

RESOLUTION ON OAU/ILO LABOUR AND POPULATION PROGRAMME

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;

Having considered the Report of the Secretary-General Document CM/967 (XXXXII) Part II on the Activities of the Organization, regarding the OAI/ILO Labour and Population Programme;

Recalling the positive role played by the OAU and ILO in sensitizing public opinion, governments and organized groups like, Women Organizations, Youth, Trade Unions and Employers' organizations on the implications of rapid population growth to socio-economic development;

Aware of the inter-action of population and employment as emphasized by the World Employment Conference, the World Population Conference and the ensuing Declaration and Programme of Action as well as the world Population Plan of Action;

Appreciative of the role played by the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA) in providing the financial support to the OAU and the ILO which has facilitated the co-sponsoring by the OAU and ILO of three seminars on Labour and Population in Livingstone (Zambia), Yacunde (Cameroon) and Nairobi (Kenya) in November 1975, 1976 and 1977 respectively;

Aware of the need to strengthen the Labour and Population Section of the OAU General Secretariat in conformity with the previous resolutions of the OAU Labour Commission and the Eleventh Extraordinary Session of the council of Ministers held in Kinshasa (Zaire) in December, 1976,

Recalling Resolution CM/Res. 708 (XXXII) adopted by the Thirty-Second Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers welcoming the recruitment of experts in Labour and Population on behalf of the OAU with the financial support of the UNFPA,

Encouraged by the fact that the ILO Headquarters in Geneva has already approved the project which it has submitted to the UNFPA for financing within the 1980/83 budget;

1. **WELCOMES** the initiative taken jointly by the ILO and the OAU in evolving this concrete project in the field of labour and population;
2. **EXPRESSES** the UNFPA for the financial support it has given and intends to give to the OAU/ILO Labour and population programme;
3. **AUTHORIZES** the Secretary-General of the OAU to go ahead with the arrangements agreed upon between the ILO Regional Office and the OAU General Secretariat so that once the financial support of UNFPA is obtained, the project can be implemented without further delay;
4. **CHARGES** the Experts to implement the following Labour and Population Programmes:
 - a) Collecting information and data and undertaking studies on the socio-political implications of intra-African Labour Migration;
 - b) Studying sub-regional population and employment policies;
 - c) Studying the inter-action of population growth and employment as well as its implications for socio-economic development;
5. **REQUESTS** the Secretary-General to submit a report to the Council of Ministers on the implementation of this resolution.