

**RESOLUTION ON PREPARATIONS FOR THE 13TH SPECIAL SESSION OF
THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO CONSIDER THE
CRITICAL ECONOMIC SITUATION IN AFRICA**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Forty-third Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 25 February to 4 March, 1986,

Recalling the decision by the Twenty-first Assembly of Heads of State and Government in the African Priority Programme for Economic Recovery to establish a Permanent Steering Committee responsible, inter-alia, for assisting in defining and co-ordinating the positions of the Member States in the preparation of major international negotiations and within the major international institutions,

Further recalling Resolution A/Res/40/40 of 2 December, 1985 adopted by the United Nations General Assembly by which the Assembly decided to convene from 27 to 31 May, 1986 a Special Session of the General Assembly at ministerial level to consider in depth the critical economic situation in Africa,

Having considered the report of the OAU Permanent Steering Committee on the preparations for the Special Session including proposals on documentation to be prepared for that Session,

Emphasizing the need for these preparations and documentation at all levels to recognize that the Special Session of the General Assembly on the critical economic situation in Africa has been convened on the specific request of the OAU Assembly of Heads of State and Government to address the problems of Africa's development,

Stressing the need for effective co-ordination of these preparations between the OAU Permanent Steering Committee and the African Group in New York,

Stressing further that the Extra-ordinary Session of the United Nations General Assembly should culminate in the adoption of coherent and concrete measures likely to sustain effectively Africa's economic recovery efforts:

- 1. TAKES NOTE of the progress achieved by the Permanent Steering Committee for Africa's position on the Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly on the Critical Economic Situation in Africa;**
- 2. APPEALS to the international community to make concrete and effective contribution to the implementation of the Africal Priority Programme for Economic Recovery, during the Extra-Ordinary Session;**
- 3. REQUESTS the African Group in New York to ensure that preparations by the General Assembly Committee of the Whole are based on the African Priority Programme for Economic Recovery 1986 – 1990, as the African position document to be adopted by our forthcoming extraordinary session; and that its participation in the General Assembly Committee of the Whole is guided by this resolution and by decisions of the OAU Permanent Steering Committee;**
- 4. REQUESTS the General Secretariat of the OAU to ensure that documents and information on preparations for the Special Session are dispatched to the African Group in New York on a prompt and regular basis;**
- 5. REQUESTS the representative of the Current Chairman of the OAU in New York to continue taking the necessary action in order to ensure effective liaison between the African Group in New York and the Permanent Steering Committee in Addis Ababa for a better co-ordination of African preparations for the special session;**
- 6. URGES all Member States of the Permanent Steering Committee to include in their national delegations to the Third Meeting of the Permanent Steering Committee, the meeting of the Preparatory Committee of the Whole and the**

- Special Session of the General Assembly, their representatives in New York and Addis Ababa;**
- 7. CALLS UPON the ECA Conference of Ministers, in its Special Session called for the 28 and 29 March 1986, to examine in detail, the African position document for the Special Session of the General Assembly;**
 - 8. DECIDES to convene in an Extra-Ordinary Session on 30 and 31 March 1986, in order to consider and approve the African position document;**
 - 9. URGES all Member States of the United Nations to effectively participate at the Special Session in accordance with the General Assembly Resolution 40/40;**
 - 10. ALSO CALLS UPON Member States to individually and collectively undertake a campaign, before and during the Extra-Ordinary Session, to inform and make the international community aware of the objectives of the Extra-Ordinary Session;**
 - 11. REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the OAU in close collaboration with the Executive Secretary of the ECA, to take all necessary measures to ensure the implementation of this resolution, and to report to the Extra-Ordinary Session of Council decided in paragraph 8 above.**