RESOLUTION ON IFAD'S SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR SUB -SAHARAN AFRICAN COUNTRIES AFFECTED BY DROUGHT AND DESERTIFICATION – PHASE II

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-third Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 25 February to 1 March 1991,

<u>Recalling</u> Resolutions CM/Res.1060 (XLIV) and CM/Res.1119 (XLVI) adopted respectively at the Forty-fourth and Forty-sixth Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity of IFAD'S Special Program for Sub -Saharan African Countries Affected by Drought and Desertification,

<u>Bearing in mind</u> the UN General Assembly Resolution S-13/2 and particularly the stipulation of the United Nations Program of Action for Africa's Economic Recovery and Development 1986 – 1990 in which the African countries and the international community committed themselves, <u>inter-alias</u>, to giving priority attention and increased resources to the rehabilitation and development of food and agriculture in Africa,

<u>Recalling further</u> the mandate given to the President of IFAD by the Governing Council at its Thirteenth Session held in January 1990, to consult donors on the mobilization of additional resources of IFAD'S Special Program for Sub -Saharan African Countries Affected by Drought and Desertification (SPA) to continue in a Second Phase,

<u>Bearing in mind also</u> Resolution 45/207 on Food and Agricultural Problems where the General Assembly, <u>inter-alias</u>, "invites donors to endorse the Governing Council of the International Fund for Agricultural Development Resolution 60/XIII about the possibility of additional voluntary contributions to the special resources for Sub -Saharan Africa for a further three years, starting in January 1991, without prejudicing deliberations on the mobilization of core funding for the International Fund for Agricultural Development resource",

<u>Noting with satisfaction</u> the positive contribution made by IFAD to the economic recovery programs of its member developing countries and its increased assistance to the African region in line with the stipulation of the UNPAAERD and particularly through its Special Program for Sub-Saharan African countries Affected by Drought and Desertification,

<u>Concerned</u> by the continued deterioration in the socio-economic conditions in Africa:

- 1. STRESSES the importance of the link between the social and economic development in Africa and the national management of the environment;
- 2. WELCOMES IFAD'S interventions under the Special Program (SPA) which have been focusing on improving food security through environmental conservation and the rehabilitation of existing productive capacity and ensuring the sustainability of benefits in the post project period;
- 3. EMPHASIZES the urgent need for a continuous, predictable and uninterrupted flow of resources to Africa for recovery and development, particularly for agriculture, and to need the urgent needs of combating drought and for economic reforms;
- EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION to those donor countries which have already made firm pledges or have indicated their intent to make contributions to the Second Phase of IFAD'S Special Program for Sub -Saharan African Countries Affected by Drought and Desertification (SPA), covering the period 1991 – 1993;
- 5. APPEALS to the International Donor Community to make all efforts to augment the resources of the Second Phase of the SPA in order to achieve a target of 210 million SDR'S needed over a period of three years beginning in 1991.