

RESOLUTION ON THE AFRICAN REHABILITATION INSTITUTE (ARI)

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

Recalling Resolution CM/Res.992 (XLII) adopted by the Council of Ministers and Res.5 AMSA IV adopted by the African Ministers of Social Affairs in March, 1985, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on the Establishment of the African Rehabilitation Institute (AFI),

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the establishment of an African Rehabilitation Institute for Disabled Persons in Africa as contained in Document CM/1350 (XLIII),

Having further examined the decisions and recommendations of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee of Ten on Disabled Persons:

1. **TAKES NOTE of the report of the OAU Secretary-General on the activities carried out by the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee of Ten and General Secretariat on the establishment of ARI;**
2. **TAKES NOTE also of the report of the first meeting of the ARI Governing Board in Harare 2 – 5 December, 1985;**
3. **REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General in consultation with the ILO Director-General and the host Governments of Congo, Egypt and Zimbabwe to initiate action aimed at finalizing the modalities for launching the ARI Coordinating Unit at Harare, Brazzaville and Cairo in the first quarter of 1986;**

- 4. FURTHER REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General to appoint the interim Executive Director of the Coordinating Unit along with the interim Directors of the Regional Branches;**
- 5. CALLS UPON the OAU Secretary-General to make available to Member States as soon as possible the ARI Agreement for ratification;**
- 6. FURTHER CALLS UPON the Secretary-General of the OAU in collaboration with the ILO Director-General to conduct further fundraising campaigns for ARI in and outside Africa;**
- 7. REQUESTS UNDP to react to OAU's request for financial assistance for the establishment of ARI, its programmes and activities;**
- 8. APPEALS to OAU Member States to make voluntary contributions to the ARI fund;**
- 9. INVITES the East and West African regions to name countries, which shall host their respective Regional Branches.**