

**RESOLUTION ON THE FIRST CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN MINISTERS OF
CULTURE**

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 objectives of the OAU Charter and the Cultural Charter for Africa,

Recalling that by Resolution AHG/Res.82 (XIII) adopted by the Thirteenth Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government held in Port Louis (Mauritius) in July 1976 recommended that a Conference of African Ministers of Culture be convened every two years,

Recalling the Declaration adopted by the Twenty-first Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government held in Addis Ababa, in July 1985, on the Cultural Aspects of the Lagos Plan of Action (AHG/Decl.2 (XXI),

Convinced that the success of the Lagos Plan of Action and the Priority Programme for the Economic Recovery of Africa, depends on the analysis of the interactions between culture and other economic and social fields,

Considering that the Unity of Africa has its base in the promotion of African languages, media and vehicles of the cultural heritage,

Having heard the Report of the Secretary-General on the preparation of the First Conference of African Ministers of Culture CM/1345 (XLIII) and the on-going consultations with the Government of Mauritius:

- 1. WELCOMES the holding of this Conference in Port Louis (Mauritius) within the context of the Tenth Anniversary of the Cultural Charter for**

- Africa and thanks the Government of Mauritius for having offered to host the first Conference of African Ministers of Culture;**
- 2. URGES Member States to participate actively in this Conference;**
 - 3. RECOMMENDS that Member countries which have not yet ratified the Cultural Charter for Africa should do so during the Conference and on the occasion of the proclamation by the UN General Assembly of the World Cultural Development Decade and CALLS UPON Member States to contribute to the Inter-African Cultural Fund;**
 - 4. CALLS UPON the Conference of African Ministers of Culture to:**
 - a) consider ways and means of drawing up a cultural development plan;**
 - b) consider and adopt an African Linguistic Plan of Action.**