

RESOLUTION ON CO-OPERATION BETWEEN AFRICAN AND ARAB
COUNTRIES

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Twenty Third Ordinary Session in Mogadiscio, Somalia from 6 to 11 June 1974,

RECALLING Resolution ECM/WP (VIII) adopted by the Eighth Extra Ordinary Session of the council held in Addis Ababa from 19 to 26 November 1973;

DESIROUS of strengthening Afro Arab co-operation in all areas, in a practical and effective matter;

MINDFUL of the steps taken by the League of Arab States to establish an institution for African Affairs;

CONVINCED of the need to establish a similar body within the OAU General Secretariat;

1. NOTES with satisfaction the fruitful co-operation which is developing between African and Arab countries as reflected in Document CM/606;
2. REQUESTS the OAU Administrative Secretary General of the League of Arab States with a view to considering the possibility of convening an Afro - Arab conference at ministerial level to discuss the possibilities and areas of co- operation in which joint efforts would be made especially regarding joint co- operation for development and the establishment of a joint Afro Arab development strategy;

3. DECIDES to establish a special body within OAU for Afro Arab co-operation to study and submit recommendations on all factors likely to strengthen co-operation between African and Arab countries in all fields and especially,
 - (a) The possibility of drawing up an industrialization policy based on Co-ordination of development of Arab African resources;
 - (b) Co-operation between African and Arab countries in Agriculture, trade, science, technology and technical know how;
 - (c) The prospect and problems of investment in Arab and African countries;
 - (d) The role which oil and other raw materials can play in Afro-Arab development;
 - (e) The adoption of the necessary measures, in collaboration with the equivalent body within the General Secretariat of the Arab League to organize and convene joint Specialized Commissions to study and discuss possibilities of ensuring the necessary co-operation;

4. RECOMMENDS that the Administrative Secretary General submit a report on the measures taken in this connection to the Twenty Fourth Session of the Council of Ministers.