

**RESOLUTION ON CULTURE, EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT**  
**WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE AFRICAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fifty-ninth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 31 January to 4 February, 1994,

**Recalling** Resolution CM/1074 (XLIV) establishing the Conference of African Ministers of Culture,

**Recalling** Resolution AHG/183 (XXV) of Heads of State and Government instituting the Conference of African Ministers of Education,

**Recalling** Resolution CM/1166 (XLVIII) on Africa and the World Decade for Cultural Development,

**Considering** the African Cultural Charter signed in Port Louis, Mauritius on 9 July 1976,

**Considering** the Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community signed in Abuja, Nigeria, on 3 June 1991,

**Emphasizing** the need to strengthen the primary role of Culture and Education in Africa's development and economic integration,

**Bearing in mind** the Report of the Secretary-General on the Conference of Ministers of Education and Culture and Ministers of Planning, held in Cotonou, Benin, from 23 to 27 August 1993:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the initiative of economic sectors and of the Secretary-General in cooperation with UNESCO and ECA to organize, in anticipation of the establishment of the African Economic Community, a Ministerial Conference on Culture and Education as they relate to development;
2. **TAKES NOTE** of the resolutions, motions and the Declaration of the Conference of Ministers of Culture and Education and Ministers of Economic Sectors, held in Cotonou, Benin from 23 to 27 August 1993 as contained in Document CM/1814 (LIX);
3. **URGES** Member States to take all necessary measures to ensure:
  - (a) the implementation of the resolutions of the Ministerial Conference held in Cotonou;
  - (b) Africa's greater participation in the second phase of the World Decade for Cultural Development Decade (1988 – 1997).