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**RESOLUTION ON THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE CONTROL OF MICRONUTRIENT DEFICIENCIES**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Sixty-Third Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 26 to 28 February, 1996,

Having considered the Report of the Secretary-General on the control of Vitamin A and Iron Deficiencies (Doc. CM/1928 (LXIII)),

Aware that Vitamin A and Iron deficiencies affect numerous citizens of all Member States,

Mindful of -the adverse effects Vitamin A and Iron deficiencies have on the health, especially infants, pre-school children, pregnant and lactating women, and of the severe consequences of Iron deficiency on learning capacity and work- output,

Considering further that Vitamin A and Iron deficiencies are nutritional disorders for which techniques of prevention, treatment and control are available and affordable:

- 1 TAKES NOTE of the Report of the Secretary-General;
- 2 CALLS upon Member States to:
  - a) strengthen Primary Health Care systems by incorporating measures to control Vitamin A and Iron deficiencies;
  - b) strengthen all public education policies by establishing nutrition education in curricula at all levels of schooling;
  - c) incorporate the role of private food processing companies and suppliers into the planning and implementation of all national policies for the control of micronutrient deficiencies;