

CM/Res.1403 (LVI)

RESOLUTION ON DISASTERS IN AFRICA

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,

Having considered the Report of the Secretary-General on the OAU Regional Meeting on Disasters in Africa (Doc. CM/1721 (LVI)), that was held in Addis Ababa from 13 to 17 April 1992,

Recalling its Resolution CM/Res.1253 (LI) on Disasters in Africa,

Recalling further the UN Resolution 42/169 on the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction,

Expressing its appreciation to the international community for assisting the afflicted African countries,

Deeply concerned about the extent of disasters in Africa, including drought, famine, locust infestation, floods, cyclones and civil strife which continues to have a major effect on the social and economic situation of African countries:

1. TAKES NOTE of “The Report of the Secretary -General on the OAU Regional Meeting on Disasters in Africa” Doc. CM/1721 (LVI) and endorses the recommendations contained therein;
2. RECOMMENDS to Member States to:
 - (a) Implement the relevant recommendations contained in Doc.CM/1721 (LVI);
 - (b) Address the root causes of the current refugee crisis in Africa with a view to averting this man-made disaster;
 - (c) Submit reports to the OAU Secretary-General on the activities that were undertaken the achievements made;
 - (d) Give assistance to afflicted countries whenever possible;
3. REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General to:
 - (a) Hold a special workshop on Drought and Famine for the Southern African sub-region during the course of 1992, in collaboration with UNDP/DHA-UNDRO/SADCC;

- (b) Implement the relevant recommendations contained in Document CM/1721 (LVI);
 - (c) Monitor the implementation of this Resolution;
 - (d) Submit a report to the Fifty-eighth Ordinary Session of the OAU Council of Ministers on the progress made in the implementation of this resolution;
4. APPEALS to the UN System, Donors, NGO'S and other relevant institutions to:
- (a) Ensure the implementation of the recommendation on the establishment of the Multi-disciplinary Center on Disasters in Africa to be hosted in the Sudan, as well as seeking the necessary resources for the Center;
 - (b) Coordinate their activities among themselves and with the OAU General Secretariat for mitigating disasters in Africa;
 - (c) Continue offering effective assistance to African countries to manage disasters.