RESOLUTION ON THE FINANCIAL PROBLEMS OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON DROUGHT AND OTHER NATURAL CALAMITIES

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Twenty- Ninth Ordinary Session in Libreville, Gabon, from 23 rd June to 3 July, 1977,

**After taking** note of the report of the Administrative Secretary-General on the 5 th

Session of the OAU Ad-Hoc Committee on Drought and other Natural Calamities in Africa,

**Considering** the grave material situation affecting numerous States of the Organization owing to natural calamities,

**Considering** the increasing number of request for assistance, submitted by the Member

States,

**Considering** the importance of the financial needs required for helping the drought stricken States,

**Considering** the rather poor state of payment of obligatory contributions to the Emergency Relief Fund, for which the account No.616 has been opened at the Addis Ababa Commercial Bank,

**Taking into** consideration also of the fact that drought due to desertification, among other reasons, is almost a permanent state of affairs in many Sahelian States members of our Organization, and bearing in mind the importance of the funds required for a fruitful struggle against this situation,

1. **REITERATES** its appeal to all Member States to pay their contributions as soon as possible;
2. **APPEALS** to all United Nations specialized agencies and all other international governmental and non-governmental organisations, voluntary organisations etc. so that they increase their aid to affected States;
3. **REQUESTS** the Advisory Committee on budgetary and Financial Matters to release the necessary funds to ensure the smooth running of the newly established section on drought and natural disasters;
4. **REQUESTS** that the Ad Hoc Committee on drought and natural disasters in African be composed of the following States in accordance with resolution CM/Res. 540

(XXVIII) adopted by the Council of Ministers Meeting in Lome, Togo, from 21 – 28 February 1977:

North Africa : Algeria, Morocco, Sudan

West Africa : Senegal, Upper Volta, Ghana

Central Africa : Chad, Rwanda, Zaire

East Africa : Ethiopia, Somalia, Kenya

Southern Africa : Madagascar, Botswana, Mozambique