

RESOLUTION ON LOCUST CONTROL IN AFRICA

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting at its Forty-eighth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 19 to 23 May, 1988,

Noting the measures taken by Member States within the framework of locust control through their various intergovernmental regional organizations,

Considering that the North and West African regions has been seriously affected by the locust invasion,

Having considered the memorandum of African States on Locust Control in Africa,

Considering that the locust problem is international in nature and scope,

Considering that locust invasions and other migrant pests constitute increased threat to the attainment of self-sufficiency and food security in African countries,

Considering that the specialized intergovernmental organizations are no longer adapted to the prevailing situation due particularly to the mono-specific character of their actions,

Conscious of the inadequacy of their national resources,

Conscious of the fact that the control of regional scourges requires increased mobilization of appropriate human scientific actions among African States in general and North and West African States, the Sahel and the Red Sea in particular:

1. **REQUESTS** the Secretary-General to undertake on the one hand, studies to determine and delimit the various geographical and ecological zones of Africa with a view to establishing polyvalent intergovernmental

organization (AMPCA*) with varied objectives in the control of migratory pests and, on the other, to assess the logistic, material and human needs of these scourges in the ecological zones concerned;

- 2. REQUESTS the Secretary-General to look into the possibility of the Organization financing the above-mentioned studies (the cost of which appears as annex);**
- 3. CALLS UPON the Secretary-General to establish a joint Permanent OAU, ECA and FAO task force responsible for obtaining the necessary funds from donor agencies with a view to containing this scourge without further delay;**
- 4. THANKS the various donor agencies which provided assistance to the various African countries in the control of the regional scourges;**
- 5. CALLS UPON the international community to continue to support African States until this scourge is removed;**
- 6. CALLS UPON Member States to strengthen their phytosanitary services for an effective implementation of the programmes designed to control calamities at national level and for an added contribution to the implementation of the programmes conceived to control calamities at the level of the regions;**
- 7. CHARGES the Secretary-General in collaboration with the Permanent Steering Committee to follow up the implementation of this resolution and report to its next Session.**

***AMPCA: Agency for Migratory Pests Control in Africa**

Annex

FEASIBILITY STUDY AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

An expert for two months/Man per ecological area

Honorary: \$US3000 x 2	=	US\$ 6,000 x 5	
Air tickets		US\$ 3,842 x 5	
Transport by road		US\$ 375 x 5	
Subsistence allowance		US\$ 7,455 x 5	
Stationery and office supplies		US\$ 328 x 5	
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	Total	US\$ 18,000 x 5	= 90,00.00
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Countries visited: the countries concerned by each of the five ecological areas considered.