

**AFRICAN CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION  
OF NATURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Ninth Ordinary Session in Kinshasa, Congo, from 4 to 10 September 1967,

**Having discussed the draft African Convention on the conservation of Nature and Natural Resources which was prepared by IUCN with the help of UNESCO, FAO and others, at the request of OAU: (vide Document ESCHC/19);**

**Noting that the Scientific Council of Africa, which met in its Second Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 8 to 12 April 1967, recommended the acceptance of that draft after amendments from Member States have been taken into consideration;**

**Noting further that the OAU Charter has requested for co-ordination, harmonization and intensification of activities in this field;**

**Convinced that there is an urgent need to ensure that Member States are guided by common provisions in one convention in the scientific conservation, preservation and exploitation of all of their natural resources for the benefit of man;**

- 1. THANKS the IUCN, UNESCO, FAO and all of those who have helped in the drawing up of the preliminary draft African Convention on the conservation of Nature and all Natural Resources;**
- 2. REQUESTS those Member States who have not done so to communicate their views on that draft to the General Secretariat as soon as possible;**
- 3. ACCEPTS that that draft should be aimed where necessary, processed and applied to enable Member States to gain the experience that would guide them in their future common action in these matters;**
- 4. APPOINTS a Committee consisting of Ethiopia, Chad, Libya, Uganda and Tanzania which should meet immediately before the next session of the**

**council of Ministers, to amend that draft after considering proposals from Member States, and report to the Council of Ministers;**

- 5. REAFFIRMS that only one general Convention on the Conservation, Preservation and Exploitation of Nature and all Natural Resources is required at present in Africa.**