RESOLUTION ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE OAU GENERAL SECRETARIAT IN THE FIELD OF POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT POLICY IN AFRICA

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,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General in the field of Population and Development Policy in Africa – Document CM/1837 (LX),

Recalling the recommendations on population and development issues contained in the Lagos Plan of Action (LPA), the Kilimanjaro Programme of Action, the World Population Plan of Action (WPPA) as re-affirmed at the International Population Conference in Mexico and in Africa's Priority Program me for Economic Recovery (APPER), and reiterated in the Dakar/NGOR Declaration,

Bearing in mind the recommendations of the Inaugural Meeting of the African Population Commission on Population and Development in Africa held in Addis Ababa on 16-18 May, 1994, particularly, the need to mobilize resources for African population activities,

Recalling also the successive resolutions adopted by various Sessions of the OAU Labour Commission and Council of Ministers on Population Matters,

<u>Mindful</u> of the importance of population factors and the need for their integration in socio-economic development:

- 1. **URGES** Member States to establish National Population Commission, where they do not exist, and to strengthen technical cooperation relations with African regional and sub-regional organizations dealing with population and development problems;
- 2. **CALLS UPON** the Secretary-General, in collaboration with relevant African and international organizations dealing with population and development to mobilize financial and technical assistance from international organizations dealing with population and development for the attainment of the objectives set for the African Population Commission;
- 3. **COMMENDS** the UNFPA for its financial assistance to the OAU in the area of population and development policy, and requests it to continue its support; and
- 4. **REQUESTS** the Secretary-General to report regularly to the Council of Ministers on the activities of the Member States on population and development policy programmes.