

**RESOLUTION ON THE CULTURAL ASPECTS OF THE
LAGOS PLAN OF ACTION**

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 and of the
the
Cultural Charter for Africa,**

Recalling the conclusions of the Pan-African Cultural Manifesto, the Inter-governmental Conference on cultural policies in Africa (ACCRA 1975) and of the Conference of Ministers of Planning (Harare 1980),

Having heard the Report of the Secretary-General a.i. of the OAU on the cultural aspects of the Lagos Plan of Action,

Convinced that the implementation of the Lagos Plan of Action must be accompanied by a cultural development plan,

Recalling Recommendations 27 of the World Conference on cultural policies (Mexico 1982) and Resolution 11.20 adopted by the general Conference of UNESCO (Paris 1982):

1. RECOMMENDS that the OAU Assembly of Heads of State and Government adopt a Cultural Declaration of the socio-economic development of Africa as a supplement to the Lagos Plan of Action;
2. REQUESTS the United Nations General Assembly to include within the framework of world cultural development decade a programme of action among the objectives of the Third and Fourth Development Decades with
a

- view to affirming cultural identities, considering the cultural aspects of development, widening participation in cultural life and international co-operation;**
- 3. CALLS UPON Member States to assist the UNESCO in drawing up Programme of Action for the Decade;**
 - 4. CALLS UPON the OAU Structural Committee to consider the establishment within the Education and Cultural Division, a Cultural Evaluation Section to study cultural development projects and look for the necessary human and financial resources to ensure an effective execution of the said projects;**
 - 5. HAILS the initiative of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) to conclude a model cultural Agreement among its members and that of the Central African Customs and Economic Union (EDEAC) to ensure the consideration of socio-cultural factors in development projects;**
 - 6. CALLS UPON the Conference of Ministers of Information and the Pan-African News Agency to popularize and promote activities of cultural development within the context of the Lagos Plan of Action;**
 - 7. APPRECIATES the new provisions in the ACP/EEC co-operation Convention relating to socio-cultural co-operation and URGES Member parties to this Convention to pay particular attention to the implementation of the provisions.**