

**RESOLUTION ON THE SECOND CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN MINISTERS OF  
SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Twenty-Seventh Ordinary Session at Port Louis, Mauritius, from 24 June to 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 1976.

Recalling the African Declaration on Co-operation, Development and Economic Independence, and more particularly its operative paragraphs related to Mobilization of Human Resources, adopted by the OAU Assembly of Heads of State and Government in May 1973 – Document CM/ST.12 (XXI);

**Recalling** also that since 1967 African Ministers responsible for social welfare, rural development, youth, social development and related fields did not have the opportunity of reviewing together the African social situation and the problems related to social development on the continent;

**Considering** that there is a need to study the social implications of the New International Economic Order, in order to develop the appropriate and common approach and strategies for social development in Africa;

**Having examined** document CM/733 (XXVII) Add. 2;

**Noting** the arrangements envisaged and underway by the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA);

1. **RECOMMENDS** that the Organization of African Unity co-sponsors the Second Conference of African Ministers of Social Affairs, with the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt, and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa;
2. **CALLS UPON** all OAU Member States to actively participate, at the highest possible level, in this important meeting.

3. **INVITES** the attention of all OAU Member States to the need of establishing in Africa, with African resources and other possible contributions, a **Regional Centre for Research and Training in Social Development**, which would assist African governments in the area of human resources development;
4. **REQUESTS** the Administrative Secretary-General to closely associate the Secretariat with the organization of the conference, to fully participate in its work and deliberations and to submit a comprehensive report on the Conference to the 29<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers;
5. **REQUESTS** the Secretary-General to invite ASWEA and other concerned organizations to participate in the preparation of the this Conference.