RESOLUTION ON REFUGEE PROBLEMS IN AFRICA

The Council of Ministers of the OAU meeting in its Thirty-First Ordinary Session in Khartoum, Democratic Republic of the Sudan, from 7 to 18 July 1978,

**Having considered** the report of the Administrative Secretary-General contained in document CM/884 (XXXI) on the Refugee Problems in Africa,

**Recalling** the various OAU resolutions on the question of African Refugees and in particular resolutions CM/536 (XXVIII) an dCM/547 (XXIX),

**Aware** of the gravity of the refugee situation as reflected in the increase in the number of refugees and of Africa’s responsibilities to alleviate the plight of refugees through a permanent solution,

**Taking note** of the recommendation on the appointment and duties of the OAU/BPEAR National Correspondence and the recommendation on Education and Training of African Refugees made by the Third Seminar of the OAU/BPEAR National Correspondents held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 13 to 17 September, 1977:

1. **COMMENDS** the Administrative Secretary-General for the report contained in document CM/884 (XXXI);
2. **EXPRESSES** its appreciation to the OAU Member States, the UNCHR and other donor agencies for their generous contributions to programmes in favour of African refugees;
3. **DECIDES** that contributions to the OAU Special fund referred to in operative paragraph 7 of resolution CM/Res. 547 (XXIX) be made compulsory as a measure to increase the volume of assistance to refugee programmes;
4. **INVITES** the OAU/BPEAR to collaborate closely with the UNHCR and other Agencies engaged in refugee work in Africa in finding a permanent solution to the refugee problems;
5. **REQUESTS** the OAU/BPEAR to give every assistance to those National Liberation Movements engaged in self-help projects in connection with refugees from their respective countries;
6. **URGES** the Administrative Secretary-General to take appropriate measures to ensure the early resumption of the financial operations of the BPEAR accounts;
7. **REQUESTS** the Administrative Secretary-General to contact the League of Arab States, BADEA and other Arab Institutions to solicit financial assistance for African refugees;
8. **ENDORSES** the recommendations of the Third Seminar of the OAU/BPEAR National Correspondence of September, 1977;
9. **CALLS UPON** the Administrative Secretary-General to convene, as a matter or urgency, the meeting of the Committee of Experts set up under resolution CM/536 (XXVIII).