

**RESOLUTION ON DEVELOPMENT AND
ECONOMIC INTEGRATION IN AFRICA**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirty-Second Ordinary Session in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya, from 23 February to 4 March, 1979,

Having heard the introduction to the Secretary-General's report specially the parts relating to economic activities;

Recalling the African Declaration on cooperation, and development and economic independence adopted in Addis Ababa on 25 May 1973,

Recalling the resolutions of the Eleventh Extraordinary Session of the OAU Council of Ministers in cooperation in Socio-economic fields;

Considering the outcome of the conference of Ministers of Trade of OAU Member States held in Addis Ababa from 23 January to 2 February, 1979 and the Colloquium organised by the OAU and the ECA in Monrovia from 12 to 15 February 1979;

Considering the present world economic situation:

1. **CONGRATULATES** the Administrative Secretary-General on the efforts made in the field of development and economic integration of African countries;
2. **REAFFIRMS** the need to establish an African Economic Community;
3. **CONSEQUENTLY REQUESTS** the Administrative Secretary-General to undertake in collaboration with the Institutions of the United Nations system and specially the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa and African Institutions for development, the necessary studies for the expeditions of the establishment of this Community;
4. **REQUESTS** the Administrative Secretary-General to convene a meeting of experts as well as a Conference of Ministers competent in this field to study the project;

5. **REQUESTS** the Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Financial Matters to take the necessary steps promptly to enable the Secretariat to implement this resolution;

6. **CALLS UPON** the Administrative Secretary-General to submit to the Thirty-Third Ordinary Session of the council an interim report which will be submitted to the Sixteenth Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity.