

RESOLUTION
ON AFRO-ARAB COOPERATION

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 Resolution CM/595 (XXX) adopted by the Council during its Thirtieth Ordinary Session held in Tripoli, from 20 to 28 February, 1978;

Desirous of strengthening the ties of Afro-Arab solidarity and cooperation in every field;

Conscious of the vital importance and role the Afro-Arab Working Groups are called upon to play for promoting and strengthening this cooperation:

1. **NOTES WITH APPRECIATION** the report of the Administrative Secretary-General on the activities and achievements in the field of Afro-Arab Cooperation;
2. **CONGRATULATES** the Administrative Secretary-General of the OAU and the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States on the efforts deployed toward the establishment of the executive organs for Afro-Arab Cooperation;
3. **COMMENDS** the effort exerted by the Arab States to honour the Commitments undertaken at the First Cairo Afro-Arab Summit, which is a concretization of the Afro-Arab cooperation in the context of the Cairo Declaration and Programme of Action;
4. **URGES** the Sister Arab States to pursue and increase their efforts toward all the African States as well as liberation movements recognized by the OAU and particularly they should supply urgent assistance to the least developed island and landlocked countries to be able to settle their communication and transport problems.

5. **ENDORSES** the recommendations and decisions adopted by the Afro-Arab Standing Commission during its Third Ordinary Session held in Niamey-Niger, which constitute the basis and conditions for the future development of Afro-Arab cooperation;
6. **URGES** all OAU member States called upon to provide experts to the Afro-Arab working Groups, to ensure that they effectively appoint technically competent experts for a positive and a dynamic contribution in the realisation of the targets set by the Cairo Summit Conference;
7. **AUTHORIZES** the Administrative Secretary-General after consultation with the Secretary-General of the LAS to take necessary steps to set up specialized panels composed of experts from African and Arab countries and Institutions;
8. **CALLS UPON** all Member States to submit to the OAU Committee of Twelve for Afro-Arab cooperation short, medium and long term priorities in every field of Afro-Arab Cooperation for the guidance of the proceedings of the Working Groups and specialized panels.