

RESOLUTION OF INTERNATIONAL ROAD LINKS IN AFRICA

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,

Taking note of the report of the Administrative Secretary General on international road links in Africa,

Considering the importance of implementing these road projects for the economic and social development of the African countries and for the strengthening of their co - operation in all spheres,

Considering the recommendations of the African Ministerial Conferences on Trade, Development and Monetary Problems held in Abidjan from 9 to 13 May 1973 regarding road transport in general and trans African highway projects in particular,

Desirous of increasing African co-operation, particularly in the vital sphere of transport and communications,

1. INVITES the Administrative Secretary General of the OAU and the Executive Secretary of ECA, bearing in mind the co-operation agreement binding the two organizations to undertake all measures needed to ensure OAU's inclusion in the Trans African Highway Bureau;
2. HAILS the substantial progress already achieved in the implementation of the Trans-Sahara Highway (The road of Africa Unity). Thanks to the efforts of the countries concerned;

3. EXPRESSES satisfaction of the historic meeting of Algolia (Algeria) between the Heads of State of Algeria, Niger, Mali and Mauritania on the occasion of the commissioning of the Angola-Insala trunk which marks an important step forward in inter African co-operation;
4. DEPLORES the negative attitude adopted to date by the IBRD regarding the financing of such Regional Project whose importance is unanimously acknowledged;
5. URGENTLY appeals to this institution to rapidly revise its position or attitude and make its contribution towards the realization of this African undertaking;
6. CALLS UPON the Member States through which the major international road links in Africa pass to co-operate closely with the Administrative Secretary General of OAU in carrying out studies and work on these major projects;
7. REQUESTS the Administrative Secretary General of OAU to keep the Council of Ministers and the governments of Member States regularly informed of progress on the various international road links;
8. CONSEQUENTLY INVITES the African countries involved in the various road projects to mobilize all their human and material resources for the execution of these projects.