

**RESOLUTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA**

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 heard** the verbal report made by the Secretary-General and the statements of other delegations;

**Recalling** all its previous resolutions on the question of the Law of the Sea: CM/ST/11 Rev. 2, CM/Res. 514, CM/Res. 521 (XXCII) adopted in Mauritius, CM/Res. 539 (XXVIII) adopted in Lome, CM/Res. 570 (XXII) adopted in Mauritius, CM/Res. 539 (XXIX) adopted in Gabon and CM/Res. 649 (XXXI) adopted in Khartoum;

**Recalling** in particular the resolutions adopted by the Eleventh Extra-ordinary Session held in Nairobi, Kenya from 3 to 4 March 1979;

**Bearing in mind** the fact that the current negotiations at the Eight Session of the United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea are passing through a crucial stage:

1. **REAFFIRMS** the provisions of the Declaration on the Law of the Sea adopted by the Tenth Session of the OAU Assembly of Heads of State and Government in May 1973 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (CM/ST/11 Rev. 2);
2. **REQUESTS** the African Group to the Eight Session of the United Nations Conference to be constantly guided by the statement and the resolution adopted by the Eleventh Extra-Ordinary Session of the council of Ministers held in Nairobi, Kenya (ECM/LS/7 (XII)Rev.1);
3. **URGES** the African Group to pursue its efforts towards finding a final solution to differences of views that might still exist within the Group so as to present a united front to the negotiations of the Law of the Sea and thus contribute effectively to the progress of the deliberations of the United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea in the interest of the African continent;

4. **RECOMMENDS** that the African countries meet regularly to harmonize their views with those of the other Member States of the Group of 77; taking into account the specific nature of the regional interest of the African continent;
  
5. **CALLS ON** the Secretary-General to take all necessary measures to ensure the Secretariat's effective participation throughout the forthcoming sessions of the United Nations conference on the Law of the Sea and submit a full report at the next Council of Ministers on the progress of the Eight Session in New York.