

**RESOLUTION ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE OAU GENERAL
SECRETARIAT
IN THE FIELD OF POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Forty-sixth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 20 to 25 July 1987,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General in the field of Population and Development Planning – Document CM/1442 (XLVI),

Recalling the recommendations on population and development issues contained in the Lagos Plan of Action (LPA), the Kilimanjaro Programme of Action, the World Population Plan of Action (WPPA) as re-affirmed at the International Population Conference in Mexico and in Africa's Priority Programme for Economic Recovery (APPER),

Recalling also the successive resolutions adopted by various Sessions of the OAU Labour Commission and the Council of Ministers on Population Matters,

Mindful of the importance of population factors and their integration in socio-economic development,

Appreciative of the fact that in order to be able to systematically and meaningfully address its population and development programme, the OAU General Secretariat required adequate financial, human, technical and material resources:

1. **AUTHORIZES** the Secretary-General to seek financial and technical assistance from international organizations dealing with population and development issues to attain the objectives set for the OAU Population Commission;
2. **CALLS UPON** the Secretary-General to:

- a) **assist Member States, requesting it to establish National Population Commissions;**
 - b) **establish technical co-operation relations with African regional and sub-regional organizations dealing with population and development problems;**
 - c) **convene, as soon as possible, the first meeting of the OAU Population Commission.**
3. **CALLS UPON the Secretary-General to commission case studies for other Member States where these have not been carried out, organize regional, sub-regional and national workshops/seminars similar to the one organized in Nairobi in February 1987;**
 4. **REQUESTS the UNFPA and the ILO to continue supporting Project RAF/84 POP/8 on Strengthening Population, Labour and Development Policy Activities in the OAU Secretariat;**
 5. **ENJOINS the Secretary-General to render an account of what has been accomplished in Member States in the field of population and development and to identify the obstacles that militated against the carrying out of these activities.**