

RESOLUTION ON UN WATER CONFERENCE

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.

Bearing in mind the recommendations of the UN Conference on the Environment held in Stockholm in 1972 and of the UN Conference on Human Settlement held in Vancouver in June 1976, particularly, those on supply of safe water to all the populations;

Taking into consideration the importance of having an African Strategy and a unified position;

Bearing in mind the great importance of this Conference to the African region;

Recalling its resolution CM/262 (XVIII) on human environment regarding the supply of clean water to the African population,

1. **WELCOMES** the convening of the UN Water Conference to be held in Argentina in March 1977;
2. **URGES** the African Governments to fully support and participate in this Conference and in the preparatory process, including the regional meetings;
3. **CALLS UPON** the Administrative Secretary-General of the OAU in collaboration with the Executive Secretary of the ECA and if possible with the Executive Director or UNDP, to convene the African delegations to the Water Conference for the harmonization of their views and the adoption of one African position;
4. **REQUESTS** the General Secretariat of the OAU to render services to the African delegations during the conference and provide the appropriate team for the achievement of this purpose;

5. **RECOMMENDS** that the African delegations participate in any African regional conference to be held, and in the World Conference itself, should have the objective of defining operational strategies and targets in the field of water development as basis for formulating and strengthening the programme of UNDP as well as the programme of actions defined by the Vancouver Conference in this area.