

RESOLUTION ON SOLAR ENERGY DEVELOPMENT
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/Res.569 (XXIX) of the Twenty-ninth Ordinary Session in Libreville, Gabon, on the Scientific, Technological Research and Development Activities of the Executive Secretariat of the OAU/STRC,

Noting the Recommendations of the Inter-African Committee on Solar Energy contained in Document CM/1097 (XXXVX):

1. WELCOMES plans for implementation of the recommendation of this Committee and also the recommendations of the joint OAU/ECA meeting of African Experts on Energy held in Addis Ababa, in March 1980, within the framework of the Lagos Plan of Action;
2. REQUESTS the OAU Secretariat in co-operation with ECA and the Inter-African Committee on Solar Energy to review all activities going on in this field in more detail and to unify their efforts taking into consideration recommendations of International Organizations to have unified plans according to the directives of the Lagos Plan of Action;
3. URGES Member States of the OAU to accelerate the ratification of the constitution of the African Regional Centre for Solar Energy as recommended by the Lagos Plan of Action so that this centre will be operational as soon as possible;

4. REQUESTS the OAU Secretariat, in co-operation with ECA, to accelerate the establishment of the African Energy Commission which will be empowered to implement all the previous recommendations in the field of Energy including those of the Inter-African Committee of Solar Energy;

5. REQUESTS the Inter-African Committee on Solar Energy to hold its meeting in November 1981 in co-operation with ECA and to review the results of the UN Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy which will be held in Nairobi in August 1981 and to formulate a plan of action for Africa accordingly.