

**RESOLUTION ON INTRA-AFRICAN CO-OPERATION IN LABOUR,
EMPLOYMENT, POPULATION, SOCIAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT FIELDS**

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 and considered the Report of the Administrative Secretary-General – document CN/946 (XXXII),

Having heard the statements of the representatives of the ILO, UNEP, UNESCO, WHO and FAO concerning their respective programmes of activities in Africa,

Inspired by the Charter of the Organization of African Unity the objectives of which include the promotion of understanding and co-operation among African peoples,

Recalling Resolution CM/952 (XXXI) adopted by the Council of Ministers in its 31st Ordinary Session held in Khartoum, Sudan, on the results of the Third Session of the OAU Labour Commission,

Further recalling the declaration and programme of Action adopted by the World Employment Conference of June, 1976, in Geneva, the Action Programme of the First conference of Ministers of Labour of the Non-Aligned Countries and other Developing Countries held in Tunis, in April, 1978 and the World Population Plan of Action,

Recalling also the Declaration and Programme of Action of the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries held in August – September, 1978, in Buenos Aires,

1. **CONGRATULATES** the General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity for the comprehensive Report;
2. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report and adopts the recommendations therein;
3. **CALLS UPON** the Secretary-General in close collaboration, with Member states to implement, in conformity with the interests of the OAU the Declaration and

Programme of Action adopted by the World Employment Conference and the World Population Plan of Action adopted by the World Population Conference in Bucharest;

4. **INVITES** Member States to ensure that in the formulation of their development plans, social factors should be given due emphasis in order to avoid a lobe-sided development;
5. **APPEALS** to African countries to take more advantage of all the technical and vocational training facilities currently provided by the Turin Advanced Technical and Vocational Training Centre;
6. **INVITES** the Secretary-General and the Director of the ILO Regional Office for Africa to:-
 - i. intensify the OAU/ILO joint programme of co-operation in the field of labour employment, population, co-operatives and the role of women in employment and development;
 - ii. concretise arrangements already under way to step up such programme of co-operation by, inter alia, reinforcing the Labour and Population Section of the OAU, with the active financial support of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA).
7. **APPEALS** to the ECA, ILO, UNEP, WHO, FAC, UNESCO, UNCTAD, UNIDO and other relevant specialized Agencies of the United Nations System to co-operate with the OAU and OATUU in the implementation of the recommendations made in the report:
8. **INVITES** the OAU Administrative Secretary-General, the Secretary-General of the Arab League, the Secretary-General of the Arab Labour Organization and the Director of the ILO Regional Office to make formal consultations regarding
 - a) which of the recommendations contained in the report could easily be financed under the framework of Afro-Arab Co-operation,
 - b) which of them could be established under the aegis of OAU/ILO programme of co-operation,

- c) the dates, venue and agenda of the First Conference of African and Arab Labour Ministers.
10. **CALLS UPON** the Administrative Secretary-General of the OAU to present comprehensive report on this subject including the examination of Decentralisation of ILO activities in Africa to the Fifth Session of the OAU Labour Commission and to the next convenient of the Council of Ministers.