

**RESOLUTION ON THE RECOGNITION OF STUDIES: CERTIFICATES,
DIPLOMAS, DEGREES AND OTHER QUALIFICATIONS IN HIGHER
EDUCATION IN THE AFRICAN STATES**

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 heard the report of the Secretary-General on the recognition of studies, certificates, diplomas, degrees and other qualifications in Higher Education in the African States CM/1276 (XLI),

Recalling the Co-operation Agreement between the OAU and UNESCO concluded in July 1968,

Desirous of strengthening and increasing their co-operation in matters relating to education and the use of human resources with the aim in particular of encouraging the advancement of knowledge of achieving a constant and gradual improvement on the quality of higher education and of promoting economic, social and cultural development in each of the African countries and the Continent as a whole,

Convinced that the recognition of studies, certificates, diplomas, degrees and other academic qualifications in higher education which would ensure the greater mobility of students and experts throughout the African Continent is one of the conditions necessary for accelerating the development of the region which implies that increasing number of scientists, technologists, technicians and specialists will be trained and their services fully utilized:

1. WELCOMES UNESCO's initiative in preparing a Convention on the recognition of studies, certificates, diplomas, degrees and other academic qualifications in higher education in the African States;

2. **NOTES WITH SATISFACTION the results of the International Conference of States held in Arusha from 1 to 5 December 1981;**
3. **URGES Member States which have not yet done so, to take as early as possible the necessary measures, so as to make the said Convention, operational by depositing the instrument of ratification or by acceding to it.**