

RESOLUTION ON AFRICA AND UNCTAD

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Seventeenth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 15 to 19 June 1971,

Having studied the report submitted by the Secretariat CM/395 on Africa and UNCTAD,

Noting with appreciation the action taken by the Secretariat in implementing resolution 220 (XV), which calls among other things for the holding of a Ministerial meeting before the meeting of the Group of 77,

Noting further the preparation taken by the Secretariat for the third UNCTAD,

Recalling the Council's resolutions 196 (XIII) and 215 (XIV) on UNCTAD and the general scheme of preference,

Aware of the importance of the fullest participation by African countries in all preparations for the Third UNCTAD on the African level and on the level of the Group of 77 ,

Conscious of the importance of the issues before the third UNCTAD and their close relationship to the achievement of the objective of the second development decade,

Reaffirming that the unity and solidarity of the African countries is the cornerstone of their strength,

1. CALLS UPON all African countries to participate fully in the preparatory work for the 3<sup>rd</sup> UNCTAD on the African level and on the level of the group of 77 as well as the third UNCTAD;

2. REQUESTS African countries to examine thoroughly issues likely to be put on the agenda of the Ministerial meeting of the group of 77 with particular reference to the effects of the General Scheme of preferences on African interests;
3. APPROVES the time table of the African preparatory meetings;
4. REQUESTS the OAU and ECA Secretariats to do everything possible to ensure the adequate servicing of these meetings.