

RESOLUTION

PAN AFRICAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Twenty First Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa from 17 – 24 May 1973,

Having considered the report of the Administrative Secretary General on the Meeting on the implementation of the Pan African Telecommunications Network which took place in Addis Ababa from 30 October to 10 November 1972,

Recalling its resolution on Telecommunications CM/Res.224 (XV) adopted at its Fifteenth Ordinary Session,

Noting with appreciation the studies completed under the auspices of the ITU and the UNDP,

Gratified at the Co-operation prevailing among the OAU, the ECA and the ITU in accelerating the progress for the implementation of the Pan African Telecommunications Network,

Noting resolution No.2 of the Establishment of an Investment Fund adopted by the Meeting on the implementation of the Pan African Telecommunications Network,

Conscious of the need for preserving the basic concept of an integrated Pan African Telecommunications Network for promoting the economic and social co-operation among the African States,

1. DECIDES it endorse the establishment of an Investment Fund as contained in Resolution No.2 of the Meeting on the Implementation of the Pan African Telecommunications Network;
2. CALLS UPON the Administrative Secretary General of the OAU, the Executive Secretary of the ECA, the Secretary General of the ITU and the President of the ADB to continue to co-operate and to undertake the necessary measures and consultations to establish, organize and administer the Fund;
3. REQUESTS the Administrative Secretary General of the OAU to draw the attention of the ITU to the importance which Member States of the OAU attach on the importance to the inter connection of telecommunications networks to existing or in the process of being realized in African countries to the Pan African Telecommunications Network;
4. URGES all Member States of the OAU to give high priority for the realization of the Pan African Telecommunications Network;
5. CALLS UPON THE Administrative Secretary General to maintain close and active co-operation with all the parties concerned and submit periodical reports to the council of Ministers on the Progress of the implementation of the Pan African Telecommunications Network.