

**RESOLUTION ON THE SIGNATURE AND RATIFICATION OF
THE CONSTITUTION OF UNIDO AS A SPECIALIZED AGENCY
OF THE UNITED NATIONS**

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 the UN General Assembly Resolution 33/161 on the transformation of UNIDO into a Specialised Agency, the OAU Resolutions, particularly Resolution CM/Res. 666 (XXXI) calling, on the African countries to unify and intensify their actions in the UN General Assembly and other forums towards the transformation of UNIDO into a Specialised Agency;

Reaffirming its Commitment to the achievement of the objectives of the Lima Declaration and Plan of Action;

Convinced of the Central role of UNIDO in support of the industrial development efforts of the African countries;

Reaffirming its full support to UNIDO and its activities particularly the UN Industrial Development Fund, the System of Industrial Consultations which should be operated on a permanent basis, and the programmes related to technical assistance , industrial technology, Senior Industrial Development Field Advisors, technical and economic co - operation among developing countries and least developed, land locked, Island and disaster stricken countries;

Noting with appreciation the efforts of UNIDO to intensify its co-operation with the OAU and for the positive results so far achieved;

1. **WELCOMES** the adoption on 8 April 1979 in Vienna of the constitution of UNIDO by the UN Conference on the establishment of UNIDO as a Specialized Agency;

2. **URGES** all Member States of the OAU to sign and ratify the constitution as soon as possible to enable the Final Convention of UNIDO into a Specialized Agency without further delay:

3. **REQUESTS** the Secretary-General of the OAU to convey the contents of this resolution to the Secretary-General of the UN and the Executive Director of UNIDO.