

**RESOLUTION ON THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON THE
LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES**

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,

Having considered the Aide Memoire on the UN Conference on Least Developed Countries, presented by the delegation of Mali, in Doc.CM/1119 (XXXVII) Add.6,

Recalling Resolution 122 (V) of UNCTAD on a Comprehensive New Programme of Action in favor of the Least Developed Countries;

Recalling also the relevant sections of the Lagos Plan of Action adopted by the Second Extraordinary Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the OAU in Lagos, in April, 1980,

Further recalling UN General Assembly Resolutions 34/203, 34/210 and 35/215 on the convening of a Conference on the Least Developed Countries,

Noting with concern the serious and deteriorating economic and social situation in the Least Developed Countries, the majority of which are to be found in Africa,

Taking due note of the decision of ECOSOC to include Guinea Bissau in the list of the Least Developed Countries,

Expressing its satisfaction at the successful conclusion of a series of individual country review meetings in preparation for the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries,

Welcoming with appreciation the offer made by the Government of France to host the forthcoming United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (LDCs):

- 1. CONGRATULATES the delegation of Mali for having presented the Aide Memoire on the question of the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;**
- 2. EXPRESSES its gratitude to the ECA the UNDP and UNCTAD for the assistance they have provided to the African Least Developed Countries in the preparation of the country programme for the UN Conference on the Least Developed Countries;**
- 3. STRESSES that the UN Conference on the Least Developed Countries should finalize, adopt and support the comprehensive new programme of Action for the 1980s;**
- 4. URGES all donors, Member States of the United Nations and International organizations, to make firm pledges during the Conference in order to effectively launch, immediately after the Conference, the Comprehensive New Programme without any delay;**
- 5. REQUESTS all OAU Member States to ensure that they are represented at the Conference at ministerial level;**
- 6. CALLS UPON the current Chairman of the OAU to address the Conference on behalf of the OAU;**
- 7. RECOMMENDS to the Assembly of Heads of State and Government to hold consultation with a view to appointing a Head of State of the group of the Least Developed African Countries to participate in that Conference;**

- 8. REQUESTS the Conference of the Ministers of African Least Developed countries to be held in Addis Ababa, from 27 to 30 July, 1981 to work out a common strategy in accordance with the relevant sections of the Lagos Plan of Action, for the participation of African Countries in the forthcoming UN Conference on the Least Developed Countries as well as for the implementation and follow-up action arising from decisions and recommendations of the said Conference;**

- 9. REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General, the Executive Secretary of the ECA, the Secretary-General of UNCTAD and the Administrator of UNDP to continue to provide the necessary technical and financial assistance during and after the UN Conference on the Least Developed Countries;**

- 10. FURTHER REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General, in co-operation with Executive Secretary of the ECA, to:**
 - a) participate in the UN Conference on the Least Developed Countries;**

 - b) monitor the implementation of the Comprehensive new Programme of Action in favor of Africa Least Developed Countries;**

 - c) submit a report thereon to the Council of Ministers of the OAU at its Thirty-ninth Session.**