

RESOLUTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL
OF MINISTERS OF THE OAU

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,

Recalling the relevant provision of the Charter of the Organization of African Unity, in particularly Articles 12 to 15,

Considering that the Rules of Procedure of the Council of Ministers approved by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the OAU in 1964, have made no provision for the establishment of a Credentials Committee of the Council of Ministers,

Considering further that Rule 5 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council of Ministers provides that the Government of each Member State shall communicate to the Council in advance, through the Administrative Secretary-General, the list of its duly accredited delegation,

Convinced of the need for the establishment of a Credentials Committee charged to examine the credentials of all delegates,

Conscious of the fact that such a Committee is a common feature in the machinery of many international organizations;

1. **RESOLVES** to establish a Credentials Committee shall be composed of Five Members selected at the beginning of every session in a way that ensures the geographical representation of all the sub-region;
2. **CALLS UPON** Member States to comply with the provisions of Article 6 of the Rules of Procedure regarding the credentials of their delegations;
3. **REQUESTS** the OAU Secretary-General to follow scrupulously the implementation of this decision.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

CREDENTIALS

RULE 5 (bis):

The credentials and names of members of an accredited delegation shall be submitted to the Administrative Secretary-General before the opening of the meeting of the Council of Ministers. The credentials shall be issued either by the Head of State and Government or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

RULE 5 (te):

A Credentials Committee shall be appointed at the beginning of each session. The Committee shall consist of Five Members who shall be appointed by the Council of Ministers on the proposal of the Chairman. The Committee shall elect its own officers. It shall examine the credentials of accredited representatives and report thereon without delay to the Council of Ministers.

PROVISIONAL ADMISSION

RULE 5 (cater):

Any representative to whose admission a Member State has made objection shall be seated provisionally with the same rights as other representative until the Credentials Committee has reported and the Council of Ministers has given its decision.