

RESOLUTION ON INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirty-sixth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 23 February to 1 March, 1981,

Guided by Resolution EAHG/Res.2 (II) Rev.1 adopted by the Extraordinary Assembly of Heads of State and Government, which inter alia, appealed to the OAU Member States to participate effectively in all international negotiations, and requested the OAU Secretary - General to submit periodic reports to the OAU Council of Ministers and to the Assembly of Heads of State and Government on the implementation of that Resolution,

Having considered the Report of the Secretary-General on the Eleventh Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly contained in Doc. CM/1108 (XXXVI) and on the negotiations of the Common Fund, Preparations for the UN Conference on the Least Developed Countries and on Economic Co-operation among Developing Countries and on Economic Co-operation among Developing countries contained in Document CM/1073 (XXXVI) Part III Chapter III,

Deploring the absence of political will on the part of industrialized countries and the long delay in launching the global negotiations on the establishment of the New International Economic Order and the promotion of International Economic Co-operation for the Development of Developing Countries,

Conscious of the need for an effective, consistent and co-ordinated African participation at the International Economic Negotiations and their impact on the socio-economic development of Africa on the basis of the Lagos Plan of Action,

Noting with satisfaction the successful negotiation of the Agreement on the Common Fund for Commodities,

Noting further the preparatory arrangements for the UN Conference on the Least Developed Countries scheduled for September 1981 in Paris,

Aware of the importance of the UN Conference for the Least Developed Countries two - thirds of which are in Africa:

1. CONGRATULATES the Secretary-General on his reports on the above stated international economic conference;
2. APPEALS once more to all OAU Member States to intensify their efforts in order to take all the measures necessary for their full and effective participation in all international economic negotiations;
3. URGES all OAU Member States to sign and/or ratify the Agreement of the Common Fund for Commodities, which opened for signature at the Headquarters of the UN on October 1, 1980;
4. RECOMMENDS to the OAU Member States to participate actively in the preparatory work in Geneva aimed at putting the Common Fund into operation;
5. STRESSES the necessity of adequate African representation at all levels of management of the Common Fund;
6. URGES all Least Developed African Countries (LDCs) to elaborate their concrete projects for financial assistance, based on the Lagos Plan of Action, for submission to the next UN Conference on the Least Developed Countries (LDCs);
7. REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General, in collaboration with the Executive Secretary of the ECA and other relevant UN bodies, to continue providing

appropriate logistic and technical support to the African Groups in all international negotiations;

8. REQUESTS FURTHER the OAU Secretary-General to organize in collaboration with the ECA Executive Secretary preparatory meetings for the African Groups prior to the projected global negotiations scheduled to take place in New York and the UN Conference on Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and negotiations on programmes of Economic Co-operation among Developing Countries in Paris, and to submit periodic reports on these and all other international economic negotiations to the OAU Council of Ministers;
9. REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General to implement the provisions of this resolution;
10. DECIDES to maintain the item on international negotiations on the agenda of its regular Sessions;