

RESOLUTION ON AFRO-ARAB CULTURAL INSTITUTE

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,

Recalling Resolution CM/Res.994 (XLII) adopted at its Forty-second Ordinary Session held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 10 -17 July, 1985 and the statutes of the Afro-Arab Cultural Institute,

Having heard:

- a) The report of the OAU Secretary-General on the progress made on establishment of the Afro-Arab Cultural Institute;
- b) The conclusions of the Eighth Session of the Standing Commission for Afro-Arab Cooperation on this matter which was held in Damascus, 13 to 15 January, 1986,
- c) The report of the Committee of Experts which met in Addis Ababa from 11 to 3 October, 1985,

Bearing in mind the financial and procedural implications and payments involved in the implementation of this project:

1. TAKES NOTE of the Report of the Committee of Experts held in Addis Ababa from 1 to 3 October, 1985 and the Report of the OAU Secretary- General CM/1347 (XLIII);

2. **EMPHASIZES** that the Afro-Arab Cultural Institute, an international public institution established within the framework of Afro-Arab Cooperation, should be of a high standard;
3. **STRESSES** the need for the Institute's policies and programmes to take into great account the principles and objectives of Afro-Arab Cooperation;
4. **DESIGNATES**, pursuant to Article 9 of the Statutes of the Institute, the following five States representing Africa on the Executive Council to constitute the Executive Council of the Afro-Arab Cultural Institute together with the five Arab States designated by LAS:
 1. Chad (for Central Africa)
 2. Kenya (for East Africa)
 3. Malawi (for Southern Africa)
 4. Senegal (for West Africa)
 5. Tunisia (for North Africa)
5. **REQUESTS** the OAU Secretary-General in collaboration with the Secretary- General of LAS and the Director-General of ALECSO to take the necessary steps to convene as soon as possible the Executive Council of the Institute to consider the following:
 - the choice of the Institute's Headquarters;
 - the appointment of the Director and the Deputy Director;
 - the Institute's programme and the budget, and
 - the date for opening the Institute
6. **CALLS UPON** Member States to submit to the Secretary-General of the OAU prior to the meeting of the Executive Council, applications to host the headquarters of the Institute, for the posts of Director of the Institute according to the criteria laid down by the meeting of Experts.