

RESOLUTION ON AFRICA REFUGEE DAY

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Twenty-Fourth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 13th to 21st February, 1975,

Recalling its various resolutions calling on Member States to observe yearly and Africa Refugee Day in order to raise funds for assistance to refugees;

Having studied the report of the 9th Ordinary Session of the OAU Commission of Ten on Refugees;

Considering the progress realized in the field of decolonization in Africa and the repercussions on refugee problems in Africa;

Noting with satisfaction the entry into force on 20th June 1974, of the OAU Convention governing the specific aspects of the refugee problem in Africa;

1. **ADOPTS** the report and recommendations of the OAU Commission of Ten on Refugees concerning Africa Refugee Day,
2. **DECIDES** that the 20th of June of every year be observed by Member States as Africa Refugee Day,
3. **CALLS** on Member states to observe the Day for the first time on 20th June 1975 and to adopt "Voluntary Repatriation" as the theme of the occasion,
4. **REQUESTS** the OAU Administrative Secretary-General to ensure that the necessary publicity be given to the Day, to provide Member States with all the necessary documentation for the occasion and to raise the necessary funds required for the preparation and observance of the Day,
5. **REQUESTS** Member States to implement, where possible, the draft programme drawn up by the Commission of Ten on Refugees for the observance of the Day.