CM/Res. 448 (XXV)

RESOLUTION ON NATURAL DISASTERS

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its 25th Ordinary Session in Kampala, Uganda, from 18 to 25 July 1975,

**Having heard** the statement by the Malagasy delegation on the increasingly frequent occurrence of tropical cyclones in Madagascar over the past decade,

**Having studied** report CM/552/Add.4 on natural disasters and document CM/673

(XXV) on drought and Natural Disasters,

**Noting** with concern the havoc caused by four successive cyclones occurred in Madagascar from 11 January to 8 March 1975,

**Conscious** of the magnitude of the havoc caused by this natural disaster to the economic and social situation of the country,

**Considering** the active solidarity which has always existed between Member States of the Organization of African Unity,

**Convinced** of the need to give urgent assistance tot he Republic of Madagascar and draw up a global strategy for the Indian Ocean Zone, to combat this scourge,

**Recalling** resolution CM/Res. 407 (XXIV) on the meteorological services and socio- economic development in Africa,

**Recalling** resolution CM/ on drought and natural disasters in Africa,

**DECIDES** to exempt the Republic of Madagascar from payment of its contribution to the 1975/76 budget.