

RESOLUTION ON DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFIC
CONTROL IN AFRICA

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Sixty-Fourth Ordinary Session in Yaounde, Cameroon, from 1 to 5 July, 1996,

Having considered the Report of the Secretary-General on Drug Abuse and Traffic Control in Africa, Document CM/1962 (LXIV),

Recalling the UN Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs on 1961, the Single Convention as amended by the 1972 Protocol and the UN Conventional for International Control of Psychotropic Substances of 1971 and that of 1988 UN Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances,

Recalling further the African regional meetings on the Problems of Illicit Drug Abuse and Trafficking in Africa, held in Lagos, Nigeria in November, 1979; Rabat, Morocco in April, 1981; Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire in March, 1993; Pretoria, South Africa in 1994, and the planned UN Special Session of the General Assembly in 1997, devoted to the problem of Illicit Drug Trafficking and Abuse,

Considering Resolutions CM/Res.797 (XXXV) recommending the establishment of an OAU Specialized Commission for Drug Control Matters in Africa and CM/Res.1370 (LVII) requesting the Secretary-General to draw up a Plan of Action on Drug Control at continental level and submit a report thereon to the Council.

Noting with concern the escalating problem of drug abuse and traffic in Africa, and in particular the abuse of drug among the youth,

Appreciative of the initiative to conclude a Cooperation Agreement between the OAU and the UNDCP in assisting Member States in the implementation of programmes on Drug Abuse and Traffic Control in Africa:

1. **TAKES NOTE WITH SATISFACTION** of the Report of the Secretary-General on Drug Abuse and Illicit Traffic Control in Africa;
2. **COMMENDS** the efforts made by the OAU Secretariat and the UNDCP in drawing up the Draft Plan of Action on Drug Control in Africa;
3. **ADOPTS** the Draft Plan of Action and the Declaration on Drug Control in African and **DECIDES** to submit it to the Assembly of Heads of State and Government;
4. **APPEALS** to Member States to implement the Plan of Action by establishing national mechanisms or focal points of Coordination where they do not exist between Governmental, Non-Governmental and International Organizations and Agencies concerned with drug abuse and illicit traffic control issues;
5. **CALLS ON the UNDCP** to further strengthen and intensify its existing cooperation with the OAU, with a view to establishing a Mechanism on Drug Control within the OAU Secretariat as a focal point for coordinating the implementation and follow-up of the Plan of Action on Drug Control and Abuse in Member States;
6. **REQUESTS** Member States to submit periodic progress reports to the OAU Secretariat on the implementation of this Resolution, and in particular, the Plan of Action of Drug Control in Africa;
7. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Secretary-General to follow-up the implementation of the resolution and submit a progress report to the 66th Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers.