

**RESOLUTION ON SPECIAL CONFERENCE OF
AFRICAN MINISTERS OF MARITIME TRANSPORT**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Forty-ninth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 20 to 25 February, 1989,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on Shipping Document CM/1523 (XLIX),

Recalling its Resolution CM/Res.1169 (XLVIII) on the Development of Maritime Transport in Africa,

Bearing in mind the Lagos Plan of Action and the African Priority Programme for Economic Recovery which called for concerted and self-sustaining efforts by Africa to develop all sectors of the economy including maritime transport,

Appreciative of the efforts by Member States to develop their shipping industries,

Aware, however, of the need to adopt concrete measures at continental level to foster the development of Maritime Transport in Africa,

Noting the inconclusive outcome of the First Session of the Review Conference on the United Nations Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences,

Conscious of the crucial importance for Africa to formulate a concerted and harmonized policy in shipping so as to better defend its interests in international negotiations and especially, during the Second Session of the Review Conference:

1. **ENDORSES** the recommendation of the African Group at the Review Conference requesting the Secretary-General of the OAU to convene a

Special Conference of Ministers in charge of shipping to consider, inter-alia the following:

- (i) An assessment of the First Session of the Review Conference on the UN Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences;
 - (ii) The development of Shipping in Africa;
 - (iii) A negotiating position for Africa on the issues before the resumed Session of the said Review Conference;
 - (iv) The adoption of an African Maritime Charter.
2. REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the OAU in close co-operation with all relevant African and International Organizations to assist Member States to actively prepare for the resumed Session of the Review Conference on the United Nations Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences which is scheduled to be held in the second half of 1989;
3. APPEALS once again to all Member States that have not ratified the Convention to do so before the resumed Session so as to strengthen Africa's participation at the Session;
4. FURTHER REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the OAU to pursue his efforts to promote the orderly development of the shipping industry in Africa.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION
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OF MARITIME TRANSPORT

The total duration of the Conference at both Expert and Ministerial level will be 7 days.

In calculating the cost of the meeting it is assumed that the meeting will be held in Addis Ababa.

Cost of Interpretation

Number of interpreters required is 12

Salary for interpreters at US\$300.00 per day

per interpreter (300 x 12 x 7)	US\$25,200	US\$	25,200
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Per diem for interpreters at US\$126.00

per day for 6 interpreters per day (it is assumed the OAU

will provide 6 interpreters) – (126 x 6 x 7) US\$5,272	5,272
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Air tickets for 6 interpreters at US\$1,500

per ticket **9,000**

Documentation

Production of documents	US\$	5,000
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Contingencies	5,000
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TOTAL	US\$ 49,472
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