

RESOLUTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA

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,

Having considered the Secretary-General's report on the 7th Session of the Third UN Conference on the Law of the Sea,

Recalling the terms of the Addis Ababa Declaration on the Law of the Sea ST/11,

Considering that little progress has been achieved during the 7th Session of the conference,

Considering that the importance of that conference deserves all the attention of the Council of Ministers:

1. **CONGRATULATES** the Secretary-General on his excellent report;
2. **DECIDED** to convene an Extra-ordinary Session of the OAU Council of Ministers to follow immediately the Thirty-Second Ordinary Session to discuss the question of the Conference of the Law of the Sea;
3. **CALLS ON** the Secretary-General to organize a meeting of a panel of experts to prepare the Ministerial meeting, in close co-operation with the ECA, UNCTAD, FAO and UNIDO;
4. **AUTHORIZES** the Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Financial Matters to release the necessary funds for the holding of those two meetings;
5. **REQUESTS** African Delegations to constitute a common united front on the basis of the OAU Declaration on the Law of the Sea when the 7th Session of the conference on the Law of the Sea resume its work in New York.