RESOLUTION ON COMPUTER SCIENCE AND INFORMATION EDUCATION IN AFRICA

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,

Recalling Resolution CM/569 (XXIX) of the Twenty-ninth Ordinary Session in Libreville, Gabon, on the Scientific, Technological Research and Development Activities of the Executive Secretariat of OAU in Lagos,

Noting with satisfaction the Report of the Secretary-General on this matter (Document CM/1100 (XXXVI)) and work going on jointly sponsored by OAU, UNESCO and some African universities in Post Graduate Training in Computer Science,

Noting that there are some efforts being made in this field by the Inter-governmental Bureau for Informatics and UNESCO :

1.   WELCOMES the Plan advocating intensification of efforts in this field, to enable computer technology to take off in OAU Member States and training of technical manpower;

2.   REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General in co-operation with the ECA, UNESCO, UNDP and the Inter-governmental Bureau for Informatics to :

   a)   Promote the establishment of an informatics in Africa;

   b)   Establish informatics education and training facilities in universities and other institutions, encourage improvement and expansion of the existing facilities;

c)   Encourage the formation of national and regional informatics societ ies or associations;

d)   Establish African regional Centres for Computer Science and Informatics to undertake hardware, software maintenance and training;

e)   Hold the first OAU Conference on Computer Science scheduled in Algiers, Algeria in December 1981 and OAU Member States to participate in this meeting.