

RESOLUTION ON THERAPEUTIC AND PREVENTION OF ENDEMIC  
GOITER 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,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the report on endemic goiter in Africa adopted by African Experts at their meeting held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 13 to 17 October 1980 (Document CM/1096 (XXXVI),

Noting that the preventive treatment is the best means of eradicating endemic goiter and endemic cretinism;

1. RECOMMENDS that Member States of the Organization of African Unity should ensure:
  - a) kitchen salt iodination as first prophylactic measure while controlling the modes of application (dosage, distribution);
  - b) for economic reasons, establishment of regional salt iodination factories for those countries which cannot procure them nationally.
2. CALLS ON the OAU Secretary-General to pursue his present efforts by organising a meeting of Specialists in goiter every two years.