

RESOLUTION ON AFRO-ARAB CO-OPERATION

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Forty-eighth Ordinary Session, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 19 to 23 May 1988,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General contained in document CM/1510 (XLVIII),

Bearing in mind the Declarations and Programme of Action adopted by the First Afro-Arab Summit Conference held in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt, from 7 to 9 March 1977,

Reaffirming its determination to promote and strengthen Afro-Arab Co-operation,

Recalling its Resolution CM/1130 (XLVIII),

Considering the recommendations of the ad-hoc meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Outgoing and the Current Chairman of the OAU and the Outgoing Secretary-General of the two Organizations, held in Damascus, the Arab Republic of Syria, on 2 and 3 May, 1988:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the report of the Secretary-General on Afro-Arab Co-operation;
2. **CONGRATULATES** the Governments of the countries which took part in the Damascus meeting and the Secretaries-General of the two Organizations, OAU/Arab League, on the efforts deployed to ensure the success of the meeting;
3. **ACCEPTS** the recommendation of the meeting to convene in the latter part of 1988, the Ninth Session of the Standing Commission of Afro-Arab

Co-operation in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, with the participation of only the Member States of the Commission;

- 4. URGES the Standing Commission for Afro-Arab Co-operation to consider ways and means to reactivate the functioning of the supreme organs of Afro-Arab Co-operation, namely the Joint Afro-Arab Conference of Ministers and the Afro-Arab Summit;**
- 5. ALSO REQUESTS the Standing Commission to prepare the draft agenda of the First Session of the Joint Afro-Arab Conference of Ministers to be held in Khartoum, Republic of the Sudan, on a date to be fixed by the Government of the Republic of the Sudan and the Secretaries-General of the League of Arab States and the Organization of African Unity;**
- 6. EXPRESSES ITS THANKS to the Government of the Arab Republic of Syria for hosting the ad-hoc meeting in Damascus;**
- 7. EXPRESSES ITS GRATITUDE to the Government of Burkina Faso for its readiness to host the Ninth Session of the Standing Commission for Afro-Arab Co-operation;**
- 8. EXPRESSES ITS THANKS to the Government of the Republic of the Sudan for its ever-readiness to host the First Session of the Joint- Afro-Arab Conference of Ministers;**
- 9. REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the OAU to pursue his efforts in close co-operation with his counterpart of the League of Arab States, to reactivate all the institutional organs of Afro-Arab Co-operation set up by the First Afro-Arab Summit Conference, and to carefully prepare the Ninth Session of the Standing Commission for Afro-Arab Co-operation scheduled to take place between November and December 1988.**