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RESOLUTION ON THE SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL OF AFRICA (CSA)

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 terms of reference of the Scientific Council of Africa (CSA) approved by the Heads of State and Government of the OAU in Accra in 1965 in accordance with the Science policy guidelines adopted during the first meeting of the Scientific, Technical and Research Commission of the OAU (STRC) in Algiers in February, 1964,

**Noting with satisfaction** the progress made by the OAU with the assistance of relevant UN and bilateral Organizations particularly the UNDP, UNIDO, UNESCO FAO, WHO and ECA in the achievement of the scientific, technological research and development objectives of Africa,

**Convinced** of the need to intensify co-operation among the African countries in science and technology and for Africa to draw upon the experiences of other developing countries of the world.

**Recalling** a recent resolution adopted by the Member States of the OAU in Banjul, the Gambia, in March 1978 to furthers institutionalize the CSA to enable it to co-ordinate more effectively the Scientific and technological activities and policies of Africa:

1. **URGES** all Member States of the OAU to intensify their participation in the activities of the CSA;
2. **REQUESTS** the Administrative Secretary-General of the OAU to reinforce the co-operation between the CSA and UN agencies whose activities are closely related to the promotion of application of science and technology to development like the ECA, UNESCO, UNIDO, FAO, WHO and IAEA;
3. **REQUESTS** the UN and other donor Organizations to increase their assistance to OAU for the implementation of the Scientific and Technological Programmes and Projects.