

**RESOLUTION ON THE OPERATION OF THE
PAN-AFRICAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION (PATU)**

The Council of Minister 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 taken note of the report of the Secretary-General of the Pan-African Telecommunications Union (PATU), on the Union's activities,

Considering OAU Resolution CM/Res. 404 (XXIV) relating to the setting up of the Pan-African Telecommunications Union,

Considering OAU Resolution CM/Res. 613 (XXX) granting OAU Specialized Institution status to PATU,

Considering articles 24 and 25 of PATU convention relating respectively to the ratification of the Convention and the accession of new member states,

Considering article II of PATU Convention requesting the Government of the host country, to advance yearly to the Union the necessary funds for the execution of its budget pending the reimbursement of the said funds by the other member countries,

Considering OAU Resolution CM/Res. 401 (XXIV) and Article 4 of PATU Convention establishing the Union's headquarters in Kinshasa (Republic of Zaire),

Aware of the importance of the objectives of PATU and the urgent task assigned its Secretary-General,

Desirous of pleading at the disposal of the general Secretariat of PATU, human, financial and material means necessary for its smooth operation,

1. **REITERATES** its appeal to OAU Member States signatories to PATU Convention, which have not as yet ratified the said Convention to do so as soon as possible for it to come into force;

2. **CALLS** on the OAU member States which are not yet members of PATU to accede to the Union's Convention;
3. **CONGRATULATES** the Republic of Zaire for the funds already provided for the initial budget of PATU and requests it to continue lending assistance to the Union to enable it to fulfil its obligations;
4. **CALLS** on Member States, signatories to the PATU Convention if they have not yet done so, to pay their contributions to the 1978/79 budget of the Union as soon as possible;
5. **REQUESTS** PATU member States to pay their contributions to the Union's budget, each year, well in advance before the end of the financial year.