

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE CONVOCATION OF A
CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN TELECOMMUNICATION EXPERTS IN
PREPARATION FOR THE WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO CONFERENCE
(WARC)**

The Council of Minister 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 taken note of the progress report of the Secretary General of the Pan-African Telecommunications Union (PATU),

Considering that the next World Administrative Radio Conference (WARC) scheduled to take place in Geneva (Switzerland) from 24 September 1979, for a period of ten weeks will have to make a general review of the regulations on radio communications, and will thus determine its structure up to the year 2000;

Considering the political, economic and technical interest of the World Administrative Radio Conference (WARC) for the countries of the world in general, for the third world in particular, and specially for Africa engaged in a struggle for its harmonious and accelerated developments;

Conscious of the need for African States to harmonize their view points so as to make a common stand with a view to better defending the interest of Africa at the meetings of the World Administrative Radio conference;

Considering that PATU, a specialized agency of the OAU is at its initial stage and lacks therefore human, material and financial means;

1. **APPROVES** the convention of a Conference of African Telecommunications Experts proposed by the Secretary General of the Pan African Telecommunications Union (PATU) with a view to adopting a common African stand of the world Administrative Radio Conference in Geneva, a Conference to be held in a place to be decided later.

2. **DECIDES** that the Conference of African Telecommunications Experts takes place before the Thirty-Third Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers;
3. **CALLS UPON** the Administrative Secretary General of the OAU and PATU to closely co-operate for the convocation, preparations and holding of this Conference;
4. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Administrative Secretary General of the OAU to provide for all the human, material and financial facilities to ensure the realisation of the objective of the said Conference;
5. **REQUESTS** the Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Financial Matters to place at the disposal of the OAU Administrative Secretary-General the financial means necessary for the implementation of the present Resolution;
6. **CALLS UPON** the Union of African Radio and Television Organizations (URTHA) to actively participate in the preparations and proceedings of the Conference of African Telecommunications Experts;
7. **APPEALS** to all OAU Member States to actively participate in the proceedings of the Conference of African telecommunications Experts by taking into account the interest of all the services using radio communications.