

RESOLUTION ON AFRO-ARAB COOPERATION

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,

Having carefully considered the Report of the Secretary-General on Afro-Arab Cooperation (Doc. CM 1357 (XLIII)),

Recalling the provisions of the Declarations and the Programme of Action adopted by the First Afro-Arab Summit Conference held in Cairo, in March 1977,

Reaffirming its unflinching support and its complete willingness to foster co-operation in all areas defined by the First Afro-Arab Summit Conference, in the interest of African and Arab peoples,

Expressing its appreciation for the efforts made by the OAU and the League of Arab States, to ensure the normal functioning of the other organs of Afro-Arab Cooperation in spite of the difficulties encountered to convene the First Joint Afro-Arab Ministerial Conference,

Having taken cognizance of the recommendations of the Eighth Session of the Standing Commission for Afro-Arab Cooperation, held in Damascus, the Syrian Arab Republic from 14 to 17 January 1986:

- 1. TAKES NOTE of the Report of the Secretary-General on Afro-Arab Cooperation (Doc. CM/1357 (XLIII));**
- 2. COMMENDS the Standing Commission, the Coordinating Committee and the two Secretaries-General of the OAU and the Arab League for all the**

efforts made to ensure the normal functioning and strengthening of the organs of Afro-Arab Cooperation;

- 3. COMMENDS the Syrian Arab Republic for its effort to host under the best conditions, the Eighth Ordinary Session of the Standing Commission for Afro-Arab Cooperation, from 14 to 17 January 1986;**
- 4. ENDORSES the recommendations of the Eighth Ordinary Session of the Standing Commission for Afro-Arab Cooperation held in Damascus, Syria, from 14 to 17 January 1986;**
- 5. RECOMMENDS that the Ad Hoc Committee, comprising the two Current Chairmen of the OAU and the Arab League, the two Secretaries-General of the OAU and the Arab League and the host Country, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya which was established at the proposal of the Eighth Session of the Standing Commission for Afro-Arab Cooperation, meet as soon as possible to define the modalities for the convening of the First Session of the Joint Afro-Arab Ministerial Conference, which should be held before the end of 1986;**
- 6. CALLS UPON the OAU Secretary-General in co-operation with his counterpart of the Arab League, to take all the necessary steps and hold all the necessary consultations for the meeting of this Committee to be held as soon as possible, and to report the results of his steps to the Forty-fourth Session of this Council;**
- 7. URGES the OAU Secretary-General to consult his counterpart of the League of Arab States so as to implement all the recommendations of the Eighth Session of the Standing Commission for Afro-Arab Cooperation;**
- 8. DECIDES to maintain temporarily the current composition of the OAU Committee of Twelve for Afro-Arab Cooperation to enable it follow-up the**

on-going activities for the preparation of the First Session of the Joint Afro-Arab Ministerial Conference.