

**PHYTO-SANITARY CONVENTION FOR AFRICA**

**The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Ninth Ordinary Session in Kinshasa, Congo, from 4 to 10 September 1967,**

**Having discussed the proposal to establish a continental Phyto-Sanitary convention for Africa for the protection of the health of plants as outlined in document ESCHC/18;**

**Noting that the Scientific Council of Africa, which met in its Second Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 8 to 12 April 1967, recommended the acceptance of the Convention;**

**Noting further that the OAU Charter has requested for co-ordination, harmonization and intensification of activities in fields such as this one;**

**Convinced that if properly applied the Convention would ensure that plant diseases which are in Africa can be controlled and eliminated, and that new diseases are not introduced into Africa, thus helping to increase the economic and food returns from plants;**

**DECIDES:**

- 1. To approve the Phyto-Sanitary Convention for Africa;**
- 2. To invite the Administrative Secretary-General to transmit it to the Member States for ratification and subsequent application.**