

RESOLUTION ON THE PAN-AFRICAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

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 taken note of the Report of the Fifth Meeting of the Pan-African Telecommunications Network Co-ordinating Committee on the establishment of an integrated telecommunications network linking OAU Member States called the Pan-African Telecommunications Network:

1. **EXPRESSES** its appreciation to the Co-ordinating Committee for the good work it is doing;
2. **REAFFIRMS** the crucial role of the Co-ordinating Committee in the successful implementation of the Pan-African Telecommunications Network;
3. **DECIDES** to include the Pan-African Telecommunications Union (PATU) in the membership of the Co-ordinating Committee;
4. **REAFFIRMS** further the fundamental role of the Pan-African Telecommunications Network in the development of Africa;
5. **URGES** member countries to instruct their Telecommunication Administrations to co-operate with the Co-ordinating Committee at all stages of their Inter-African Telecommunications projects and to ensure that those projects are integrated within the framework of Pan-African Telecommunications Network;
6. **REQUESTS** the Administrative Secretary-General to bring to the attention of multinational and bilateral sources of financial and technical assistance, concerned with the Pan-African Telecommunications Network, the existence and role of the Co-ordinating Committee together with its technical and financial sub-Committees;
7. **REQUESTS** further the OAU Committee of Twelve for Afro-Arab Co-operation to give priority to the financing of Pan-African Telecommunication Network during Afro-Arab Co-operation Meetings;

8. **CALLS ON** the Co-ordinating Committee to implement its proposals for strengthening its internal flow of information and notes with satisfaction its plan to meet bi-annually;
9. **AUTHORIZES** the Administrative Secretary-General to co-operate with the other members of the Co-ordinating Committee to organize a PANAFTEL pavillion during the exhibition “TELECOM 79” in Geneva in 1979;
10. **CALLS UPON** the Administrative Secretary-General to take necessary measures to implement this resolution without delay;
11. **FURTHER CALLS ON** the OAU Administrative Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution to the next Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers.