

**RESOLUTION ON THE AFRICAN REHABILITATION INSTITUTE**

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,

**Recalling** the decision taken at the Forty-first Session to refer the consideration of the issue of the establishment of the African Rehabilitation Institute (ARI) to the Fourth Conference of the African Ministers of Social Affairs (AMSA IV),

**Taking note** of the deliberations of that Conference and the resolution by which participants unanimously recommended the immediate establishment of ARI,

**Conscious** of the need to establish an African Rehabilitation Institute to deal with the fifty million disabled persons in Africa,

**Aware** of the fact that further consultations are underway to select States likely to host ARI branches in East, North and West Africa:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the report of the Conference of the African Ministers of Social Affairs, particularly of the part concerning the ARI;
2. **APPROVES** the recommendations and the resolution contained in the report especially those relating to the ARI;
3. **AUTHORIZES** the Secretary-General a.i. to implement them immediately, in close co-operation with the ILO and the host countries;
4. **CALLS UPON** the host countries to provide all the necessary material, financial and other support for the immediate establishment of the ARI;
5. **APPEALS** to Organizations, Institutions and donor countries to support this important project;
6. **REQUESTS** the **Ad Hoc** Ministerial Committee of Ten composed of Algeria, Congo, Ethiopia, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique, Malawi, the Socialist People's

**Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the United Republic of Tanzania and Zaire, to administer temporarily the ARI during the first two years of its establishment;**

- 7. CALLS UPON the OAU Secretary-General a.i. to appoint the Executive Director a.i. of the ARI's co -ordination unit and the ad interim Directors of the three ARI branches;**
- 8. FURTHER REQUESTS the Advisory Committee on Administrative, Budgetary and Financial Matters to consider the draft agreement submitted by the OAU General Secretariat in order to make possible the launching of the first phase of the project;**
- 9. APPROVES the Draft Agreement on the establishment of the ARI.**