

**RESOLUTION ON AFRICAN REGIONAL REPRESENTATION**  
**ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL**  
**TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION (ITU)**

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 proposal of the Republic of Botswana contained in document CM/1119 (XXXVII) Add.2 of African Regional Representation on the Administrative Council of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU),

Considering the aspirations of OAU Member States to co-ordinate and harmonize a common African stand on various issues on matters of Telecommunications at the next Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) scheduled to be held in Nairobi, Kenya in November 1982,

Recalling Council of Ministers Resolution CM/Res.813 (XXXV) adopted at its Thirty-fifth Ordinary Session on the role of the Pan-African Telecommunications Union (PATU) as the competent OAU Specialized Agency to co-ordinate and harmonize the activities of Member States in the field of Telecommunications,

Convinced that equitable representation of all the sub-regions of the OAU on the Administrative Council of ITU would create the opportunity for a cross-sectional representation of the views of the Region on matters of Telecommunications:

1. TAKES NOTE of the proposal and expresses its appreciation to the Government of Botswana for drawing the timely attention of Member States to the inequitable and disproportionate sub-regional representation of the African region;

- 2. REQUESTS the Pan-African Telecommunications Union to consider at its Plenipotentiary Conference to be held in Kinshasa, Zaire in January, 1982, an equitable and proportional redistribution of the seats allocated to the Africa Region on the Administrative Council of the ITU, taking into account representation of all OAU Sub-regions and to co-operate and harmonize a common African stand on the matter and any other issues of relevance to Africa on the Agenda of the next ITU Plenipotentiary Conference in 1982;**
- 3. URGES all OAU Member States to participate effectively at the PATU Plenipotentiary Conference in January 1982 at Kinshasa and at the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference scheduled to take place in NAIROBI, Kenya in November 1982 in order to strongly support the African Stand as coordinated and harmonized by PATU;**
- 4. FURTHER URGES all OAU Member States to ensure that they are in good standing vis-a-vis their contributions to the ITU so that the participation of Africa in the decision-making process of the ITU would be commensurate with its weight of membership;**
- 5. REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General in close collaboration with the Secretary-General of PATU, to take all the necessary measures to implement this resolution and to submit a comprehensive report to the Thirty-ninth Session of the Council of Ministers.**