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RESOLUTION ON OAU/STRC-SAFGRAD

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Sixty-Second Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 21 to 23 June, 1995,

**Considering** Resolutions CM/Res.1417 (LVI) and CM/Res.1746 (LVII) calling on the General Secretariat to provide financial assistance of SAFGRAD,

**Considering** SAFGRAD’s invaluable technical contribution to the enhancement of research and development capacity with a view to promoting food self-sufficiency and security in Member States,

**Aware** of the social and economic benefits Member States stand to gain by using technologies developed by SAFGRAD in the rural areas,

**Considering** the on-going projects and the new projects being prepared for the next five

years,

**Aware** of the donor’s policy and their readiness to support SAFGRAD’s activities only on conditions that the beneficiary organization (OAU) demonstrates its willingness to finance coordination activities:

1. **REITERATES** its previous recommendation to the General Secretariat to take all the necessary measures to provide adequate financial resources to support the activities to SAFGRAD’s Coordination Officer;
2. **REQUESTS** the Advisory Committee on Administrative, Budgetary and Financial Matters to examine the issue favourably and allocate the required resources;
3. **URGES** the international community to continue to support the technological activities developed by SAFGRAD in the fulfillment of its mandate;
4. REQUESTS the Coordination Officer of SAFGRAD to envisage the possibility of expanding its area of activity with a view to covering other ecological zones of the continent and other types of crops.