

RESOLUTION ON CO-OPERATION BETWEEN AOU AND UNEP

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

Reaffirming its desire to actively participate in international action for the protection of the environment, as well as the necessity for continued co-operation with institutions and agencies of the United Nations system,

Recalling the Declaration on Co-operation, Development and Economic Independence,

Recalling resolution CM/Res. 379 (XXIII) and CM/Res. 383 (XIII) concerning the conservation of African ecological systems and the exploitation of forests of the African Continent,

Recalling the resolutions of the Council of Ministers on the absolute sovereignty of Member States over the natural resources of Africa,

Having studied the report of the Administrative Secretary-General on co-operation between OAU and UNEP,

1. **AUTHORIZES** the Secretary-General to negotiate an agreement of co-operation between OAU and UNEP and requests him to submit the results of his negotiations with UNEP for the approval of the Council;
2. **RECOMMENDS** to African governments, whether or not members of the UNEP Administrative Council to ensure by means of their active participation at UNEP Administrative Council Sessions, that African priorities in the field of environment are taken into consideration;
3. **REQUESTS** the Administrative Secretary-General to follow the work of the UNEP Administrative Council and to regularly report to the Council;

4. **AUTHORIZES** the Secretary-General, prior to the signing of an agreement of co-operation between OAU and UNEP, to take all measures likely to reinforce co-operation between OAU and UNEP.