

RESOLUTION ON THE CANDIDATURE OF
MR MOISE CHRISTOPHE MENSAH FOR THE POST OF
DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE FOOD AND
AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED
NATIONS (FAO)

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

Considering the need for Africa to play an effective role in the activities of the agencies of the United Nations system in general and, more particularly, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO),

Considering the major role played by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in the agricultural development of Africa,

Considering the very important share of agriculture in the Formation of the Gross National Product of African States and the high percentage, 60 to 90 per cent, of the population engaged in agriculture,

Recalling all the resolution passed on the food situation and particularly the Lagos Plan of Action and Africa's Priority Programme for Economic Recovery which devote a substantial part to the improvement of food situation and rehabilitation of Agriculture in Africa,

Considering that the UN Programme of Action adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on the Critical Economic Situation of Africa also accords priority to the development of Africa's agricultural production,

Considering the decision of the People's Republic of Benin to present its candidature for the post of Director-General of FAO and the consultations held by Benin with all the OAU Member States and the OAU Secretary-General regarding this decision,

Taking further note of the designation by Benin of Mr Moise Christophe Mensah, Assistant President, in-charge of the Department of Projects Management in the International Fund for Agriculture Development as candidate for the post of Director-General of FAO, elections for which will be held at the Twenty-fourth Session of the FAO in November 1987,

- 1. CONSIDERS Benin's candidate as being highly representative whose qualifications, wise experience in the services to the international community, Africa and the United Nations System make him suitable to assume the high responsibility of Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;**
- 2. STRONGLY SUPPORTS Mr Moise Christophe Mensah as Africa's candidate for the post of Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;**
- 3. REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the OAU to do everything possible in co-operation with the ECA Executive Secretary, the African Groups at the United Nations and FAO, to ensure the success of this candidature;**
- 4. FURTHER REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General to transmit this decision to all Member Countries of the FAO and the United Nations Organization to enlist their support for the African candidate.**