

**RESOLUTION ON THE ASSISTANCE OF THE ORGANIZATION OF
AFRICAN UNITY TO THE CHADIAN REFUGEES AND THE
DISPLACED PERSONS**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of Africa Unity meeting in its Thirty-fifth Ordinary Session in Freetown, Sierra Leone, from 18 to 28 June, 1980,

Having considered the serious situation created by the massive exodus of hundreds of thousands of refugees from Chad to the neighboring countries, particularly in the United Republic of Cameroon, the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Democratic Republic of the Sudan,

Conscious of the fact that the continuation of such a situation may have direct and very adverse effects on the economic and social development of these countries which have so far borne the heavy burden along,

Considering the extremely critical situation of the displaced people of Chad, who have been displaced by the civil wars,

Recalling Resolution CM/Res.727 (XXXIII) and CM/Res.774 (XXXIV) of July 1979 and February 1980 on the sharing of the burden :

1. **WARMLY CONGRATULATES** the governments of the neighboring countries, particularly those of the United Republic of Cameroon, the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Democratic Republic of the Sudan which have given asylum and assistance to the Refugees from Chad;
2. **REQUESTS** the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity, to assess in close collaboration with the governments of the countries concerned the needs of refugees from Chad and to urgently report to all the Member States of the Organization of African Unity;

- 3. CALLS UPON all the Member States of the Organization of African Unity to manifest their solidarity to these governments by giving them, in the shortest possible time, all necessary support to enable them to grapple with this serious problem;**
- 4. FURTHER REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to report to the Thirty-sixth Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity;**
- 5. APPEALS to the international community, to the UNHCR and to the UN Specialized Agencies to urgently provide assistance to Chadian refugees so as to meet their most urgent needs;**
- 6. APPEALS FURTHER to the OAU Member States, to the international community and to the international committee of the Red Cross to urgently provide the necessary assistance to the government of Chad to enable it cater for the people affected by the civil war.**