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RESOLUTION ON THE PROGRAMME OF COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE

The Council of Ministers of the OAU meeting in its 29 th Ordinary Session in Libreville, Gabon, from 23^{rd} June to 3 July, 1977

Recalling its Resolution on Inter African Cooperation and Technical Assistance and in particular its resolutions CM/Res. 409 to 412 (XXIV) concerning the OAU Technical Cooperation Programme; Resolution CM/Res. 479 (XXIV) on the creation of the OAU Fund for Assistance and Cooperation: Resolution CM/Res. 495 (XXVI I) on the Conference of African intergovernmental Organizations: Resolution CM/Res. 532 (XXVIII) on the Report of the Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Financial Matters;

Concerning about the weak support so far given to the OAU Technical Cooperation Programme by the African intergovernmental organizations the OAU Member States and the Organizations of the U.A. (except the UNDP);

Considering the importance of Technical Co-operation among African Countries as a means to self-development and a basis of mutual self assistance, and of the OAU Technical Cooperation Programme as a pilot programme for Technical Cooperation among developing counties;

Recalling resolution CM/Res. 532 (XXVIII) of the Council of Ministers:

- 1. **REAFFIRMS** its resolutions CM/Res. 409 to 412 (XXIV), Cm/Res. 479, 495 and 516 (XXIV) on OAU Programme for Intra African Technical Cooperation and Resolution 532 (XXVIII) on the Report of the Advisory Committee on budgetary and Financial Matters.
- 2. **URGES** OAU Member States to ratify as early as possible the Inter-African Convention on the establishment of the OAU Technical Co -operation Programme,

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3. **FURTHER URGES** Member States and Organizations of the UN Family to give full support to this programme especially by providing the OAU General Secre tariat with the necessary human, financial and material resources,

- 4. **DECIDES** that the Office responsible for OAU Technical Cooperation be enlarged and reinforced, and requests the Administrative Secretary General to take steps to this end,
- 5. **APPEALS** to the Arab Fund for Afro-Arab Technical Cooperation to make a sum of 1 million US dollars available to the OAU Technical Cooperation fund,
- 6. **CALLS ON** the Administrative Secretary General to submit a report on the implementation of this Resolution to the Thirty -First Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers.