIRECTS**

- i. all African Ministers of Health, in collaboration with other appropriate sectors of government, to develop a comprehensive plan of action which can be implemented for the prevention and control of AIDS;
- ii. all sectors of African Governments, to engage without delay in research activities related to the understanding, prevention and control of AIDS in Africa;

## **3. REQUESTS:**

- i. the International community and all international agencies to increase their financial support and strengthen their inputs to OAU Member States in order to alleviate the overwhelming health, social and economic consequences of AIDS;
- ii. the International Research Institutions of Donor Community and International Agencies in collaboration with African scientists to intensify

**and accelerate their basic and clinical research efforts in the production of effective and accessible vaccines and drugs against AIDS;**

- iii. support OAU Member States to strengthen and develop their health services, particularly in the area of infrastructures, equipment, training and retention of health personnel for the long-term sustainability of the AIDS effort;**
- iv. the National Institutions with support from International agencies to carry out research activities in accordance with the highest ethical standards in all areas relating to AIDS.**

**4. CALLS UPON:**

**All multilateral and bilateral agencies, as well as non-governmental organizations to work with African governments for the timely implementation of this resolution.**

**5. REQUETS:**

- i. the Secretary-General of the OAU, in collaboration with WHO, to encourage the implementation of the proposed agenda for action adopted by the 28<sup>th</sup> OAU Summit;**
- ii. the Secretary-General of the OAU, in collaboration with all Member States and with the support of WHO, and other international agencies to monitor the implementation of this resolution and report to the Twenty-ninth Summit of Heads of State and Government.**

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