

**RESOLUTION ON COOPERATION BETWEEN  
THE ACP COUNTRIES AND THE EUROPEAN UNION**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Sixtieth Ordinary Session in Tunis, Tunisia, from 6 to 11 June, 1994,

**Considering** the multilateral and bilateral agreements between the European Union and OAU Member States on the one hand, and between the European Union and the ACP countries, on the other,

**Considering** the serious crisis besetting Third World countries in general, and African countries in particular,

**Convinced** that in order to attain a satisfactory level of development, African countries need external assistance to back up their own efforts,

**Considering** that the agreement concluded between seventy African, Caribbean and Pacific countries and twelve countries of the European Union, known as the Lome Convention, constitutes an effective instrument for North/South cooperation,

**Convinced** that South/South cooperation, especially intra-ACP cooperation, is a vital instrument for achieving sustainable development:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the willingness of the parties concerned to strengthen their cooperation with the European Union;
2. **CALLS ON** the ACP side to vigorously pursue, with vigilance, negotiations regarding the second phase of Lome IV;
3. **EXPRESSES THE DESIRE** to see the outcome of the negotiations contribute significantly to the on-going economic reform efforts in ACP countries;
4. **REQUESTS** that adequate resources be provided especially for promoting cooperation in the fields of culture, education, science and technology, as part of the implementation of the Convention;
5. **REQUESTS** each OAU Member State concerned to give to its representatives at the negotiations, the necessary directives to facilitate the implementation of this resolution;
6. **CALLS ON** the OAU and ACP Secretariats to closely cooperate in order to enhance the interests of the African Group within the Lome arrangements.