

RESOLUTION ON DROUGHT IN THE
CAPE VERDE ISLANDS

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its 25th Ordinary Session in Kampala, Uganda, from 18 to 25 July 1975,

Considering the statement by the delegate of the Cape Verde Islands on the acute shortage in the Cape Verde Archipelago as a result of more than seven years of drought,

Considering that the Cape Verde Islands are devoid of productive, agricultural and industrial infrastructure to enable it to cope with the widespread famine, poverty and unemployment in the Archipelago,

Considering that the seven years of drought call for special emergency relief measures for the Cape Verde Islands, a newly independent state,

Considering that the Cape Verde Islands, on its accession to independence is virtually dependent on financial assistance from the Portuguese Government to enable it to face the tremendous problems of supplies and national budget,

APPEALS to OAU Member States to extend substantial and urgent assistance to the State of Cape Verde in the financial, material, food, health and other spheres to enable it to:

1. meet the current needs of food resulting from long years of drought;
2. set up new Administrative structures essential to its future development;
3. establish productive units to enable the young state of Cape Verde to create new job opportunities and free itself from its present position of dependence on the Portuguese Government.