

**RESOLUTION ON AGREEMENT ON CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE OAU
AND CICIBA**

The OAU Council of Ministers meeting in its Forty-second Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 10 to 17 July, 1985,

Recalling the objectives of the charter of the Organization of African Unity, the Cultural Charter for Africa and the Pan-African Cultural Manifesto,

Considering the importance of Bantu Civilization, common cultural heritage of the peoples of Bantu languages and culture in the North and South of the Equator and those of the diaspora,

Conscious of the fact that the success of the Monrovia Strategy and the Lagos Plan of Action depends mainly on cultural, scientific and technical co-operation between African countries:

- 1. HAILS the initiative taken by H.E. El Haj Omar BONGO, President of the Gabonese Republic to establish, with his colleagues, an International Centre for Bantu Civilization (CICIBA);**
- 2. APPROVES the Draft Agreement of Co-operation between the OAU and CICIBA and AUTHORIZES the Secretary-General to sign it (See Annex I);**
- 3. APPEALS to the financing organizations as well as cultural organizations to lend their support to CICIBA.**

**AGREEMENT ON CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE
ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY (OAU) AND THE
INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR BANTU CIVILIZATION
(CICIBA)**

Preamble

The Organization of African Unity hereinafter referred to as “OAU” and the International Centre for Bantu Civilization hereinafter referred to as “CICIBA”,

Considering that the Charter of the OAU makes the strengthening of Unity and solidarity among African States one of the primary objectives of the organization,

Considering that according to its constituent Convention, CICIBA’s main objective is to conserve, promote and preserve the authentic values of the Bantu Civilization,

Considering that CICIBA is an African Regional Organization whose Member States are also Member States of the OAU,

Considering that no true African Unity and solidarity is possible without taking into account the African Cultural dimension,

Considering that the success of the Monrovia Strategy and the Lagos Plan of Action depends on the execution of concerted actions, both at regional and continental levels, in respect of cultural, scientific and technical matters concerning African countries,

Desirous of contributing to the attainment of the objectives of the Cultural Charter of Africa adopted by the Thirteenth Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the OAU,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1: Co-operation

- 1. OAU and CICIBA have agreed to co-operate in and consult on matters of common interest and, in particular, on matters relating to the conservation, preservation and promotion of the values of the Bantu Civilization;**
- 2. To this end, the competent bodies of the OAU and CICIBA shall consult regularly and exchange information and documents on matters indicated in paragraph 1 of this article, except for classified documents and information;**
- 3. To avoid unnecessary duplication, OAU and CICIBA shall inform each other of any programmes of cultural activities that each intends to undertake in CICIBA member countries and shall consider any such proposals that each shall submit to the other in this area;**
- 4. OAU and CICIBA may, through special arrangements, agree to undertake joint activities in the fields of common interest; these special arrangements shall particularly define the conditions for participation and the financial share of each of the two Organizations.**

Article 2: Reciprocal Representation

- 1. OAU shall invite CICIBA to send observers to its meetings which shall be open to observers and considering issues relating to inter-African Cultural co-operation;**
- 2. CICIBA shall invite OAU to send observers to its meetings which shall be open to observers and considering issues relating to inter-African Cultural co-operation;**

Article 3: Supplementation of the Agreement

The Secretary-General of the OAU and the Director-General of CICIBA may make supplementary administrative arrangements for the implementation of this agreement.

Article 4: Entry into Force

The present agreement shall enter into force on the date of its signature following its approval by the respective competent bodies of the two Organizations.

Article 5: Amendment

- 1. The provisions of this agreement may be amended with the consent of both parties;**
- 2. Such an amendment shall become effective after its approval by the competent bodies as in Article 4 of the present agreement.**

Article 6: Interpretation

In the case of dispute arising from the application or the interpretation of the present agreement, such a dispute shall be referred to an arbitrator designated with the consent of the Secretary-General of the OAU and the Director-General of CICIBA, failing which, such an arbitrator shall be appointed by the OAU Council of Ministers.

Article 7: TERMINATION

Either party may terminate the agreement by giving six months notice to the other.

In witness whereof, the parties have signed the present original copies in English, Arabic and French, the three texts being equally authentic.

Done at on.....19

**FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN
INTERNATIONAL UNITY (OAU)**

**FOR THE
CENTRE FOR BANTU
CIVILIZATION (CICIBA)**

Secretary-General

Director-General