

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE FORMULATION OF  
A STRATEGY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFRICA**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirty-Second Ordinary Session in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya, from 23 February to 4 March, 1979,

**Having read** the report of the Secretary-General on Economic problems confronting Africa in which he mentioned the results of the OAU/ECA Colloquium of Perspectives of Economic Development and Growth in Africa to the Year 2000 held in Monrovia from 12 to 16 February, 1979;

**Mindful of** the numerous resolutions adopted by the OAU Summit Conference on the urgent question of economic development and integration in Africa;

**Cognizant of** the urgent need for action to forestall the bleak projections of the economic future of Africa;

**Having listened** to the Statement of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Liberia on the OAU/ECA Colloquium held in Monrovia:

1. **COMMENDS** the Secretary General of the OAU and the Executive Secretary of the ECA for taking the initiative in organising the Colloquium;
2. **EXPRESSES** its appreciation to the Government of Liberia for its active support for and its generosity in hosting the Colloquium in Monrovia;
3. **TAKES NOTE** of the proposal of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Liberia for the formulation of a Declaration of Commitment to specific priority projects for the speedy economic development of the continent;
4. **URGES** Member States to give serious consideration to the idea of a Declaration of Commitment and when they attend the 33<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Council of Ministers to come with concrete suggestions for such a Declaration;

5. **REQUESTS** the Secretary General of the OAU to prepare and submit to Member States of the Organization of African Unity at least thirty days before the 33<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers a progress report of all sectors in which declarations, resolutions and action programmes have been adopted by the OAU Heads of State and Government and to indicate the status of such measures, and to list all resolutions and declarations before the OAU pertaining to this matter;
  
6. **REQUESTS** the Secretary General of OAU in collaboration with the Economic Commission for Africa to present concrete proposals to the Member States of the Organization of African Unity at least 30 days before the 33<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers for the formulation of an Action programme with a view to the implementation of decisions taken by the previous Sessions of the Council of Ministers for the establishment of an African Economic Community, and in this regard to take into consideration decisions taken at the 11<sup>th</sup> Extraordinary Session of the Council of Ministers held in Kinshasa in December, 1976.