

**RESOLUTION ON THE INTENDED WITHDRAWAL OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FROM UNESCO**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its
Fortieth
Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 27 February to 5 March 1984,

Having heard the statement made by the OAU Secretary-General a.i. concerning
the intention of the United States of America to withdraw from UNESCO at the end
of this year,

Considering that UNESCO and the OAU have since the 1960's maintained
fruitful co-operation in the fields of Education, Social and Human Sciences, the
Natural Sciences, Culture and Communication,

Bearing in mind the Co-operation Agreement signed on 10 July 1968 by the two
Organizations,

Expressing appreciation for the assistance UNESCO offers within the scope of its
competence, not only to Member States, but also to the OAU General
Secretariat, African national liberation movements and to African Refugees:

1. **REAFFIRMS** to its commitment to the noble ideals of UNESCO;
2. **WELCOMES** the action that it undertakes within the scope of its
competence to promote Peace, Security and Understanding amongst
Men;
3. **COMMENDS** the Director-General of UNESCO for his wise leadership and
dedication and his exceptional role in assisting the Member States of the
Organization;

4. **REGRETS** the intention of the United States of America to withdraw from UNESCO in the near future with the consequences this would have on the life and mission of the Organization;
5. **BELIEVES** that such an action, if it does materialize, would deprive the Organization and its Member States of a valid representative in the fields of Education, the Sciences, Culture and Communication;
6. **STRONGLY APPEALS** to the Government of the USA to re-consider its position.