

CM/Res.1286 (LII)

**RESOLUTION ON THE AFRICAN CHARTER FOR POPULAR
PARTICIPATION IN DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSFORMATION***

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-second Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 3 to 8 July 1990,

Recalling United Nations General Assembly Resolution S-13/2 on the United Nations Program of Action for Africa's Economic Recovery and Development, 1986 – 1990 (UN-PAAERD),

Recalling also Resolution 664 (XXIV) of the Twenty-fourth Session of the Economic Commission for African and Fifteenth Meeting of the Conference of Ministers of the International Conference on Popular Participation in the Recovery and Development Process in Africa,

Aware of the fact that people have a fundamental right to participate fully in the making of policy decisions that affect their lives at all levels,

Noting with interest the decisions and recommendations arrived at by the International Conference on Popular Participation in the Recovery and Development Process in Africa, held from 12 to 16 February 1990 in Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania, and in particular resolution 2 of the same title whose operative paragraphs resolve inter-alia that the eleventh day of February each year should be proclaimed Popular Participation Day in Africa:

1. EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION to the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania for generously hosting the Conference;
2. ADOPTS the African Charter for Popular Participation in Development and Transformation (Arusha: 1990) as a statement of the strategy that should be incorporated in development policies adopted by African Governments with a view to promoting popular participation in development and by encouraging people and their organizations to undertake self-reliant development initiatives;
3. RECOMMENDS that the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania should submit the present Charter to the Forty-fifth Regular Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations for its information and necessary action;

4. REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity and the Executive Secretary of ECA to disseminate the contents of the Charter widely, and to set up a mechanism for implementing and monitoring the follow-up of activities contained in the Charter at sub - regional and regional levels and submit regular reports to the Council.

***Ghana and Gabon entered reservations on this resolution.**