RESOLUTION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CM/RES.1225 (L) CONTROL OF TRANS-BOUNDARY MOVEMENT OF HAZARDOUS WASTES AND THEIR DISPOSAL IN AFRICA

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-first Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 19 to 24 February 1990,

<u>Having considered</u> the report of the Secretary-General of the OAU on the implementation of CM/Res.1225 (L) on the Control of Trans-boundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal in Africa,

Bearing in mind Resolutions CM/Res.1153 (XLVIII) on Dumping of Nuclear and Industrial Wastes in Africa and CM/Res.1199 (XLIX) on Global Convention for the Control of Trans-boundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes,

<u>Considering</u> that both resolutions had addressed the grave concerns of Member States of the OAU over the dumping of hazardous wastes in Africa and the gaps contained in the Basel Convention that sought to control trans-boundary movement of hazardous wastes and their disposal,

<u>Recalling</u> that CM/Res.1225 (L) decided to set up a Working Group composed of legal and environmental experts to draw up a Draft African Convention on the Control of Trans-boundary Movement of all forms of Hazardous Wastes in the Continent:

- TAKES NOTE of the Secretary-General's report on the implementation of CM/Res.1225 (L) and the first Draft African Convention on the Control of Trans-boundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes in all forms and their Disposal in the Continent;
- 2. COMMENDS the Secretary-General for efforts so far exerted in the implementations of CM/Res.1225 (L);
- 3. FURTHER APPRECIATES and EXPRESSES WITH GRATITUDE the cooperation of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) for their collaboration;
- 4. CALLS UPON the Secretary-General of the OAU to maintain the momentum for the implementation of CM/Res.1225 (L) by convening, as soon as possible, a second experts group to finalize the Draft African Convention on The Control of Trans-boundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes in the Continent so that it should be ready for submission to the Pan-African Coordinating Conference on Environment and Sustainable Development in Bamako, Mali in June 1990.