RESOLUTION ON ASSISTING SWAPO BUILD UP
ITS INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

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 address on the status on the information and communication in Africa read by the Chairman of the Inter-Governmental Council on Communications in Africa (ICC) and Current Chairman of the Conference of African Ministers of Information,

Aware of the importance of information and communications in nation building,

Convinced that SWAPO needs to be assisted to build up its information and communications systems,

Conscious of the need for the presence of Africa's Information Service in Namibia during the electoral process,

Conscious of the propaganda war waged by the South African regime to destabilize the efforts of SWAPO in preparing for the independence of Namibia,

Aware of the denial of SWAPO of access to the media which are essential for proper information flow during the election campaign:

1. CALLS for OAU/ICC to urgently contact SWAPO in order to identify their information and communications needs with a view to providing the necessary financial and technical assistance to the organization;

2. URGES Member States to put at the disposal of SWAPO national information facilities to help propagate its election campaign;

3.	REQUESTS OAU Secretary-General to convey to the UN Secretary-General the concern of Africa on the denial of information facilities to SWAPO.