

**MONROVIA STRATEGY FOR THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF AFRICA**

The Council of Ministers of the organization of African Unity meeting in its Thirty-third Ordinary Session in Monrovia, Liberia, from 6 to 20 July 1979;

Having considered the Interim Report of the Secretary-General on the Development and Economic Integration of Africa (Doc. CM/988 XXXIII);

Bearing in mind Resolution CM/ST.12 endorsed by the Tenth Ordinary Session of the Heads of State and Government held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in May 1973, which contains the African Declaration on Co-operation, Development and Economic Independence;

Recalling further the findings of the Eleventh Extraordinary Session of the council of Ministers held in Kinshasa in December 1976;

Recalling Resolutions CM/Res. 682 (XXXII), CM/707 (XXXII) of the Thirty-Second Ordinary Session of the council of Ministers held in Nairobi from 23 February to 3 March 1979,

Having considered the strategy for African development by the UN Third Development Decade recommended by the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa in Rabat in March 1979,

Bearing in mind the highly pessimistic projections made by African scholars and experts of the economic future of the continent during the Colloquies on Perspectives of Development and Economic Growth in Africa up to the year 2000 held in Monrovia from 12 to 15 February 1979, under the auspices of the OAU and ECA;

Bearing in mind the inadequate participation of the African region in the formulation and implementation of the First and Second United Nations Development Strategies, as well as the need to prevent the excessive dependence of Africa on other regions, even for food requirements;

Determined to establish development and economic growth in terms of the region's own resources and innate capabilities consistent with its own cultural values, social systems and its dignity:

PART I – DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

1. **ENDORSES** the development strategy for Africa in the Third Development Decade as prepared by the 5th Meeting of the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa held in Rabat on March 1979 and the 14th Session of the Economic Commission for Africa;
2. **RECOMMENDS** that the General Assembly of the United Nations, consider this strategy as an integral part of the International Strategy for the Third Development Decade;
3. **CALLS UPON** the OAU, the ECA and other regional institutions in collaboration with appropriate international organizations to take vigorous steps to ensure the implementation of the recommendations of the Colloquium on Perspectives of Development and Economic Growth in Africa up to the year 2000.
4. **CALLS UPON** member states to use the recommendations of the African Development Strategy for the Third Development Decade as a basis for the formulation of their development plans;
5. **INVITES** the OAU, ECA and other regional and international organizations to give all necessary assistance to member states in the formulations and implementation of such plans;

PART II – AFRICAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY

6. **AFFIRMS** the establishment of an African Economic ?????? Community as an integral part of the African Strategy for Economic Development and Growth;

7. **CALLS UPON** the OAU in consultation with the ECA and other regional institutions to draw up a programme for the establishment of an African Economic Community, and to this end calls for the convention of:
 - a) A meeting of Governmental experts to study all questions relating to the creation of an African Economic Community;
 - b) A Ministerial meeting of plenipotentiaries to consider and endorse the recommendations of the Governmental group of experts; and
 - c) A meeting of experts to be established by the OAU in cooperation with the ECA to prepare the text of treaty establishing an African Economic Community;
8. **REQUESTS** the Secretary-General of the OAU to report regularly to the Council of Ministers on the development of this matter;
9. **CONGRATULATES** the Secretary-General of the OAU and Executive Secretary of the ECA for their contributions to the success of the Colloquium;
10. **DECIDES** to adopt the report of the Monrovia Colloquium and the text relating to the Development Strategy of Africa for the third Development Decade, and the Declaration of the Continent of Heads of State and Government;
11. **FURTHER DECIDES** that, in appreciation of the role that Liberia played in hosting the Colloquium, the strategy for the development for Africa be called Monrovia Strategy for the Development of Africa and the Declaration of Commitment be called the Monrovia Declaration of Commitment;
12. **DECIDES** to submit the documents of the Monrovia Colloquium for the approval of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity.