

**RESOLUTION ON THE PROBLEMS OF THE
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REQUIRED FOR
EMERGENCY INTERVENTIONS AGAINST DROUGHT
AND OTHER NATURAL DISASTERS**

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 cognizance of the detailed report submitted by the Administrative Secretary-General on the Extra-Ordinary meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Drought and Other Natural Disasters, Document CM/890 (XXXI) and addendum II and III on the joint BADEA/OAU/FAO/CILSS meeting held in Rome from 20 to 23 June 1978,

Noting with concern the seriousness of the situation created by the sudden reappearance of the drought in the year 1977/78, a situation which seriously affects the already weak agricultural economies of some African countries,

Having taken note of the decision of the BADEA to grant a loan of 15 million US Dollars as emergency financial assistance requested so as to meet this new situation,

Considering the situation on the affected countries which also obtains in the states that come under this emergency assistance:

1. **APPEALS** to all the competent authorities of the BADEA, particularly to the League of Arab States so that a financial assistance of 15 million US Dollars may be given in the form of grants;
2. **CALLS UPON** the OAU Administrative Secretary-General to start negotiations with the League of Arab States with a view to exploring other possibilities for urgent financial aid in the form of donations;
3. **URGENTLY APPEALS** to the International Community so that emergency aid to the affected countries should be given in the form of subventions and grants;

4. **EXPRESSES** its gratitude to donor countries, to International, Inter-Governmental and non-Governmental Organizations for the commendable efforts they have continuously made in order to help the affected countries is surmounting hardships.