

RESOLUTION ON SEMINARS ON MULTIMODAL TRANSPORT OPERATIONS  
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 OAU Secretary-General on the United Nations Convention on International Multimodal Transport of goods negotiated under the auspices of UNCTAD contained in Document CM/1107 (XXXVI),

Recalling its Resolution CM/Res.365 (XXXII) on Inter-African Co-operation in the field of combined Transport and CM/Res.405 (XXIV), CM/Res.523 (XXVII) and CM/Res/753 (XXXIII) on the Convention on International Multimodal Transport,

Aware of the importance of the recommendations of the African Group at the Inter - Governmental Preparatory Group meetings in Geneva,

Bearing in mind the political, economic and social implications of the Convention on International Multimodal Transport of goods on the African countries,

Realizing the need for Intra-African co-operation in establishing a firmer integration of all modes of transport as a corner-stone for the economic integration of the continent,

Guided by the objectives of the Final Act of Lagos adopted by the Second Extra-Ordinary Session of the OAU Assembly of Heads of State and Government aiming at the establishment of an African Economic Community by the year 2000:

1. APPEALS to all OAU Member States, which have not done so, to sign and/or ratify as soon as possible, the United Nations Convention on International Multimodal Transport of goods;
2. REAFFIRMS its endorsement of the recommendation of the African Group in the Inter-Governmental Preparatory Group and REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General, in co-operation with UNCTAD, ECA, UNDP and other relevant African Inter-Governmental and International Organizations, to organize seminars on multimodal transport operations in Africa;
3. URGES the OAU Secretary-General to continue the negotiations on financial, technical and organizational aspects of the Seminars with UNCTAD, ECA and UNDP so as to facilitate the holding of the seminars as soon as possible and if necessary request the Advisory Committee to authorize additional funds required to enable OAU to participate effectively;
4. CALLS UPON all OAU Member States to delegate experts involved in activities in the field of multimodal transport operations to attend these seminars;
5. REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of this resolution to the thirty-ninth Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers.