RESOLUTION ON COOPERATION BETWEEN THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY AND THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-sixth Ordinary Session in Dakar, Senegal, from 22 to 28 June 1992,

<u>Having considered</u> the report of the Secretary-General of the OAU on cooperation between the OAU and United Nations.

<u>Recalling</u> its previous resolutions on cooperation between the United Nations Organization (UNO) and the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and particularly Resolution No. CM/Res.1282 (LII),

<u>Recalling further</u> the UN General Assembly Resolution No. A/Res.45/13 of 7th November 1990, which <u>inter-alia</u>, called for increased support by the United Nations and its relevant agencies to the Organization of African Unity in the establishment of the African Economic Community,

<u>Recalling also</u> the United Nations General Assembly Resolution No. A/Res.46/20 on Cooperation and, <u>bearing in mind</u> the Cooperation Agreement between the United Nations and the organization of African Unity of 9th October 1990,

<u>Cognizant</u> of the importance of further strengthening closer cooperation between the United Nations System-wide organizations with the Organization of African Unity and its Specialized Agencies in all fields and particularly in the socio-economic, political, scientific and cultural areas,

<u>Aware</u> the cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity will enhance the fulfillment of the objectives of the Charters of the two organizations, thereby enhancing international cooperation:

- 1. TAKES NOTE of the Report of the Secretary-General on OAU/UN cooperation, Doc. CM/1726 (LVI) and URGES the United Nations and its agencies to further cooperate with the OAU in the implementation of the relevant recommendations contained therein;
- 2. EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Administrator of the UNDP and Executive Heads of the UN Specialized Agencies for their continued support to the OAU and particularly in the establishment of the African Economic Community and in the on-going work on the studies and protocols thereof;

- SPECIFICALLY REQUESTS the United Nations Development Program to assist the OAU to strengthen the existing regional economic communities and to rationalize African inter-governmental organizations (IGO'S) in accordance with the provisions of the Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community;
- 4. CALLS ON the UN Agencies and other international organizations whose activities have a bearing on promoting regional integration and cooperation in Africa to work closely with the OAU in order to avoid parallel programs which might lead to the duplication of activities or dissipation of scarce resources;
- 5. REQUESTS the Agencies of the United Nations System working in Africa to include in their programs at national and regional levels, the activities that will enhance regional cooperation in their respective areas and, to promote the objectives of the Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community through the popularization and publicity programs at national and regional levels;
- 6. FURTHER REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the United Nations to involve the OAU in the follow-up monitoring and implementation of the UN-NADAF in accordance with the provisions of UN General Assembly Resolution CM/Res.46/20;
- 7. REQUESTS the African Groups in New York, Geneva, Vienna, Paris and Brussels who are members of the various Governing Boards of the United Nations System and in the EEC to support programs and projects which will enhance closer cooperation among African Countries in the context of the African Economic Community and in other socio-economic and political fields;
- 8. CALLS UPON the UN Agencies to make an effort to coordinate their regional programs in Africa in order to create inter-linkages among them and to ensure consistency of their programs with those of the African Economic Community and the regional economic communities;
- 9. COMMENDS the Secretaries General of the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity, as well as the Executive Heads of UN Agencies for their resolve to strengthen international cooperation and REQUESTS them to continue to do so in all fields and especially in mobilizing resources which will enable the OAU to deal with major political and economic problems facing the African Continent;

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10. REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the OAU to submit annual reports on cooperation between the OAU and the United Nations to the OAU Council of Ministers.