

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.