

**RESOLUTION ON THE UNITED NATIONS**  
**INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (UNIDO)**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Forty-second Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 10 to 17 July, 1985,

**Guided** by the Declaration AHG/DECL.2 (XX) adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government at its Twentieth Ordinary Session on the critical economic situation in Africa which, *inter alia*, endorsed the Programme for the (IDDA) Industrial Development Decade for Africa,

**Recalling** its Resolution CM/Res.914 (XLI) adopted in March 1984 and Resolution I (VII) adopted by the Seventh Conference of African Ministers of Industry in April 1984 both on the implementation of the Programme for the Industrial Development Decade for Africa,

**Mindful** of the great amount of technical assistance and investment resources required for the full implementation of the Programme for the Industrial Development Decade for Africa,

**Welcoming** Resolution 57 (XVIII) of 19 May, 1984, adopted by the Industrial Development Board of UNIDO, Resolution ID/CONF.5/Res.8 of 19 August, 1984 adopted by the Fourth General Conference of UNIDO, and Resolution 39/233 of 18 December 1984 by the UN General Assembly all on the Industrial Development Decade for Africa,

**Noting** the considerable expansion of UNIDO's technical assistance and other programmes and activities in favor of the developing countries as a whole and the African countries in particular,

**Reiterating** the paramount importance of UNIDO in support of the industrialization of the developing countries, in general, and the African countries, in particular, as

well as its effective co-operation with the OAU and ECA in providing critical assistance to the African countries in the formulation and implementation of their programmes for the Industrial Development Decade for Africa within the framework of the Lagos Plan of Action and the Final Act of Lagos,

Noting the decision to convene the first General Conference of UNIDO as a specialized Agency of the United Nations in Vienna from 12 August 1985,

Conscious of the need, in the interest of Africa, to maintain continuity in the policy orientation and executive management of UNIDO at the crucial stage of its transformation into a Specialized Agency of the United Nations:

1. **NOTES WITH APPRECIATION** the considerable expansion and steady increase of UNIDO technical assistance to the developing countries which, in the African region, grew from US \$6.8 million in 1974 to US \$30.0 million in 1984, reflecting an increase of about 341 per cent and amounted to a total value of about US \$223 million for the period 1975 to 1984;
2. **WELCOMES WITH APPRECIATION** the efforts being continuously deployed by UNIDO, in assisting African countries and inter-governmental organizations in the formulation and implementation of their programmes for the Industrial Development Decade for Africa as well as in maintaining harmonious co-ordination with the Organization of African Unity, the Economic Commission for Africa and other relevant international and African organizations;
3. **TAKES NOTE** of the fourth joint progress report on the implementation of the Programme for the Industrial Development Decade for Africa;
4. **NOTES WITH APPRECIATION** the decision of the United Nations General Assembly at its Thirty-third Session to allocate an annual amount of US \$5 million to UNIDO for the IDDA;

5. **URGES the Industrial Development Board and the General Conference of UNIDO, as a Specialized Agency, to continue to accord the IDDA the highest priority among its programmes and, to that end, to retain and increase the annual allocation of US \$5 million in the Regular Budget of the new Organization for the IDDA;**
6. **ATTACHES great importance to the first General Conference of UNIDO as a Specialized Agency of the United Nations and, therefore, CALLS UPON all African countries to actively participate in that Conference in order to ensure that the new organization would continue to be an effective international instrument in support of the industrialization efforts of the African countries;**
7. **NOTES WITH DEEP APPRECIATION the significant contribution made by UNIDO to the industrialization efforts of the African countries and fully SUPPORTS the policy measures adopted, at the executive management level, in the development and execution of UNIDO programmes and activities;**
8. **REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the OAU to:**
  - i) **Assist the African Group during the First General Conference of UNIDO as a Specialized Agency in August 1985 with a view to adopting a negotiated strategy which would ensure that the interests of African countries are reflected in its decision and that the First Director-General of the new Organization is from Africa;**
  - ii) **Transmit this Resolution to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, all Member States, and the African Groups in New York, Geneva, Bonn, Brussels and Vienna;**
  - iii) **Report to the Forty-third Session of the Council of Ministers on the results of the implementation of this resolution.**