

**RESOLUTION ON THE CARACAS CONFERENCE ON
ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES**

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

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the Caracas Conference on Economic Co-operation among Developing Countries (Document CM/1136 (XXXVII) and Annex 1,

Recalling its Resolution CM/Res.659 (XXXI) of July 1978, which requested the Secretary-General to take all measures to implement the measures of the Mexico City Programme on ECDC and those of the Eleventh Extra-ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers,

Noting that the General Secretariat was not able to be represented at the Caracas Conference on ECDC,

Stressing that the objectives of economic co-operation at the global level and the implementation of the Caracas Programme of ECDC must be related to the objectives of the Lagos Plan of Action in terms of contributing in a complementary manner to the realization of the Lagos Plan objectives:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Secretary-General on the participation of the OAU General Secretariat in the preparatory meetings for the Caracas Conference and the summary presented on the Report of that Conference;
2. **WELCOMES** the positive results of the High Level Conference on ECDC which was held in Caracas, Venezuela from 13 – 19 May, 1981;

- 3. EXPRESSES support for the comprehensive programme and its implementation modalities adopted by the Conference, which is designed to ensure integrated progress in all the sectors of economic co-operation;**
- 4. REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General, in co-operation with Executive Secretary of ECA, to:**
 - (a) take necessary action to implement the recommendations and decisions of the Caracas Conference, and assist Member States in their implementation efforts and in their preparation for and participation in the sectoral meetings that are embodied in the Caracas Programme on ECDC;**
 - (b) organize, in consultation with UNCTAD, a regional meeting of African States Trading Organizations to work out a system and modalities of co-operation among themselves;**
- 5. URGES all United Nations Agencies especially the UNDP, and other international institutions to give effective and special support to Africa's effort to implement ECDC and TCDC Programmes, especially considering that Africa is the least developed region of the Developing Countries;**
- 6. REQUESTS FURTHER the Secretary-General to submit periodic reports on the implementation of this Resolution to the Council of Ministers.**