

**RESOLUTION ON RELATIONS BETWEEN AFRICA AND THE
COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty -sixth Ordinary Session in Dakar, Senegal, from 22 to 28 June 1992,

Considering the changes that had taken place in the former USSR and the creation of new States under the name of Commonwealth of Independent States,

Considering the friendly and at times privileged relations that the former USSR maintained with a good number of African countries,

Considering that on this basis the former USSR gave many forms of significant assistance to some African countries by specially granting scholarships to their students,

Considering that on the same basis of privileged relations with some African States and within the framework of its policy of cooperation, the former USSR had awarded grants and loans in the area of both agricultural and military equipment,

Considering that the Russian Federation now assumes international commitment of the former USSR:

1. EXPRESSES African States' willingness to cooperate with the Commonwealth of Independent States in the search for solutions to problems which could result from commitments between the former USSR and African States;
2. APPEALS to the Russian Federation that has taken over the commitments of the former USSR to honor the said commitments including the payment of scholarships to the African students until the end of their courses;
3. FURTHER APPEALS to the Commonwealth of Independent States to make a distinction between loans and grants within the framework of the debt assessment;
4. REQUESTS the Contact Group on Debt, to approach the Commonwealth of Independent States' authorities to arrive at an appropriate assessment acceptable to all the parties, in order to carry out negotiations in accordance with regulations in force at the World Bank and IMF;
5. REQUESTS the Contact Group on Debt to submit a report to the Council of Ministers on the issue.