

**RESOLUTION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF MARITIME TRANSPORT
IN AFRICA**

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,

Guided by the principles and objectives of the Charter of the Organization of African Unity and specifically Article II on the need for Member States to co-ordinate and harmonize their general policies on economic co-operation including transport and communications,

Recalling the high priority accorded to co-ordinated and integrated development of the transport and communications sector by the Lagos Plan of Action and the Africa's Priority Programme for Economic Recovery,

Recalling further its Resolution AM/Res.1107 (XLVI) on the organization of a meeting of African Experts Preparatory to the Diplomatic Review Conference on the United Nations Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences,

Taking note of the information given by the General Secretariat on the outcome of the said meeting which was held under the auspices of the OAU in Addis Ababa from 2 to 6 May 1988,

Convinced of the important role played by maritime transport in the economies of African States,

Conscious of the need for African States to promote their socio-economic development by establishing the appropriate organizational and operational structures to help reduce their foreign exchange expenditures:

1. **URGES Member States:**
 - (a) to accord high priority to the telecommunications sector;

- (b) to provide their Telecommunications Administration with appropriate organizational, managerial and financial structures so as to enable them to fully respond to the needs of modern telecommunications;**
 - (c) to encourage the utilization of the installed network by establishing operational and transit arrangements including tariff agreements as well as adequate maintenance structures;**
- 2. CALLS UPON Member States to give full support to African Sub-regional and Regional Telecommunications Organizations particularly, PATU which have an important role to play in co-ordinating the programmes of Member States in achieving optimum utilization and operational efficiency of the PANAFTEL network;**
- 3. EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION TO UNDP, ADB, ITU and other international agencies for their assistance to Member States in the development of their telecommunications sector;**
- 4. REQUESTS the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures to mobilize funds for an integrated and co-ordinated development of the telecommunications sub-sector in Africa;**
- 5. FURTHER REQUESTS the Secretary-General to report periodically on the implementation of the resolution.**