

RESOLUTION ON SPECIAL EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND
FOR DROUGHT AND FAMINE 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 examined the report of the Secretary-General on the activities and functioning of the Special Fund, contained in Document CM/1966 (LXIV),

Recalling the provisions of its Resolutions CM/Res.1315 (LII) and CM/Res.1336 (LIV) relating to the Special Fund,

Deeply concerned over the extent of the persistent drought in African and its effects in the economic and social development of Member States,

Recalling further the aims and objectives of the Special Fund, instrument of active solidarity and cooperating, expression of the will and determination of Africa to control drought and famine in Africa,

Concerned also over the financial situation of the Fund, due to the gradual depletion of its resources and lack of new contributions:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the report of the Secretary-General on the activities and functioning of the Special Fund;
2. **APPROVES** the recommendations adopted by the 20th Session of the Committee to convene in 1997 the Special Pledging Session at the level of Heads of State and Government;

3. **APPEALS** to the all Member States and international institutions to participate effectively in the pledging session;
4. **REITERATES** its appeal to the International Committee, Governments, Governmental and Non-Governmental Organizations and business community to contribute generously to the Special Fund;
5. **DECIDES** to appoint the following Member States to serve on the Policy Committee of the Special Fund for a two year period starting from the 21st Ordinary Session; Algeria, Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea, Gabon, Ethiopia and Malawi;
6. **REQUESTS** the Secretary-General to report on the activities and situation of the Fund to the 65th Ordinary Session of the Fund.