

**RESOLUTION ON THE QUESTION OF THE INADEQUATE  
REPRESENTATION OF THE AFRICAN CONTINENT AT THE  
HIGHER ECHELONS OF THE VARIOUS EXECUTIVE  
ORGANS OF THE UN SYSTEM**

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

**Bearing in mind** that the African Continent is not adequately represented at the higher echelons of the Various Executive Organs of the UN system,

**Recalling** its Resolution CM/Res. 480 (XXV), CM/Res. 477 (XXVII) and in particular its Resolution CM/584 (XXIX),

**Reaffirming** its keen desire to see the OAU Member States adequately represented at the higher echelons of the General Secretariat as well as in the Specialised Institutions of the UN System, in favour of the Third World countries,

**Convinced** of the important role played by the various Specialised Institutions of the UN System for the countries of the Third World,

**Further convinced** of the special important contribution the UNIDO is making by supporting the efforts of the African countries in accelerating their industrial development:

1. **CALLS UPON** the Secretary-General of the UN and Directors of the Specialised Agencies to intensify their efforts with a view to correcting the present inadequate representation of the Member States of the UN in the higher echelons of the UN System;
2. **REAFFIRMS** its support for the present Executive Director of UNIDO, Dr. Abderaname Khane;
3. **EXPRESSES** its desire to see him continue as Executive Director of UNIDO for another term;

4. **REQUESTS** the Administrative Secretary-General of the OAU to convey the contents of this Resolution to the Secretary-General of the UN.