

**RESOLUTION ON THE REPLIES TO THE OPENING
AND CLOSING SPEECHES**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Thirtieth Ordinary Session in Tripoli, Libya from 20 to 28 February, 1978,

Bearing in mind one of the fundamental objectives of the charter of the Organization of African Unity, which is to achieve continental unity by transcending among other things linguistic barriers;

Considering that the replies to the opening speeches made at the meetings of the Organization are a sign of courtesy due to the host country which could not be questioned;

Considering however, that the practise of replying to these speeches on the basis of language groups is in itself divisive and thus constitutes an impediment to the desired unity:

DECIDES that in future the reply to the opening and closing speeches should be made on behalf of the Council by not more than two representatives without regard to linguistic considerations.