

RESOLUTION ON TRIBUTE TO
PROFESSOR WOLE SOYINKA
NOBLE PRICE WINNER IN LITERATURE

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Forty-sixth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 20 to 25 July 1987,

Having heard with satisfaction the statement by the Senegalese delegation on the award of the 1987 Nobel Prize for Literature to Professor Wole Soyinka for his complete works,

Considering that this award is an honor not only to the recipient and his country but to the whole of Africa,

Considering further that by his complete works, his novels, films and plays, Professor Wole Soyinka actively participates in the affirmation of the African Culture and the Anti-apartheid struggle:

- 1. WARMLY CONGRATULATES Professor Wole Soyinka, the happy recipient;**
- 2. REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General to avail himself of the opportunity of a cultural forum on the Continent to pay solemn tribute to Professor Wole Soyinka on behalf of the Council;**
- 3. URGES Professor Wole Soyinka, in his capacity as President of the International Institute for the Theatre and Noble Prize Winner to continue his works, so rich and so varied;**
- 4. AVAILS itself of this opportunity to launch an appeal to African writers and artists so that, like Professor Wole Soyinka, they can continue to denounce apartheid, which is a crime against humanity and the development of Africa's cultural renaissance.**