

RESOLUTION ON THE RULES GOVERNING THE GRANTING OF  
SUBVENTIONS

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its 24<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, from 13 to 21 February 1975,

Concerned over the ever-increasing number of applications for subventions submitted to the OAU by several African organizations or associations, and particularly over their effect on the increasing budget of the Organization;

Considering the need for stricter rules for the granting of subvention by the OAU;

Recalling in this respect its previous resolutions and decisions, especially those of the Nineteenth Session of the Council endorsed by the Ninth Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government in Rabat;

1. DECIDES that the granting of OAU subvention shall be governed by the following conditions:
  - a) That the recipient shall be an African Organization or Association whose activities, programmes and objectives fall within the purview of the aims of the OAU as defined in the charter of 25 May 1963;
  - b) that it should already have observer status at the OAU;
  - c) that these Organizations or Associations which have previously received such subventions should first account for them before applying for new ones.
2. REAFFIRMS that the granting or enjoyment of observer status does not, per se, give right to OAU subvention.
3. REAFFIRMS that OAU subventions merely assistance, a temporary contribution to an African Organization or Association satisfying the criteria set out in operative

paragraph 1 of the present resolution in view of OAU's limited resources and its financial difficulties, so as to enable it to fulfill its mission in the service of Africa.

4. DECIDES that the dossiers should first be examined by the Secretary General who will thereafter refer them to the Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Financial Matters and the Council of Ministers.
5. REQUESTS the Administrative Secretary General to abide scrupulously by the provisions of operative paragraph 4 of the present resolution.