

**RESOLUTION ON**  
**THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE DISABLED**

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;

**Recalling** UN General Assembly Resolution 3447 (XXX) of 9 December 1979 which contains the Declaration on the Rights of the Disabled;

**Recalling** UN General Assembly Resolution 31/123 of 16 December 1976 designating 1981 as the International year of the Disabled;

**Noting** UN General Assembly Resolution 32/133 of 16 December 1977 and 33/170 of 20 December 1978 on the International Year of the Disabled;

**Recalling** Resolution CM/Res. 594 (XXX) adopted by the Thirtieth Ordinary Session of the OAU Council of Ministers held in Tripoli, Libya, from 20 to 28 February 1978;

**Convinced** that it is essential that African States continue effectively and adequately to the International Year of the Disabled;

**Convinced** that the physical and psychological re-adjustment of the disabled to society and their rehabilitation is necessary so that they may take an active part in every day life is an important social matter in Africa:

**DECIDES:**

1. **TO SUPPORT** the International Year of the disabled and the United Nations efforts towards its success;
2. **TO URGE** Member States to seek the welfare of the disabled, take the necessary measures towards effective contributions to and adequate observance of the International Year of the Disabled and report to the General Secretariat thereon;

3. **TO CONSIDER** the possibility of convening regional African meetings or symposium to discuss the best ways and means of realizing the aims of the International Year of the Disabled and the Principles of the Declaration on the Rights of the Disabled;
4. **TO REQUEST** the Secretary-General to draw up a detailed report on the implementation of this resolution and submit it to the 34<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Ministers;
5. **TO INCLUDE** the Item in the agenda of the 34<sup>th</sup> Session of the OAU Council of Ministers.