

**RESOLUTION ON THE MEETING OF THE SIXTH SESSION OF THE
SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL OF AFRICA (CSA)**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirty-seventh Ordinary Session in Nairobi, Kenya from 15 to 26 June 1981,

Recalling Resolution CM/569 (XXIX) of the Twenty-ninth Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers held in Libreville June 1977 on the Scientific, Technological Research and Development Activities of the Executive Secretariat of OAU in Lagos (OAU/STRC) in particular the recommendation of the Fifth session of CSA and Resolution CM/847 (XXXVI) of the Thirty-sixth Session of the Council of Ministers held in Addis Ababa, February 1981 on the OAU/STRC, Lagos Office and its regional offices,

Emphasizing for the Member States of the OAU the importance of the implementation of Lagos Plan of Action, particularly in the field of Science and Technology,

Noting with satisfaction the report of the Sixth Session of the Scientific Council of Africa (CSA) Document CM/1145 (XXXVII):

1. **RECOMMENDS** that Member States of the Organization of African Unity provide the necessary means for the successful implementation of the Lagos Plan of Action;
2. **URGES** Member States of the OAU to stress the need for development of indigenous capabilities for the exploration and exploitation of natural resources and the importance of co-ordination of on-going programmes prior to the creation of new programmes and institutions;

- 3. APPEALS to Member States of the OAU to promote the development of Science and Technology and improve the status of scientists in the society, the quantitative and qualitative improvement of all kinds of training which should become development orientated;**
- 4. INSISTS on the necessity for more effective dissemination of scientific information, knowledge and experience among OAU states;**
- 5. ENDORSES the recommendations of CSA meeting in its Sixth Session and in particular the restructuring of the Council to provide for associate members to represent the Association of African Universities and invited members to represent international organizations working in Africa, i.e. UNESCO, ECA, UNIDC, FAO and WHO;**
- 6. REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General to ensure that the CSA meets every two years and its Executive Committee to meet twice every year in conformity with its rules of procedure. He should ensure the meetings of its sectoral planning committees for the implementation of the Lagos Plan of Action and should also allocate sufficient funds for this purpose;**
- 7. REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General to accelerate the filling of the existing vacant posts in the STRC and its regional offices (IBAR, IAPSC, BIS and IBFR) with qualified scientists and provide more funds and facilities for these offices to improve their performance;**
- 8. URGES the Nigerian Government to speed up the procedures for signing the Headquarters Agreement for the STRC in Lagos;**
- 9. CALLS UPON the OAU Secretary-General to report on the implementation of the present resolution to the Thirty-eighth Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers.**