

CM/Res.1356 (LIV)

**RESOLUTION ON THE BAMAKO CONVENTION ON THE BAN ON THE
IMPORT OF HAZARDOUS WASTES INTO AFRICA AND ON THE CONTROL
OF THEIR TRANS-BOUNDARY MOVEMENTS WITHIN AFRICA**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-fourth Ordinary Session in Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria, from 27 May to 1 June 1991,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General of the OAU (Doc. CM/1673 (LIV)) on the Pan-African Conference on Environment and Sustainable Development held in Bamako, Mali, from 23 to 30 January 1991,

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

Recalling further Resolution CM/Res.1225 (L) on setting-up of a Working Group composed of Legal and Technical Environment Experts to draw up an African Convention on the Control of all Forms of Hazardous Wastes in the Continent,

Mindful that the objectives of the Bamako Convention are to adequately address Africa's interests and concerns in response to the loopholes contained in the Basel Convention:

1. TAKES NOTE with satisfaction of the Secretary-General's report on this issue;
2. EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION to ECA, UNEP, Greenpeace International and the Asian-African Legal Consultation Committee For their cooperation;
3. REQUESTS OAU Member States who have not yet signed and ratify the Convention to do so, so as to bring it into force;
4. REQUESTS the Secretary-General to ensure the widest publicity on the Convention;
5. ENCOURAGES Member States to organize national and sub-regional seminars with a view to disseminating information on the Convention.