

RESOLUTION ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifteenth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 24 to 31 August 1970,

Gratified at the pre-investment study carried out under the auspices of the ITU;

Considering that telecommunications constitute an essential infrastructure for the economic integration of the African continent;

Considering that the approval of all Member States is necessary for continuance of the study in its decisive phase;

Considering the present high levels of rates;

Taking cognizance of the existence of inter-African telecommunications links that are insufficiently used;

1. REQUESTS the Secretary General of ITU, the Executive Secretary of the ECA and the Administrative Secretary General of the OAU to make the necessary contacts with financing bodies in order to further execution of this project,
2. RECOMMENDS to all Member States of the OAU to give high priority to the All- African telecommunications network,
3. RECOMMENDS OAU Member States to give priority to the use of African telecommunications circuits whose quality is adequately guaranteed,

4. REQUESTS Member States to make every effort to bring about a general reduction in the levels of charges obtaining in Africa,
5. REQUESTS Member States to expedite action in establishing regional telecommunication links,
6. REQUESTS the Administrative Secretary General to follow up the implementation of the present Resolution and submit a report on the subject to the next Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers.