

**RESOLUTION ON THE PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF
TELECOMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRIES IN AFRICA**

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,

Guided by the Lagos Plan of Action and Resolution EAHG/Res.1 (II) regarding the implementation of the Plan adopted by the Second Extraordinary Session of the OAU Heads of State and Government in April 1980 in Lagos,

Considering in particular paragraph 207 (f) of the Lagos Plan of Action on the promotion of industry in the field of transport and communications equipment,

Noting the efforts of UNIDO, in accordance with its terms of reference, in promoting and speeding up the industrialization of developing countries, especially African countries, in conformity with the declaration and the Plan of Action of the Second and Third General Conferences of UNIDO, and the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 35/66-B on the Industrial Development Decade for Africa,

Recalling OAU Resolution CM/Res.813 (XXXV) on the activities of the Pan-African Telecommunications Union, approved by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government, held in Freetown in July 1980,

Considering Recommendations Nos.6 and 9 of the Third African Telecommunications Conference (Monrovia, December 1980), regarding telecommunications investments, on the one hand, and scientific research and manufacture of telecommunications materials, on the other,

Considering further the relevant resolution of the Second Conference of the Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa, which emphasized the need for the local

production of telecommunications equipment, spare parts and appliances for research in the field of telecommunications,

Taking note with satisfaction of the consultations initiated between UNICO and PATU on the one hand, and ITU and UNIDO on the other, as well as preliminary activities undertaken by ITU, UNDO and ECA, on the promotion and development of manufacturing industries in the field of telecommunications in Africa:

- 1. CONGRATULATES PATU, UNIDO, ITU and ECA for the initiatives they have taken;**
- 2. GIVES all its support to the implementation of a programme for the promotion and development of telecommunications industries in Africa;**
- 3. CALLS UPON the UNDP and other multilateral and bilateral donors to provide all the necessary financial assistance to this programme to be realized by PATU, in close collaboration with UNIDO, ITU and ECA;**
- 4. REQUESTS all Member States to fully and actively participate in this programme and other related activities such as the seminar on scientific research and industrialization which PATU is organizing in 1981 and appeals to UNIDO, IFSTD and UNDP to provide financing for this seminar;**
- 5. REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General to submit a progress report on the implementation of the present resolution to the Thirty-ninth Session of the Council.**