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RESOLUTION ON OAU ANTHEM

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting at its Forty- fourth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 21 to 26 July 1986.

Considering that it was not possible to decide on a suitable Anthem for the OAU during the two successive competitions organized since the Tenth Anniversary of the OAU, to select an OAU Anthem,

Noting that considerable expenses were incurred in organizing the various competitions and holding the successive meetings of the pre-selection Committees but without any satisfactory results,

Having taken cognizance of the report of the meeting of the Special Committee of Experts responsible for the OAU anthem held in Dakar, Senegal, from 20 June to 3 July 1986, on the initiative of H.E. Mr. Abdou Diouf, Current Chairman of the OAU and President of the Republic of Senegal in co-operation with the General Secretariat of the OAU;

Having also taken cognizance of the outcome of the deliberations of this Committee:

1. **ADOPTS text (A) with corresponding music, the words of which begin with “Let’s Unite” as OAU Anthem;**
2. **THANKS AND CONGRATULATES H. E. Mr. Abdou Diouf, Current Chairman of the OAU and President of the Republic of Senegal on the initiative taken by the convening in Dakar, Senegal, a meeting of the Special Committee of Experts, the deliberations of which have led to the selection of an OAU Anthem;**
3. **CONGRATULATES all the writers and musicians who participated in the competition and to whom Africa owes a debt of gratitude;**
4. **CALLS UPON the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps to ensure that the Anthem is made official after its adoption by the Twenty-second Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government;**
5. **GIVES the Secretary-General the mandate to have the OAU Anthem edited and disseminated through all the appropriate means;**
6. **CALLS UPON all Member States to ensure the wide popularization as possible of the OAU Anthem.**