

**RESOLUTION ON THE AFRICAN ALTERNATIVE FRAMEWORK
FOR STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT PROGRAMMES FOR
SOCIO-ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND TRANSFORMATION (AAF-SAP)**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fiftieth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 17 to 22 July, 1989,

Reaffirming Africa's development objectives as contained in the Lagos Plan of Action and the Final Act of Lagos; Africa's Priority Programme for Economic Recovery, 1986 – 1990 (APPER) and the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986 – 1990 (UN-PAAERD),

Recalling the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 43/27, urging African countries to “increase their efforts in the search for a viable conceptual and practical framework for economic structural adjustment programme in keeping with the long-term development objectives and strategies at the national, sub-regional and regional level”,

Convinced that African countries must continue to adjust their economies but at the same time ensure that any adjustment will bring about structural transformation and sustained growth and development,

Having considered the African Alternative Framework for Structural Adjustment Programmes for Socio-Economic Recovery and Transformation (AAF-SAP) and ECA Conference of Ministers Resolution 676 (XXIV) and Addis Ababa Joint Statement by African Ministers of Finance and the “African Alternative Framework for Structural Adjustment Programmes for Socio-Economic Recovery and Transformation (AAF-SAP)”,

- 1. COMMENDS the timely initiative of Africa's Ministers of Economic Development and Planning and Ministers of Finance for the preparation of the African Alternative Framework for Structural Adjustment**

Programmes for Socio-Economic Recovery and Transformation (AAF-SAP);

- 2. ADOPTS the African Alternative Framework for Structural Adjustment Programmes for Socio Economic Recovery and Transformation (AAF - SAP) as a pragmatic framework which will assist African Countries, individually and collectively, in formulating country programmes that integrate adjustment with transformation and growth;**
- 3. TAKES NOTE of the major points of consensus agreed upon at the meeting of 10th May, 1989 in Washington, convened by the World Bank to discuss issues concerning SAP's in Africa, and in this context WELCOMES that meeting as constituting an important beginning of the dialogues on AAF-SAP;**
- 4. APPEALS to the international community, particularly the multilateral development and finance institutions, to show full understanding for the African point of view concerning structural adjustment;**
- 5. RECOMMENDS to the African governments to use AAF-SAP as the framework for preparing their country programmes and for negotiating assistance from the donor community and to organize national and sub - regional seminars on the implementation of the AAF-SAP with the assistance of the ECA, OAU and ADB;**
- 6. REQUESTS the African Group of Ambassadors at the United Nations in New York to have placed on the Agenda of the Forty-fourth Session of the UN General Assembly, an item on the consideration of the AAF-SAP to enable the international community to consider the issue in detail.**