

RESOLUTION ON FORESTRY DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA

The Educational, Scientific, Cultural and Health Commission of the OAU meeting in its Third Ordinary Session in Reduit. Mauritius, from December 10 to 14, 1973,

NOTING the importance of forests for economic, scientific and aesthetic purposes,

CONVINCED of the need for greater co-operation among OAU Member States in tackling the problems involved in the development of the forestry resources of Africa;

CALLS on OAU, in collaboration with FAO, to convene a Symposium on Forestry in Africa;

RECOMMENDS the setting up of an organization of African experts of forest produce to enable African countries to act collectively to increase their bargaining power, thus ensuring them higher revenues for their raw materials which so far have been the subject of reckless and shameless exploitation.