

DECISION ON HOLDING THE MEETING OF AFRICA'S
EXTERNAL DEBT EXPERTS AND REGIONAL
SEMINAR ON AFRICA'S EXTERNAL DEBT

Council:

1. NOTES that the General Secretariat has started the preparations for the holding of the Meeting of the Africa's Independent Experts' Group and the Regional Seminar on Africa's External Debt, respectively;
2. ACCEPTS the offer of the Government of Senegal to host the meeting of the Independent Experts' Group on Africa's External Debt during the month of November 2001, in Dakar, Senegal and the African Regional Seminar on Africa's External Debt also in Dakar, Senegal at a date to be determined;
3. URGES all Member States to respond favourably to the offer of Senegal by sending their national experts to participate in the Meeting of the Independent Experts' Group and the Regional Seminar on Africa's Debt;
4. CALLS on all Member States to support these two initiatives to ensure that they contribute to the search for a durable solution to the African External Debt Problem;
5. CALLS on the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Matters to consider allocating the necessary budgetary provisions to enable the General Secretariat engage the services of the Independent Experts and/or Consultants to provide the required technical assistance to support the preparatory process;
6. REQUESTS the Secretary General, in consultation with relevant institutions, to finalize arrangements for the composition of the Independent Experts Group in order to organize the Meeting of the Independent Experts' Group in November 2001.