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RESOLUTION ON THE REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL'S EXPERT GROUP ON AFRICAN COMMODITY PROBLEMS

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-second Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 3 to 8 July 1990,

Recalling resolution AHG/177 (XXIV) of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the OAU adopted in May 1988, which requested the Secretary-General of the United Nations to establish a High-level Expert Group to examine the problem of African commodities,

Bearing in mind that the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted resolution 43/27 by which the Secretary-General of the UN constituted the Expert Group under the Chairmanship of Honorable Malcolm Fraser, former Prime Minister of Australia,

Noting that the Group has completed its assignment and that its report will be subsequently forwarded to the Forty-fifth Session of the United Nations General Assembly for consideration,

Having noted the said report entitled "African Commodity Problems - Towards a Solution",

Further noting the other relevant document made available by the Secretariat of the OAU:

1. EXPRESSES WITH GRATITUDE to the Secretary-General of the UN, for creating up the Expert Group of African Commodity Problems as requested by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government and NOTES that the Group has completed its assignment;
2. DIRECTS the Permanent Steering Committee with the participation of the Drafting Committee of the Whole, during its next meeting in August 1990, to carry out an in-depth assessment of the said report of the Expert's Group on African Commodity Problems, and all other related documents to be made available by the OAU Secretariat, in order to formulate a comprehensive African Common Position on the Report;
3. DECIDES that the expected African Common Position should constitute the stand to be adopted by the African Group during the Forty-fifth Session of the United Nations' General Assembly when the Report, "African Commodity Problems – Towards a Solution" would be considered and during the Paris Conference on the Least Developed Countries to be convened in September 1990 where commodities will also be discussed.