

THE FIRST AKK-AFRUCAN CULTURAL
FESTIVAL

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,

Recalling resolutions CM/Res117 (XI) and resolution CM/Res. 147 (X) on the African Cultural Festival,

Considering that the First All-African Cultural Festival which is to be held in Algiers from 21 July to 1 August 1969, at the generous invitation of the Algerian Republic, constitutes a historic event involving the whole African Continent,

Considering the role which the Festival is to play in establishing closer relations and understanding between African peoples through better knowledge of their own values and culture,

Considering that such an event will undoubtedly contribute to the restoration and safeguarding of the common cultural and artistic heritage,

Noting document CM/232 (Part 1) regarding the progress made in the preparations for the First All-African cultural Festival.

1. CONGRATULATES the Republic of Algeria and the Preparatory Committee on the Festival on the work already done, and encourages them to continue with the good work being done to organize and stage the First All-African Cultural Festival in Algiers;

2. DECIDES to make an initial contribution to the Preparatory Committee for the All- African Cultural Festival of US\$ 70,000 from the savings in the ordinary 1967/68 budget of the OAU;
3. APPEALS to tall Member States to give donations to the Festival to enable it to meet its financial commitments as indicated in the Festival Budget in document CM/232 (Part 1);
4. FURTHER APPEALS to all Member States to prepare to participate in the Festival, including the creation of National Cultural Festival Committees.