

**RESOLUTION ON THE INTERGRATED DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OF  
THE FOUTA DJALLON HIGHLANDS**

**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 resolution CM/Res.756 (XXXIII) adopted by the Thirty-third Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers in July 1979 in Monrovia on this Project,**

**Further recalling resolution 34/185 of the United Nations General Assembly and the Decision UNEP/GC8/L-13 of 28 April 1980 adopted by the Eighth Ordinary Session of the UNEP Governing Council held in Nairobi and relating to the integration of the Integrated Development Project of the Fouta Djallon in the UNEP Programme of Desertification Control,**

**Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the Integrated Development Project of the Fouta Djallon Highlands in Guinea (Document CM/1061 (XXXV), which also contains the report and recommendations of the Group of International Experts who participated in the First Joint Mission on the Preliminary Studies of the said Project from 13 May to 10 June 1980 in the People's Revolutionary Republic of Guinea,**

**Concerned about the rapid and detrimental degradation of the ecosystems of this part of Africa and its possible effects on those countries situated in the lowland areas drained by the rivers from the Fouta Djallon,**

**Considering the socio-economic and environmental objectives of the Plan of Action adopted by the Second Extraordinary Session of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on Economic Matters, held in Lagos in Aril 1980,**

**Conscious of the interests that the sub-region has in the integrated development project of the Fouta Djallon Highlands and of the Fouta Djallon Highlands and of the urgent need to implement this project:**

- 1. TAKES NOTE WITH SATISFACTION the report of the Secretary-General and the Report of the Group of International Experts who participated in the first joint study mission on the said project;**
- 2. CONGRATULATES the Secretary-General on the determination with which he undertook and conducted the implementation of the Integrated Development Project of the Fouta Djallon Highlands since its adoption in the OAU Programme of Action for the desertification control in Africa and calls upon him to pursue in his efforts, in that direction;**
- 3. THANKS FAO, UNSO, UNESCO and UNEP for their co-operation in the implementation of Resolution CM/Res.756 (XXXIII) on the Integrated Development Project of the Fouta Djallon Highlands and urges them to continue and increase this co-operation with the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity until the operational phase of the above mentioned project;**
- 4. THANKS the government of the People's Revolutionary Republic of Guinea for the facilities placed at the disposal of the Team of International Experts and its readiness to assist in the future phases of the project study;**
- 5. REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity:**
  - a) to convene as soon as possible and in close collaboration with the African institutions involved in the project, the Executive Director of UNEP and other United Nations Specialized Agencies, complementary study missions with a view to making up the deficiencies identified by the first mission and drafting the project document,**
  - b) to present to the next session of the Council of Ministers on Budgetary and Financial Matters, a draft budget on the OAU contribution to the implementation of the project in conformity with the evaluation of the project to be established,**

- c) to conduct studies on similar projects in other sub-regions threatened by drought desertification and other natural disasters in collaboration with the UN Specialized Agencies,**
- d) the report on the implementation of the preceding provisions to the Thirty-sixth Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers.**