

RESOLUTION ON THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE
ON THE LAW OF THE SEA

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of Africa Unity meeting in its Thirty-fifth Ordinary Session in Freetown, Sierra Leone, from 18 to 28 June, 1980,

Recalling OAU Declaration on the Law of the Sea (ST.11) adopted in May 1973 at Addis Ababa and the resolutions CM/Res.384 (XXIII), CM/Res.514 (XXVII), CM/Res.539 (XXVIII), CM/Res.570 (XXIX), CM/Res.649 (XXXI) and CM/Res.745 (XXXIII),

Considering the role assigned to the OAU Secretariat to co-ordinate the Activities of the African Group at the Third UNCLOS,

Concerned by the inadequate participation of the Secretariat during the first part of the Ninth Session and by the resulting consequences:

1. **URGES** the Secretariat to participate on a permanent basis in all phases of all future Sessions;
2. **REQUESTS** the Secretariat to provide the African Group with the necessary services in order to ensure an efficient co-ordinated action in the Conference by the African Group.