

RESOLUTION ON THE CODE OF CONDUCT
ON THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Thirty-seventh Ordinary Session in Nairobi, Kenya from 15 to 26 June 1981,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General contained in Document CM/1133 (XXXVIII) on the Code of Conduct on the transfer of technology,

Recalling Resolution CM/674 (XXXI) on Transfer of Technology adopted by the Council during its Thirty-first Ordinary Session held in Khartoum from 7 to 18 July 1978,

Guided by the decision of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government, enunciated in the Lagos Plan of Action requesting that action should be taken to ensure that technology is transferred under general conditions acceptable to the recipient country,

Noting with regret the unsatisfactory outcome of the last four Sessions of the United Nations conference mandated to negotiate an international Code of Conduct on Transfer of Technology,

Cognizant of the urgent need to redress the inequitable features of the international technology market, in all its entirety:

1. **CALLS UPON** the developed countries to facilitate the early conclusion of a Code of Conduct on the transfer of technology as a contribution to the establishment of the New International Economic Order;

- 2. REAFFIRMS its firm commitment to continue to pursue the negotiations aimed at achieving an equitable international Code of Conduct on the Transfer of Technology;**
- 3. URGES all Member States of the OAU to enact or update national legislations as well as establishing institutions to evaluate, register, monitor and appraise technology transactions;**
- 4. FURTHER URGES OAU Member States to work relentlessly with the other members of the Group of 77 in all the negotiating force on the Code and more particularly during the Thirty-sixth Session of the United Nations General Assembly, to ensure that necessary action be taken so as to enable them to obtain more acceptable terms and conditions on all aspects related to the Transfer of Technology;**
- 5. REQUESTS the Secretary-General to take all necessary measures to continue providing technical support to the African Group during the forthcoming negotiations and submit a report to the Thirty-ninth Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers.**