

RESOLUTION ON THE ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION
AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

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 received and examined the Administrative Secretary-General's Report on Economic Co-operation Among Developing Countries,

Recalling Resolution CM/Res. 514 (XXVII) adopted by the Summit Conference of the Organization of African Unity in Economic Co-operation Among Developing Countries adopted in Addis Ababa in September 1976,

Recalling further the Lima Declaration and Plan of Action of March 1975, the Manila Declaration of January 1976, the Colombo Declaration adopted by the Fifth Summit Conference of the Non-Aligned Countries in August 1976 and the Mexico City Declaration of September 1976,

Recognizing all the efforts and the work of UNCTAD UNIDO, ECA and other specialised international organizations in implementing the decisions of the Group of 77 expressed in various OAU and UN resolutions,

1. **EXPRESSES** its appreciation for the Report of the Administrative Secretary-General, on Economic Co-operation Among Developing Countries;
2. **TAKES NOTE** with satisfaction of the work of the relevant United Nations Organizations especially the guidelines formulated by the Working Party on Trade Expansion and Regional Economic Integration Among Developing Countries;
3. **RECOMMENDS** that the forthcoming Ministerial Conference of the Group of 77 expected to meet in Arusha, Tanzania, in February 1979 consider the guidelines as one of the basis for the preparation of UNCTAD V and UNIDO III. Emphasis should be accorded to the least Developed and land-locked or island countries and to the other most seriously affected countries;

4. **WELCOMES** the establishment of an inter-secretariat Consultative Group made up of the Secretariats of subregional and regional groupings of developing countries which should also perform as an advisory body of the Group of 77, and in this connection it calls upon UNCTAD to organize and service the meetings of this Group at least once a year,

5. **REQUESTS** the Administrative Secretary-General to take all necessary measures to facilitate the full co-operation between the OAU and the other organizations engaged in this matter and to ensure the attainment of the objectives of the Mexico City Programme of ECDC of September 1976 as well as those of the OAU Programmes formulated by the 11th Extra-ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers.