

CM/Res.1291 (LII)

**RESOLUTION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CM/RES.1225 (L) ON THE  
AFRICAN CONVENTION ON THE CONTROL OF TRANS-BOUNDARY  
MOVEMENTS AND DISPOSAL OF HAZARDOUS WASTES IN AFRICA AND  
THE RESOLUTION CM/RES.1261 (LI) ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF  
ENVIRONMENT**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-second Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 3 to 8 July 1990,

Recalling Resolution CM/1153 (XLVII) on Dumping of Nuclear and Industrial Wastes in Africa, and CM/Res.1199 (XLIX) on the Global Convention for the Control of Trans-boundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes,

Bearing in mind Resolution CM/Res.1261 (LI) relating to cooperation in the field of Environment especially as regards ways and means of ensuring Africa's effective participation in the activities of the Preparatory Committee on the 1992 Brazil Conference,

Noting that these resolutions addressed the grave concerns of Member States of the OAU over the dumping of hazardous wastes including radioactive wastes in Africa, as well as the shortcomings of the Basel Convention with respect to adequately preventing such dumping in Africa,

Recognizing that CM/Res.1225 (L) called for the establishment of a Working Group composed of legal and technical environment experts to draw up a Draft African Convention, the chief aims of which include the effective prohibition of the import of hazardous, including radioactive wastes into Africa, as well as to lay the foundation for addressing hazardous wastes produced in Africa to ensure an effective protection to Africa's land and territorial waters,

Having considered 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, and taking note of the results of the Second Meeting of the Working Group drafting the African Convention which convened in May 1990 pursuant to CM/Res.1260 (L):

1. COMMENDS the Secretary-General for efforts so far exerted in the implementation of CM/Res.1225 (L);

2. EXPRESSES ITS GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION for the cooperation of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP), Asian African Legal Consultative Committee (AALCC) and Greenpeace International in the implementation of CM/Res.1225 (L);
3. ENDORSES the work done so far by the Working Group of Legal and Environmental Experts and CALLS ON Member States to communicate to the OAU General Secretariat, their observations on the Draft Convention on the Control of Trans-boundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal in Africa for prior consideration by the meeting of Committee of Inter-Governmental Experts that its to precede the Pan-African Conference on the Environment and Sustainable Development scheduled to be held in Bamako in December 1990;
4. CALLS UPON the Secretary-General and the Member States of the OAU, to maintain the momentum and efforts for the adoption of the Draft African Convention, as well as all other acts aimed at achieving these objectives at the Pan-African Coordination Conference on Environment and Sustainable Development in Bamako, in December 1990;
5. REQUESTS the Secretary-General, and Member States of the OAU, to promote these objectives at the global level, by inter-alias, advocating them in international convention meetings and during the Preparatory Committee (PrepCom) meeting for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCAD) to be held in 1992 in Brazil;
6. INVITES ALL OAU Member States to participate adequately in the First Meeting of the Preparatory Committee of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development scheduled for Nairobi, Kenya, from 6 to 31 August 1990, as well as all other activities relating to the preparation of the Conference;
7. REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the OAU to submit a report on the implementation of this resolution to the Fifty-third Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers.