

RESOLUTION ON THE
FIRST ALL-AFRICA TRADE
FAIR

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 received and noted the report of the third meeting of the Organizing Committee which met in Nairobi from 25 to 29 May 1971,

Reaffirming its previous resolutions CM/Res.127 (IX), CM/Res.197 (XIII) and CM/Res.212 (XIV) on the first All African Trade Fair,

1. ENDORSES the decisions of the third meeting of the Organizing Committee contained in paragraphs (13 to 18, 24, 26, 29, 32, 33, 35, 42, 44 and 45) of the report of the Organizing Committee CM/369/Rev.1/Add.1;
2. APPEALS to all Member States to participate in this historic Fair;
3. APPROVES the Committee's decision that only commodities/products produced in Member States will be exhibited and that it will be left to individual Member States to determine what constitutes a local product (paragraph 16);
4. CALLS on all Member States to supply the Government of the host country well in advance with details of their exhibits so that the necessary veterinary and phytosanitary precautions may be taken (paragraph 24);
5. INVITES all Member States to issue stamps commemorating the Fair (paragraph 32c);

6. URGES that all the official languages of the OAU (English, French, Arabic) be used in all publicity material to be disseminated, and that the services of publicity agencies consultants in member States be utilized in all publicity programmes (paragraph 32 e);
7. REQUESTS all member States to make maximum use of the signature tune of the Fair on the radio/TV systems in their respective countries (Paragraph 33);
8. ENDORSES the Committee's appeal to the Government of Kenya to waive altogether any customs levies on agricultural products and livestock (paragraph 35);
9. DECIDES that:
 - (i) production of the 35m. and 16mm. film;
 - (ii) the servicing of the Organizing Committee meetings and;
 - (iii) the participation of the General Secretariat in the Fair when staged and the Symposium when convened (February 23 – march 5, 1972) be financed from the lump sum of approximately 30,000 US dollars approved by the 16th Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers (Paragraph 44 and 46);
10. CALLS on all Nine Member State of the Organizing Committee to participate in the forth coming meeting of the Committee scheduled for August 10 to 14 1971, at Nairobi, Kenya;
11. APPRECIATES the efforts of the host Government to stage a successful All-African Trade Fair and urges all to do their utmost to participate in this momentous event.