

RESOLUTION ON THE UNION OF AFRICAN RAILWAYS

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 3rd July, 1976.

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General, Document CM/733 (XXVII) Add. 3;

Considering the African Declaration on the co-operation, development and economic independence adopted by the 10th Summit of Heads of State of the OAU in May 1973;

Recalling the Resolution CM/Res. 165 (XI) on the intra-African co-operation in the field of road, rail and sea transport;

Considering the great importance of railway transport in the African economic and social development;

Considering particularly the essential role that the railways are expected to play in reducing the enclavement of the landlocked countries and in developing the commercial exchanges between African States;

Considering that the main objective of the Union is to seek the improvement of railway services with the view to linking the African railway networks to each other in the process of the economic integration between African States;

Noting the creation of the Union of African railways due to the OAU and E.C.A. efforts and the fixation of the headquarters of this continental organization applicable to the majority of the African railway Administrations at Kinshasa (Republic of Zaire);

Considering the Resolution adopted by the member of the Union of African Railways who requested, while meeting in their third General Assembly from 20 to 25 October 1975, the OAU to grant the U.A.R. the status of specialized Agency.

1. **CONGRATULATES** the Administrative Secretary General of the OAU and the Executive Secretary of the U.N.E.C.A. for all the efforts displayed with the view to creating this Union;
2. **DECIDES** to grant the U.A.R. the Status of Specialized Agency;
3. **ENTRUSTS** the Administrative Secretary General of O.A.U. to take up the matter with the view to signing an Agreement between the O.A.U. and the U.A.R.