

RESOLUTION ON THE PROMOTION OF AFRICAN CULTURE

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 report of the OAU Secretary-General on the promotion of African Culture in the light of the decisions of the Monrovia Colloquium (12 – 15 February, 1979);

Considering the objectives of the Cultural Charter for Africa adopted by the Thirteenth Assembly of OAU Heads of States and Government in July 1976 at Port Louis;

Aware that the assertion of cultural identity underline the desire to establish a New World Economic Order, whereby the unique values of the various civilizations would be taken into consideration to facilitate the definition of the original models of indigenous development:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the OAU Secretary-General's report;
2. **CALLS ON** Member States which have not yet done so, to ratify as early as possible the Cultural Charter of Africa;
3. **URGES** the OAU Secretary-General:
 - a) to prepare and submit to the Council of Ministers a report through the African Cultural Council as indicated in Doc. CM/997)XXXIII);
 - b) to convene, in collaboration with UNESCO, a Conference on African Culture within budget estimates;
 - c) to strengthen its cooperation with UNESCO:
 - d) to take all appropriate steps to establish the schedule of the regular meetings of the African Cultural Council and the Conference of African Ministers of Culture.