

RESOLUTION ON THE OAU PROGRAMME AND BUDGET 1986/87

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Forty-third Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 25 February to 4 March 1986,

Having considered the Financial Report of the Secretary-General on the Budget performance and on the Financial Year 1984/85 as contained in Document CM/1315 (XLIII), the Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative, Budgetary and Financial Matters (Document CM/1351 (XLIII) Add. 1), the Report of the Board of External Auditors on the Account of the OAU for the Financial Year 1984/85 and the Comments of the General Secretariat (Document CM/1322 (XLIII) Add. I – XVII), the Statement of Contributions (XLIII) Rev. 4), the Draft Programme and Budget for the Financial Year 1986/87 (Document CM/1321 (XLIII) Vol. I Rev. 2 and CM/1321 XLIII) Vol. II Rev. 2),

Having considered the report presented by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee contained in Document CM/1321 (XLIII) to the Forty-first Ordinary Session of the said Committee,

Having considered in detail the Draft Programme and Budget of the General Secretariat for the Financial Year 1986/87 (Document CM/1321 (XLIII) Vol. I Rev. 2 and CM/1321 (XLIII) Vol. II Rev. 2),

Desirous of ensuring a sound financial management of the Organization,

Anxious to make the Institutions and staff of the OAU as effective and efficient as possible and to avoid a proliferation of these Institutions,

Aware of the economic crisis facing all OAU Member States,

Deeply concerned about the ever-increasing arrears in contributions and the need for urgent steps to resolve this important problem which could paralyze the activities of the OAU General Secretariat:

- 1. CONGRATULATES the OAU Current Chairman on the positive initiatives he has continuously taken by encouraging the Member States to pay their arrears and their contributions to the current Budget and REQUESTS him once again to use his good offices to urge his colleagues, the Heads of State and Government, to meet the financial obligations of their countries to the OAU budget;**
- 2. TAKES NOTE of the work done by the Board of External Auditors and the Advisory Committee on their praiseworthy efforts and vigilance;**
- 3. ENCOURAGES the OAU Secretary-General to continue the effective financial management measures already embarked upon in the Organization so as to ensure more judicious utilization of available funds;**
- 4. COMMENDS Member States which have fully paid their contributions and APPEALS to all Member States which have not yet done so to meet their financial obligations to the Organization;**
- 5. URGES the Secretary-General to get directly in touch with Member States so as to exhort them to meet their financial obligations to the OAU as stated in Articles 97 of the OAU Financial Rules and Regulations;**
- 6. ADOPTS the Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative, Budgetary and Financial Matters (Document CM/1351 (XLIII));**
- 7. APPROVES the 1986/87 Programme and ADOPTS the Budget of US\$ 25,305,171.00 for the Headquarters of the General Secretariat and its Regional and Sub-regional Offices;**

8. **CALLS UPON the Secretary-General to implement the budget and in consultation with the Advisory Committee the proposals for the reduction of staff, suppression of certain vacant posts and the closure of some Regional Offices. Reservation: Ghana, Uganda, Lesotho, Libya, Malawi, and Mozambique.**