

RESOLUTION ON THE SECOND UNITED NATIONS DECADE

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fourteenth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 27 February to 6 March 1970,

Having studied the document presented by the General Secretariat on the Second United Nations Decade included in Document CM/316 (Part 3),

Aware that the first decade was a failure for the developing countries and especially for Africa,

Convinced that the success in achieving the objectives of the second decade requires that African countries exert every effort to remove all obstacles to economic and social development at the national level, that they accelerate their economic co-operation at sub-regional and regional levels and that they intensify to the maximum their collective efforts in the United Nations family of Organizations,

1. CALLS ON all African countries to intensify their efforts by an increased mobilization of their population in the development of their countries;
2. APPEALS to African countries to consider seriously economic co-operation and market integration between themselves. To this end, African countries should plan and execute multi-national schemes in the fields of infrastructure, mineral prospecting, agriculture and industry etc. and seriously consider the granting of bilateral and multilateral tariff concessions to increase the volume of inter-African trade;
3. INVITES all African countries to defend as vigorously as possible the objectives fixed for the second Development Decade and in particular in matters of external

financial resources with a view to getting firm commitments from the developed countries;

4. REQUESTS FURTHER African countries in co-operation with the developing countries to do everything possible so that the contribution of UNCTAD in the second decade may be well defined and agreed upon by all countries developing and developed;
5. URGES the African countries to continue their efforts towards establishing special UN programme for the benefit of the least developed among the developing countries;
6. CALLS on all the United nations Organizations to harmonize their plans and programmes to avoid any waste or unnecessary overlapping and to ensure the maximum benefit for the developing countries.