

**RESOLUTION ON AFRO-ARAB CO-OPERATION**

**The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fiftieth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 17 to 22 July, 1989,**

**Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on Afro-Arab Co-operation contained in Document CM/1566 (L),**

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

**Determined to promote and strengthen Afro-Arab Co-operation in all areas,**

**Considering the recommendations of the Tenth Ordinary Session of the Standing Commission for Afro-Arab Co-operation held in Kuwait State of Kuwait, from 18 – 20 June, 1989,**

**Considering Resolution CM/Res.993 (XL) of February 1984 defining among other things, the composition of the OAU Committee of 12 on Afro-Arab Co-operation:**

- 1. TAKES NOTE of the Report of the Secretary-General on Afro-Arab Co-operation;**
- 2. ENDORSES the recommendations of the Tenth Ordinary Session of the Standing Commission on Afro-Arab Co-operation and CALLS UPON the Secretary-General to hold the necessary consultations with the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States and the other parties concerned with a view to ensuring the implementation of these recommendations;**
- 3. EXPRESSES ITS PROFOUND GRATITUDE to the State of Kuwait for the efforts deployed and the excellent facilities provided which**

**contributed to the success of the Tenth Ordinary Session of the Standing Commission;**

- 4. COMMENDS the Member States and the two Secretaries-General of the Organization of African Unity and the League of Arab States, for the efforts deployed to hold the Tenth Ordinary Session of the Standing Commission under the best possible conditions;**
  
- 5. CALLS UPON the OAU Secretary-General to conduct studies and take the necessary steps in close co-operation with his counterpart of the League of Arab States and in consultation with the Specialized African and Arab Institutions, for the implementation of the following specific projects:**
  - a. proposed establishment of an Afro-Arab Financial Investment Institution:**
    - i) preparation of the Draft Statutes,**
    - ii) organization of a special meeting of African and Arab Ministers of Finance in Washington D.C. in September 1989 during the annual conference of the World Bank and the IMF, to consider the said statutes and determine the modalities for contributing financially to the capital of the Institution;**
    - iii) Involvement of ADB and BADEA in the project.**
  
  - b. draft framework agreement for investment promotion and guarantee;**
  
  - c. meeting of African and Arab Investors;**
  
  - d. draft framework agreement for the establishment of an Afro-Arab Preferential Trade Area;**

- e. **organization of the First Afro-Arab Trade Fair in October 1990; the following 8 OAU Member states were selected to serve on the Joint Afro-Arab Trade Fair Organizing Committee: Burundi, Congo, Liberia, Uganda, Sudan, Togo, Tunisia and Zimbabwe;**
  - f. **organization of an Afro-Arab Seminar on Food Security;**
  - g. **opening of the Afro-Arab Cultural Institute in 1991 and provision of an initial budget of US\$500,000 to be contributed by the three organizations viz: OAU, LAS and ALECSO;**
  - h. **intensification of exchange of programmes and information among the specialized African and Arab Institutions.**
- 6. REQUESTS the Secretary-General to hold all necessary consultations with his counterpart of the League of Arab States and all interested parties, with a view to convening the First Session of the Afro-Arab Ministerial Conference, as early as possible;**
- 7. RENEWS ITS THANKS to the Republic of Sudan for its continued willingness to host the First Session of the Afro-Arab Ministerial Conference;**
- 8. FURTHER REQUESTS the Secretary-General to hold all necessary consultations with his counterpart of the League of Arab States and all interested parties, with a view to convening the Eleventh Session of the Standing Commission on Afro-Arab Co-operation, in New York in October 1989;**
- 9. REQUESTS the Secretary-General in close co-operation with his counterpart of the League of Arab States to carry out a study on the ways and means of rationalizing the functioning of Afro-Arab Co-operation structures with a view to enhancing their performance and simplifying their procedures;**

10. **DECIDES** to designate the Arab Republic of Egypt as a member of the OAU Committee of Twelve on Afro-Arab Co-operation, to represent the North African sub-region for the rest of the current term;
11. **REQUESTS** the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of this resolution to the next Session of the Council of Ministers.

CM/Res.1210 (L)

Annex

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF RESOLUTION**  
**ON AFRO-ARAB CO-OPERATION**

	SUMMARY	US\$
1989-90	.....	108,424.00
1990-91	.....	<u>456,667.00</u>
		565,091.00

**I. 1989 – 1990 Financial Year**

A.	Meeting of African and Arab Ministers of Finance – September 1989	70,000.00
B.	Meeting of Experts, establishment of Afro-Arab Preferential Trade Area – October 1989	20,000.00
C.	Afro-Arab Trade Fair	
	1. Meeting of the Organizing Committee – October 1989	<u>18,000.00</u>
	<b>Total I</b>	<b>108,424.00</b>

**II. 1990 – 1991 Financial Year**

2.	Meeting of Organizing Committee (1990 – 1991)	43,757.00
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	<b>3. Organization of First Trade Fair</b>	
	<b>3.1 Publicity campaign</b>	<b>150,000.00</b>
	<b>3.2 Costs of participation of the Secretariat and of members of the OAU Organizing Committee</b>	<b>54,479.00</b>
	<b>3.3 Contingencies</b>	
<b>1,764.00</b>		
<b>D.</b>	<b>OAU contribution to 1990/91 budget of the Afro-Arab Cultural Institute</b>	<b>166,667.00</b>
<b>E.</b>	<b>Seminar of Food Security</b>	<b><u>40,000.00</u></b>
	<b>Total II</b>	<b>456,667.00</b>
	<b>Overall Total (I and II)</b>	<b>565,091.00</b>
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**N.B. No allocations were made for the Organization of the above-mentioned meetings decided on in Kuwait in June 1989.**