

RESOLUTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AFRICAN BUREAU
FOR RESEARCH ON TROPICAL FORESTS

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

Having heard the proposal of Gabon for the Establishment of an African Bureau for the Research on Tropical Forests;

Considering the existence of an administrative and legislative machinery within the OAU and in accordance with the 1968 OAU Convention on the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources which encourages notably the Forestry Research;

Considering the lack of knowledge on Tropical Forests; nowadays;

Considering the basic and traditional task (role) of the Forest in some African countries as for their economic development and as for the preservation of (the) ecology;

APPROVES the principles of the creation within the OAU General Secretariat of an African Bureau for Research on Tropical Forests which role would be notably:-

- a) to promote the research on Tropical Forests,
- b) to co-ordinate and stimulate the activities at the African level of research centres working in the field area of Tropical Forests,
- c) to promote the training of African specialists in the field of Tropical Forests,
- d) to encourage the plant production and the improvement of plants in Member States.