

DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE THIRD GENERAL CONFERENCE
OF UNIDO

The Council of Ministers of the organization of African Unity meeting in its Thirty-third Ordinary Session in Monrovia, Liberia, from 6 to 20 July 1979;

Recalling UN General Assembly resolutions 31/164 of 14 February 1977 directing the convening of the Third Conference of UNIDO in New Delhi and UN General Assembly resolution 33/77 of December 1978 setting forth the provincial Agenda for the Conference;

Recalling further the OAU resolution CM/Res. 561 (XXIX) entrusting the Fourth and Fifth Conference of African Ministers of Industry with the task of preparing a common African position for the Third General Conference of UNIDO, and the endorsement by the Khartoum Summit of the Report of the Fourth Conference of African Ministers of Industry which stipulated guidelines for the elaboration of a common African position on the Conference;

Gravely concerned with the slow and unsatisfactory progress in the implementation of the Lima Declaration and Plan of Action on Industrial Development and Co-operation adopted in Lima, Peru in March 1975 aimed at raising Africa's share of world industrial production from its present level of 0.7% to 2.0% by the year 2000.

Convinced of the pivotal role of industrialization for effecting socio-economic transformation, and for raising the standards of living of African peoples;

Further convinced of the necessity to promote collective self-reliance and to strengthen co-operation through the system of industrial consultations as a means for achieving industrialization objectives of Africa;

Recognizing the need for Member States to redouble their efforts aimed at promoting a self-reliant and self-sustaining process of industrialization through the most effective utilization of their human and natural resources;

Noting that the Fifth conference of African Minister of Industry is to be held in Addis Ababa from 17 to 20 October 1979 to define the common negotiating position of African countries at the Third General Conference of UNIDO in accordance with the Lima Declaration and plan of Action;

1. **URGES** Member States to actively participate on the basis of the above guidelines at the Fifth conference of African Ministers of Industry the special Session of the Industrial Development Board in November 1979 devoted to preparatory work for the Third General Conference of UNIDO, the meeting of the Group of 77 in December 1979, and at the Third General Conference of UNIDO in New Delhi from 21 January to 8th February 1989 to ensure that their special and urgent needs are fully reflected and incorporated in the final decision of the Conference;

2. **REQUESTS** the Secretary-General of the OAU to take the necessary follow-up action in co-operation with the Executive Director of UNIDO and Executive Secretary of WCA to report on the outcome of the Conference including his recommendations at the next Thirty-fifth Session of the council.