

RESOLUTION ON THE SETTING UP OF AN EXPERT COMMITTEE TO
STUDY THE DRAFT INTER-AFRICAN CONVENTION ESTABLISHING
AN AFRICAN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Nineteenth Ordinary Session in Rabat, Morocco, from 5 to 12 June 1972,

Having studied the report of the Secretary General on Inter African Technical Co-operation (Doc. CM/455),

Recalling the numerous Resolutions on Inter-African Technical Co-operation,

Convinced that the establishment of a system of Intern-African Technical Co-operation Assistance will, by its nature, re-enforce unity, solidarity and fraternity among the people of the continent,

Mindful of the need for African countries to make a rational use of the experts at the disposal,

1. DECIDES that the draft Inter-African Convention instituting a system of technical co-operation should be communicated to Member States who have not yet responded to the request of the General Secretariat for their comments,
2. INVITES member States in question to convey their comments to the General Secretariat no later than 31 August 1972;
3. DECIDES that the following countries should compose the Expert Committee responsible for preparing, on the basis of the comments and observations of governments, a new text for a draft convention on Inter-African Technical Co-

operation: Algeria, Cameroon, Chad, Dahomey, Egypt, Ghana, Lesotho, Nigeria, Senegal, Uganda, Zaire and Zambia;

4. DECIDES that matters resulting to Inter-African Technical Co-operation should be entrusted to an Office especially established for that purpose within the Economic and Social Affairs Department of the OAU General Secretariat which will be entrusted with Inter-African Technical Co-operation;
5. DECIDES further that the Expert Committee work on the basis of the following guidelines:
 - (a) The OAU Convention should be an outline Convention laying down general principles and leaving it to Member States to settle questions of detail by means of bilateral agreements;
 - (b) The draft should contain provisions for the setting up of a joint Technical Co-operation fund;
6. INVITES the Administrative Secretary General of the OAU to convene a meeting of the Expert Committee in Addis Ababa during the month of October 1972 and to submit a new draft convention to the Twenty-First Session of the Council of Ministers.