

**RESOLUTION ON THE OUTCOME OF THE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION OF
AFRICAN MINISTERS OF MARITIME TRANSPORT**

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 Document CM/1553 (L) on the outcome of the First Session of the Conference of African Ministers of Maritime Transport,

Recalling its Resolution CM/RES.1169 (XLVIII) on the Development of Maritime Transport in Africa and Resolution CM/Res.1198 (XLIX) on the Special Conference of African Ministers of Maritime Transport,

Recognizing the important role played by the UN Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences in stimulating the development of Maritime Transport in Africa,

Aware of the need for Africa to prepare thoroughly for the Resumed Session of the Review Conference so as to maintain the advantages gained from the implementation of the Code,

Further recognizing that the traditional and privileged economic and trade relations existing between EEC and ACP countries and the need to reinforce them particularly with the African countries:

1. **ENDORSES** the Declaration entitled “Declaration of the Conference of Ministers of Maritime Transport of Member States of OAU on the UN Convention and a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences”;
2. **APPROVES** the establishment of a Working Group composed of Algeria, Cameroon, Cote d’Ivoire, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Liberia, Mali, Nigeria, Senegal and Zimbabwe assisted by the OAU General Secretariat in co-operation with the ECA and MINCONMAR Secretariats to, **inter alia**, thoroughly prepare for the Resumed Session of Review Conference on UN

Convention of a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences and pave the way for more intensive inter-African co-operation in Maritime Transport;

- 3. REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the OAU to take necessary and urgent measures to make the Working Group operational;**
- 4. FURTHER ENDORSES the amendments to the relevant provisions of Lome III Convention in the field of Maritime Transport and directs the Secretary-General of the OAU to transmit these amendments to ACP Secretariat and other sub-groups of the ACP Group as Africa's position in this field;**
- 5. FURTHER REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General to give all the necessary assistance to Member States in clearly defining their position with regard to Maritime Transport in the negotiations leading to the renewal of Lome III Convention;**
- 6. APPEALS SOLEMNLY to EEC and to each of its Member States, reviewing the Lome III Convention and in the implementation of the European Single Act, to take necessary measures to assist African countries to realize their aspiration of increasing their participation in the carriage of their sea-borne trade and to promote the development of Maritime Transport in Africa;**
- 7. CALLS UPON African countries to intensify intra-African co-operation in the field of Maritime Transport by strengthening the already existing institutions as the initial steps for creating a cost effective maritime sector in Africa;**
- 8. URGES the Secretary-General of the OAU to pursue its efforts in collaboration with all relevant African and international organizations in the preparation of an African Maritime Charter;**
- 9. FINALLY REQUESTS the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of this resolution.**

1. It is proposed to organize two meetings of the Working Group in Addis Ababa and Lagos. The General Secretariat will service these meetings. The duration of each meeting will be 7 days.

Staff required for servicing the meetings will be as follows:

- 4 Interpreters, 2 Officers,
4 Secretaries and 4 Translators

Estimated Cost... .. US\$ 50,000.00

2. It is envisaged that as preparatory to the work of the Working Group, there will be two meetings with UNCTAD in Geneva and IMO in London. One Officer will participate in these meetings that will last 15 days.

Estimated Cost... .. US\$ 7,618.00

3. Participation of one Officer in ACP/EEC Negotiating Meetings for 15 days.

Estimated Cost... .. US\$ 7,618.00

4. Conduct of specific studies in Maritime Transport.

- Engagement of a consultant for 6 months.
- Payment of salary of P5 Officer and per diem including traveling.

Estimated Cost... .. US\$ 40,624.00

Second Session of the Conference of Ministers of Maritime Transport.

The Conference will be preceded by a preparatory meeting of Experts.

The estimated cost includes also preparation of basic documents.

Estimated Cost... ..	US\$ 40,624.00
TOTAL	US\$ 170,860.00