

**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.**