

**RESOLUTION ON THE MERGER OF THE PAN-AFRICAN
TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION (PATU) AND PAN-AFRICAN POSTAL
UNION (PAPU)**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Forty-fourth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 21 to 26 July 1986,

Having considered the question of the merger of PATU and PAPU proposed by Togo,

Recalling Resolution No. PAPU/CP.1/84 /Res.1 of the first Session of PAPU Plenipotentiary Conference which called for the merger of PATU and PAPU to form a single Pan-African Organization for co-ordinating Posts and Telecommunications matters, and which requested the Secretary-General of the OAU to take appropriate measures to that end,

Recalling further the decision of the Forty-second Session of the OAU Council of Ministers requesting the General Secretariat of the OAU to conduct a study on this question as well as seek the views of PATU Plenipotentiary Conference,

Considering the importance of the Posts and Telecommunications sub-sector in promoting physical and economic integration of the continent,

Aware of the need to ensure the efficient utilization of the resource available by rationalizing the continental organizations in the field of Posts and Telecommunications:

1. REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the OAU to conduct a thorough independent and in-depth study on the merger of PATU and PAPU and to convene a joint Extra-ordinary Plenipotentiary Conference of PATU and PAPU to consider the report of the study before presenting it to the next Council of Ministers;

2. **CALLS UPON the Secretary-General of the OAU in close co-operation with PATU and PAPU to evolve the terms of reference for such a study;**

3. **REQUESTS FURTHER all African regional and sub-regional organizations in the field of Posts and Telecommunications to provide technical assistance to the General Secretariat in the conduct of study.**

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE
MERGER OF PATU AND PAPU**

The above draft resolution calls upon the General Secretariat to undertake a study on the merger of PATU and PAPU. It also requests the OAU in close co-operation with PAPU and PATU to evolve the terms of reference of such a study. It is therefore proposed to convene a 5-day meeting of the three Secretariats in Addis Ababa. A Joint Plenipotentiary Conference of PAPU and PATU will be convened in Addis Ababa to consider the outcome of the study.

Conduct of 2 Consultants

Due to the rather short period allowed for the conduct of the study, it is proposed to engage the services of two consultants one each in Post and Telecommunications fields for a period of two months to conduct the study.

Salary for 2 Consultants

For 2 months at US\$ (3,000 x 2 x 2)			
per Consultant per month	=	US\$	12,000
Per diem at US\$ 90 per day (60 x 90 x 2)	=	US\$	10,800
Air ticket for field missions (3,000 x 2)	=	US\$	6,000
Terminal expenses	=	US\$	240
Total (a)	=	US\$	29,040

**Meeting between OAU, PAPU and PATU Secretariats
in Addis Ababa**

Salary of 4 interpreters for 5 days at US\$200

Per day/interpreter (220 x 5 x 4) = US\$ 4,400

Documentation = US\$ 500

Total (b) = US\$ 4,900

Joint Plenipotentiary Conference of PATU and PAPU

Salary for interpreters at US\$ 220 per day/

interpreter (6 x 5 x 220) = US\$ 6,600

Documentation = US\$ 1,000

Sub-total (c) = US\$ 7,600

Total (a), (b) & (c)... .. = US\$ 41,540

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