

**RESOLUTION ON THE 1985-86 OAU BUDGET AND PROGRAMME**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Forty-first Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 25 February to 4 March 1985,

**Having considered** the Secretary-General's Financial Report on the performance of the 1984-85 Budget as contained in Document CM/1247 (XLI), the Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative Budgetary and Financial Matters Document CM/1248 (XLI), the Report on the 1983/84 Financial Year Document CM/1252 (XLI), the Report on the 1983/84 Financial Year Document CM/1252 (XLI), the Annual Report of the Budget Control Division for the 1983/84 Financial Year and comments of the General Secretariat Document CM/1253 (XLI), the Report of the Board of External Auditors on the OAU Accounts for the 1983/84 Financial Year and Comments of the General Secretariat Document CM/1250 (XLI), requests for the refund of expenses incurred for the OAU Peace-keeping Force in Chad and the Comments of the General Secretariat Document CM/1254 (XLI), the Statement of Contributions due to the Ordinary Budget of the OAU as at 31 January 1985 Document CM/1256 (XLI), the Draft Programme and Budget for the 1985-86 Financial Year Document CM/1249 (XLI), Vol.III, Rev.1 and CM/1249 (XLI) Vol. III, Rev.1 and CM/1249 (XLI) Vol. II, Rev.2.,

**Having considered** the excellent report presented by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee as contained in Document CM/1248 (XLI) on the Thirty-ninth Ordinary Session of the said Committee,

**Having thoroughly considered** the General Secretariat's Draft Programme and Budget for the 1985/86 Financial Year Documents CM/1249 (XLI) Vol. I, Rev.1 and CM/1249 (XLI) Vol.II, Rev.2,

**Desirous** of maintaining a sound financial management,

**Anxious to make the OAU's institutions most effective and the staff most efficient and to avoid the proliferation of the said institutions,**

**Conscious of the economic crisis facing all OAU Member States,**

**Deeply concerned about the ever increasing outstanding contributions and the need to take urgent steps to solve this important problem likely to paralyze the activities of the OAU General Secretariat:**

- 1. CONGRATULATES the Current Chairman of the OAU on the initiatives he continues to take in calling upon Member States to pay their arrears and contributions to the current budget and REQUESTS him once more to use his good offices to urge his colleagues, Heads of State and Government, to honor their country's financial obligations to the OAU;**
- 2. CONGRATULATES the Member States which have fully paid up their contributions to the Organization;**
- 3. FURTHER CONGRATULATES the members of the Board of External Auditors and the Advisory Committee on their commendable work and Vigilance;**
- 4. CONGRATULATES the OAU Secretary-General a.i. on his sound financial management, and REQUESTS him to see to it that a more judicious use be made of the funds available;**
- 5. APPEALS to Member States which have not yet done so, to meet their financial obligations, and pay their outstanding arrears and their contributions to the current budget;**
- 6. URGES the Secretary-General a.i. to contact Member States directly in order to urge them to honor their financial obligations to the OAU as stated in Article 97 of the OAU Financial Rules and Regulations;**

- 7. CALLS UPON the Secretary-General a.i. to continue to apply the strictest measures of austerity in the administration of the budget;**
- 8. CALLS UPON the Advisory Committee and the General Secretariat to observe greater austerity when drawing up other budgets taking into account the particularly difficult economic situation facing Member States;**
- 9. ADOPTS the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative Budgetary and Financial Matters (Document CM/1248 (XLI), APPROVES the 1985-1986 Programme and ADOPTS the budget of US\$23,254,236.00 for the Headquarters of the General Secretariat and its Regional and Sub-regional Offices;**
- 10. DECIDES to refer to the Assembly of Heads of State and Government for further consideration the requests for refund of expenses incurred for the OAU Peace-Keeping Force in Chad (Document CM/1254 (XLI)).**