VOTE OF THANKS

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,

Considering that excellent arrangements had been made by the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia to ensure the success of the Session,

Considering that the Sixty-third Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers coincided with the celebration of the Centenary of the Adwa Victory:

1. NOTES WITH SATISFACTION, the highly inspiring statement made during the opening session by H.E. Ato Tamirat Layne, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia;

2. EXPRESSES ITS PROFOUND GRATITUDE to the President, the Prime Minister, the Government and the People of Ethiopia for their fraternal and warm hospitality;

3. CONGRATULATES the people and the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia on the occasion of the Centenary of the Adwa Victory;

4. EXTENDS ITS SALUTATIONS to the people of Ethiopia on the occasion of the celebration of this major historic event which is the expression of the unity, heroism and bravery of the Ethiopian people and which constitutes also a source of pride for the entire African Continent.