

RESOLUTION ON CIVIL AVIATION IN 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;

Considering the African Declaration on Co-operation, Development and Economic Independence adopted by the Tenth Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the OAU at Addis Ababa in May 1973;

Considering further the importance of air transport as an essential tool for accelerating the economic and social development of African countries;

Aware of the fact that, at its Fifth and Sixth Plenary Session in Lome, Togo in May 1976 and in Bamako, Mali in May 1979, respectively AFCAC adopted an over-all recommendation on the policy of African States with regard to bilateral air transport agreements;

Recognising that AFRAA, has agreed, in principle, to recommend to African Governments the exchange of traffic rights liberally among themselves, particularly in the Rights of the Fifth Freedom;

Convinced that present aeronautical diplomacy at the world level calls for governmental action on tariff matters in the context of bilateral air transport agreements;

Conscious of the desire of African States to negotiate tariffs on a multilateral basis;

Bearing in mind that the present IATA tariff negotiating machinery on multilateral basis is ineffective and under attack by some influential decision centres;

Mindful of the global strategy concerning the implementation of the programme for the Transport and communications Decade in Africa;

1. **TAKES NOTE** of Resolutions ECA/UNCTAD/Res.79/6 and ECA UNCTAD/Res. 79/7 adopted by the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning held in Addis Ababa from 9 to 12 May 1979 and presented in Vol. 1 of the Global Strategy and Plan of Action for the United Nations Transport and communications Decade in Africa:
2. **CALLS UPON** all Member States to co-operate fully to ensure the implementation of these resolutions;
3. **REQUESTS AFCAC** to take the necessary action, in collaboration with AFRAA, ECA and OAU to organize and establish an African Air Tariff Conference as a permanent institution responsible for discussing and deciding on air tariffs to be applied by African Airlines Companies;
4. **REQUESTS** member States of the Organization of African Unity to authorize their National Airlines Companies to participate effectively in all the activities of African Air Tariff Conference;
5. **REQUESTS** the OAU Secretary-General in collaboration with the ECA Executive Secretary to report regularly to the Council of Ministers on the implementation of this resolution.