

CM/Res.1404 (LVI)

**RESOLUTION ON THE SPECIAL EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND FOR
DROUGHT AND FAMINE IN AFRICA**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-sixth Ordinary Session in Dakar, Senegal, from 22 to 28 June 1992,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the Activities and Operations of the Special Emergency Assistance Fund for Drought and Famine in Africa, contained in Document CM/Res.1725 (LVI),

Recalling the provisions of its resolutions CM/Res.1315 (LIII) and CM/Res.1336 (LIV) on the Special Fund,

Deeply concerned over the scope of the persistent drought in Africa and its repercussions on the economic and social development of Member States,

Recalling further the aims and objectives of the Special Fund, an instrument of active solidarity and cooperation, as well as the expression of Africa's willingness and determination to combat drought and famine in Africa,

Deeply concerned over the financial situation of the Fund due to gradual depletion of its resources and lack of new contributions:

1. TAKES NOTE of the Report of the Secretary-General contained in Document CM/1725 (LVI);
2. APPROVES the following recommendations adopted by the 14th Ordinary Session of the Policy Committee of the Fund, the campaign to mobilize additional financial resources:
 - (a) Identify target groups in Africa: The Federation of African Consultants; the International Association for Development Financing; Women Contractors, the wider African public;

International financing organizations; NGO'S and Employers Associations;

The Foreign Public.
 - (b) Sporting and cultural events within and outside Africa;

- (c) Organization of sporting events on the occasion of the OAU Day whose income would be paid into the account of the Special Fund;

OAU/UNSO consultation;
 - (d) Remind the OAU Executive Secretaries to pursue the sensitization and the financial resources mobilization campaign;
 - (e) Call on the Secretary-General to conduct a major sensitization campaign during the Council of Ministers and the Assembly of Heads of State and Government;
 - (f) Pursue the on-going actions to recover pledges made by the Member States;
 - (g) Urge Member States to submit reports on the implementation of projects financed by the Fund.
3. URGES the Secretary-General to take advantage of his visits abroad to further sensitize the international public opinion and governments of Member States on the serious drought situation in Africa and the urgent need for new contributions to the Special Fund;
 4. EXPRESSES ITS THANKS to the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office (UNSO) for its active participation in the resource mobilization campaign in accordance with the agreement concluded between UNSO and the OAU;
 5. REITERATES ITS APPEAL to all Member States to make voluntary contributions to the Fund and to those who have made pledges to honor their commitments;
 6. APPEALS ONCE MORE to the international community, governments, governmental and non-governmental organizations, businessmen and economic operators to contribute generously to the Special Fund;
 7. REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General to submit a report to the Council of Ministers on the implementation of this resolution and on the situation of the Special Emergency Assistance Fund.