

**RESOLUTION OF THE EFFECTIVE DEVELOPMENT, COMMERCIALIZATION  
AND UTILISATION OF ENERGY IN AFRICA**

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,

**Mindful** of the serious problems being encountered by African countries as a result of the escalating cost of traditional energy resources,

**Noting** the increasing emphasis being paid by the international community in the exploitation of non-conventional sources of energy, particularly solar energy,

**Recognizing** the particular and timely relevance to African countries, particularly the drought stricken and Sudano-Sahelian countries, for the development and commercialization of non-conventional sources of energy, such as solar, wind and biogas energies, particularly in their rural development programmes:

1. **REQUESTS** the Administrative Secretary-General to convene urgently a meeting of the Expert Panel on non-conventional sources of energy for the purpose of co-ordinating and harmonizing national efforts for effective exploitation and utilization of non-conventional sources of energy;
2. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Administrative Secretary-General to solicit the assistance of UNIDO, ECA as well as donor Organizations of UN system for the convening of the above-mentioned meeting of the Experts Panel to development and marketing of non-conventional sources of energy, including industrial and technological research, the development of proto-types the implementation of pilot projects as well as the establishment of commercial production plants;
3. **CALLS** on the Member States of the OAU to give greater consideration, when establishing their multilateral and bilateral techno-economics co-operation programmes, to the acquisition of facilities and transfer of know-how for the manufacture of equipment for the utilization of non-conventional sources of energy.

4. **CALLS ON** UNIDO, ECA, UNESCO and international donor organizations to intensify their assistance to OAU, in establishing and enhancing the work of the Experts Panel on non-conventional sources of energy as well as the development and implementation of work programmes both at the national as well as at the regional level.