

AFRICA AND UNCTAD (III)

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Eleventh Ordinary Session in Algiers, Algeria, from 4 to 12 September 1968,

Aware of the fact that the work of UNCTAD and its bodies is a continuous and complex process that requires permanent participation and follow-up by African countries,

Considering the chosen policies set forth in the Algiers Charter, namely, on the one hand the promotions of trade between the industrialized countries and the developing countries and, on the other hand, inter-African economic integration through the reciprocal granting of tariff preferences,

Considering that the establishment of bodies enjoying all the necessary authority seems called for in order to set in train the means of implementing the decisions taken both in Algiers and New Delhi,

Considering that the economic integration of the African continent constitutes an essential pre-requisite for the realization of the aspirations of the OAU,

Noting that out of the 12 African members of the UNCTAD Board only five have so far, established permanent representation at Geneva,

RECOMMENDS to the 12 African members of the Board of UNCTAD to constitute an OAU Committee of Experts empowered to ensure the implementation of the policies set forth in the Algiers Charter, and to propose to OAU Member States appropriate methods for successful negotiations within UNCTAD;

REQUESTS the Administrative Secretary General of the OAU and the Executive Secretary General of the ECA to extend all assistance possible to this committee of Experts towards the realization of these objectives;

URGES all African countries in general, and in particular the 12 members of the Board to establish permanent representation at Geneva as soon as possible if they have not already done so.