

**RESOLUTION ON THE UNITED NATIONS TRANSPORT AND
COMMUNICATIONS DECADE IN AFRICA (1978 – 1988)**

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 taken note of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Transport and Communications Decade in Africa contained in Document CM/1137 (XXXVII),

Recalling its Resolutions CM/Res.675 (XXXI), CM/Res.738 (XXXIII) Rev.1 and CM/Res.806 (XXXV) on the United Nations Transport and Communications Decade in Africa adopted in Khartoum (July 1978), Monrovia (July 1979) and Freetown (June 1980) respectively,

Further recalling Resolution 32/160 adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in December 1977, proclaiming the period 1978 to 1988 the United Nations Transport and Communications Decade in Africa and endorsing resolution 291 (XIII) of the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission of Africa,

Also recalling resolution 391 (XV) of 12 April, 1980 of the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa, which appealed to the Member States to accord first priority to the Transport and Communications projects adopted within the framework of the programme of phase one of the Decade,

Commending Resolution 35/108 of the United Nations General Assembly of December, 1980 on the organization of consultative technical meetings with a view to mobilizing additional financial resources for the programme of the Decade,

Considering Resolution EAHG/Res. (II) adopted by the Extraordinary Economic Summit held in Lagos, Nigeria in April 1980:

1. **NOTES WITH SATISFACTION** the progress made so far in the implementation of phase one of the programme of the United Nations Transport and Communications Decade in Africa (1980 – 1982);
2. **HAILS** the United Nations General Assembly for the financial resources placed at the disposal of the Economic Commission for Africa for the preparation of Consultative Technical Meetings with funding agencies;
3. **COMMENDS** donor countries and financing institutions for the assistance given so far to Member States with the view to implementing the phase one of the Programme of the Decade;
4. **REQUESTS** that the Member States take the initiative to seek financial aid from various financing sources to support projects contained in the phase one of the programme of the Decade;
5. **RECOMMENDS** that the Board of Governors of the African Development Bank to call upon their institutions to give priority as much as possible to the financing, of a part of the projects envisaged in the Decade Programme from its resources, and to grant the Economic Commission for Africa and the Organization of African Unity and the Specialized Agencies of the OAU and the United Nations, the necessary assistance to enable them to secure the financial means for coordinating research work and implementing projects;
6. **CALLS UPON** Member States to participate fully in the preliminary discussions and in organizing consultative technical meetings with funding agencies and to take all necessary actions to ensure the success of these meetings;
7. **APPEALS** to donor countries and financing institutions to participate fully and positively in the forthcoming consultative technical meetings;

8. **INVITES in particular the World Bank (IBRD) The African Development Bank (ADB) the Arab Bank for the Economic Development of Africa (BADEA) and various Arab Funds to participate fully and positively in the consultative technical meetings;**
9. **CONGRATULATES the OAU/ECA/AFCAC/AFRAA Coordinating Body on its numerous efforts and spirit of co-operation manifested in its preparation for the African Diplomatic Conference on Air Tariffs;**
10. **WELCOMES the adoption by some Member States of a convention establishing an African Air Tariffs Conference (AFRATC) at a Diplomatic Conference held in Addis Ababa, from 5 to 12 December, 1980;**
11. **URGES all Member States to sign and/or ratify this Convention; the original text of which is deposited with AFCAC Secretariat, in order to ensure the establishment of the structures of this Conference and to facilitate its effective take off and operation;**
12. **CONGRATULATES the Secretariat of the OAU and the ECA for the work accomplished, and ENCOURAGES them to continue to coordinate their efforts to implement the Programme of the Decade;**
13. **REQUESTS the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the Executive Secretary of the ECA to submit a report to the Thirty-ninth Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers on the implementation of the Programme of the Decade and on the outcome of their efforts to ensure additional funds.**