



CM/Res.317 (XXII)

To

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COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
Twenty Second Ordinary Session
Kampala, 1 – 4 April 1974

RESOLUTIONS ON THE TWENTY SECOND ORDINARY SESSION
OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

RESOLUTION ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD OF EXTERNAL
AUDITORS AND THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON BUDGETARY AND
FINANACIAL MATTERS CONCERNING THE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT OF
THE OAU GENERAL SECRETARIAT

The Council of Ministers of the OAU meeting in its Twenty Second Ordinary Session in Kampala, Uganda from 1 to 4 April 1974,

Having heard the Report of the Chairman of the OAU Advisory Committee on Budgetary and financial Matters CM/543 (XXII);

Having examined the Financial Report submitted by the General Secretariat (document CM/539) and the Report of the Board of External Auditors for the Financial Year 1972/73 – CM/539 (XXII)

1. TAKES NOTE of the Financial report for the Financial year 1972/73 submitted by the OAU General Secretariat;
2. CONGRATULATES the Board of External Auditors and the Advisory Committee on the detailed and comprehensive reports they submitted;
3. DEPLORES the continued over expenditure, unauthorized expenditure and other irregularities in the management of the accounts of the Organization.
4. ADOPTS the recommendations concerning the financial management of the General Secretariat contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Financial Matters – CM/543 (XXII) and in the report of the Board of External Auditors – CM/542 (XXII);

5. REQUESTS the Administrative Secretary General to amend the Financial Regulations of the Organization so as to take account of the relevant recommendations of the Advisory Committee, especially those concerning the establishment of Receipt Vouchers and to submit the new financial regulations to the Council of Ministers for approval, through the Advisory Committee for budgetary and Financial matters.

RESOLUTION ON THE PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Twenty Second Ordinary Session in Kampala, Uganda, from 1 to 4 April 1974,

Having considered Report CM/541 (XXII) on the outstanding contributions of Member States,

Aware of the financial difficulties of the drought stricken Member States, particularly those in the Sahelian zone,

Referring to Resolution CM/Res.316 of the Twenty First Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers approved by the 10th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government,

Desirous of expressing its active solidarity with all Member States affected by the drought,

1. RECOMMENDS that the 11th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government should consider the need to exempt from payment of their outstanding contributions to the Budget of the Financial Year 1972/73, those countries of the Sahelian zone which have not yet honoured their obligations,
2. CALLS UPON Member States which have not yet paid up their outstanding contributions to do so as soon as possible.

RESOLUTION ON THE ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET FOR THE
FINANCIAL YEAR 1974/75

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Twenty Second Ordinary Session in Kampala, Uganda, from 1 to 4 April 1974,

Having examined the report of the Advisory Committee on budgetary and Financial Matters,

Having considered the budget estimates submitted by the Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Financial Matters and the General Secretariat for the financial year 1974/75,

1. DECIDES to adopt the budget estimates for the 1974/75 financial year as submitted by the Advisory committee on budgetary and Financial Matters and the General Secretariat with a reduction of a total sum of 450,000 US dollars affecting Codes 200, 300, 600 and 900.
2. INVITES the Advisory Committee and the OAU General Secretariat to abide scrupulously by the recommendations of the council of Ministers regarding over expenditure and unauthorized expenditure.

RESOLUTION ON THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE OF 7

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Twenty Second Ordinary Session in Kampala, Uganda, from 1 to 4 April 1974,

Having taken note of the interim report submitted by the Chairman of the Committee of Seven on the outcome of the preliminary talks with the countries of the Arab League on the subject of the consequences of the energy crisis (document CM/554)

Requests the Committee of Seven to continue its work and submit a more comprehensive report to the twenty third ordinary session of the Council of Ministers.

Decides that the statement by the Representative of Zaire on the proceedings of the Committee of Seven, the document submitted by the delegate of Tanzania and the documents already adopted by the Committee of Seven should be communicated to all Member States as documents of the Council.

Welcomes the positive reaction of the Arab League and appreciates the atmosphere of cordiality which prevailed during the Cairo meeting between member States of the Arab League and Member States of the OAU Committee of Seven.

SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Twenty Second Ordinary Session in Kampala, Uganda, from 1 to 4 April 1974,

Having heard the statement of H.E. the Leader of the Delegation of the Arab Republic of Egypt,

Recalling all OAU previous resolutions on the Middle East which reaffirmed that total Israeli withdrawal from all Arab occupied territories and the attainment of inalienable national rights of the Palestinian People is a pre-requisite to a just and durable peace in the Middle East,

Gravely concerned that despite the last agreement on military disengagement between Egypt and Israel, the cease fire is still precarious due to the persistent refusal of Israel to withdraw from all Arab occupied territories and to recognize the inalienable national and legitimate rights of the Palestinian People,

1. TAKES NOTE of the statement of the leader of the delegation of the Arab Republic of Egypt;
2. REAFFIRMS its resolution ECM/21 (XIII);
3. EMPHASIZES that a just and lasting peace in the Middle East should not overlook the following basic principles;
 - (a) the total withdrawal of Israeli forces from all the Arab occupied territories since June 1967;
 - (b) the liberation of the Arab city of Jerusalem;

- (c) the exercise by the Palestinian People of their right to self-determination.
4. DECLARES its total support to the struggle of the P.L.O. as the only legitimate representative of the Palestinian People and to its heroic struggle against zionism and racism;
 5. REQUESTS the OAU Secretary General to follow the development of the Middle East situation and to report to the Twenty third Session of the Council of Ministers;
 6. DECIDES to maintain the Middle East situation as an important item on the next agenda of all OAU Session.

RESOLUTION ON THE CLOSURE OF THE PUBLICATIONS BUREAU IN
NIAMEY AND THE INTEGRATION OF THE CENTRE FOR LINGUISTIC AND
HISTORICAL RESEARCH THROUGH ORAL TRADITION WITH THE OAU
GENERAL SECRETARIAT

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Twenty Second Ordinary Session in Kampala, Uganda, from 1 to 4 April 1974,

Having heard report CM/560 (XXII) on the closure of the Publications Bureau in Niamey and the integration of the Centre for Linguistic and Historical Research through Oral Tradition with the General Secretariat of the OAU;

Having noted the approval of the Representative of Niger with regard to the closure of the Publications Bureau in Niamey and the integration of the Centre for Linguistic and Historical Research through Oral Tradition with the OAU General Secretariat,

DECIDES:

1. to close down the Publications bureau in Niamey with effect from the end of the Financial year 1973/74;
2. to integrate the Centre for Linguistic and Historical Research through Oral Tradition with the OAU General Secretariat as from 1 June 1974;
3. to invite the Administrative Secretary General to transfer the funds initially voted for the Publications Bureau in Niamey in the Budget for the Financial Year 1974/75 for the running of the Centre for Linguistic and Historical research through Oral Tradition

4. to invite further the Administrative Secretary General to take all the necessary steps to ensure an effective integration of the Centre for Linguistic and Historical Research through Oral Tradition with the OAU General Secretariat.

RESOLUTION ON THE OFFICE FOR THE CO-ORDINATION OF AID
TO THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA BISSAU

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Twenty Second Ordinary Session in Kampala, Uganda, from 1 to 4 April 1974,

HAVING CONSIDERED the report of the Administrative Secretary General on the situation in Guinea Bissau and the request for financial assistance submitted by that State – Document CM/552 (XXII),

HAVING TAKEN NOTE of the report of the Advisory committee on Budgetary and Financial Matters (CM/543 (XXII), the report of the OAU Defence Commission which met in Conakry and the recommendations of the 22nd Session of the Co-ordinating committee for the Liberation of Africa in Mogadishu,

DECIDES:

1. to transform the present sub-regional office of the co-ordinating Committee for the Liberation of Africa in Conakry into an office for the co-ordination of aid to Guinea Bissau,
2. to approve the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on budgetary and Financial Matters concerning the granting of the sum of L200,000 from the budget for the financial year 1973/74 as immediate aid to the Republic of Guinea Bissau;
3. to pay into the special fund for assistance to Guinea Bissau, the sum of US\$450,000 derived from the reductions made on items 200, 300, 600 and 900 of the 1974/75 budget;

4. invites the Co-ordinating Committee for the Liberation of Africa at its forthcoming session in Yaounde, in Co-operation with the Government of Guinea Bissau; to assess, the real needs of the Republic of Guinea Bissau as regards the consolidation of its independence and, to submit its recommendations to the twenty third ordinary session of the Council of Ministers and the eleventh session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government.

RESOLUTION ON THE SPONSORING OF THE CANDIDATURE OF
MR AMADOU MAHTAR M'BOW TO THE POST OF
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF UNESCO

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Twenty Second Ordinary Session in Kampala, Uganda, from 1 to 4 April 1974,

Having considered document CM/562 (XXII) concerning the sponsoring of the candidature of Mr AMADOU MAHTAR M'BOW to the post of Director General of UNESCO,

1. DECLARES that this candidature is an African candidature and as such, has the unanimous approval of OAU Member States;
2. ENTRUSTS, therefore, the OAU Secretary General to take all appropriate measures to secure the success of this candidature and, particularly, to address a letter to the Chairman of the Executive Board of UNESCO wherein he will submit on behalf of all African States, members of OAU, the candidature of Mr M'BOW to the post of Director General of UNESCO when the term of office of the current Director General comes to an end in 1974.

RESOLUTION ON UNINTENDED DIFFICULTIES AS A RESULT OF THE RECENT
INCREASE ON THE PRICE OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Twenty Second Ordinary Session in Kampala, Uganda, from 1 to 4 April 1974,

Considering the fact that there is to be a Special Session of the United Nations scheduled to begin in New York on 9 April 1974,

Bearing in mind that one of the main considerations will relate to lower prices of raw materials and on the other hand the present escalation of prices of manufactured goods imported by the developing countries from the developed countries,

Noting the perilous state of the economies in most developing countries deeply affected by the inflation of prices in the developed countries,

Welcoming the eventual realization by the oil producing States that they have been suffering for too long from extreme exploitation of their main product,

Bearing in mind that the recent increase in the price of oil and the adjustment to the economic imbalance between the cost of primary and finished products are long overdue,

Convinced that similar adjustment must be considered in relation to other primary products,

Seriously concerned about the sudden and paralyzing, though unintended, effect the price increase of petrol and petroleum products has had on the economies of the developing Non-Aligned Nations which include the majority of Nations of the OAU,

Convinced of the need for closer co-operation between the developing countries of the Non Aligned States with a view to assisting their social and economic development,

Noting that this meeting offers the important opportunity for preparation for the presentation of a United Front at the Special Session of the United Nations where all developing countries could oppose the traditional exploiters of their primary products,

1. DECIDES: to endorse and support a formula whereby
 - (a) A Fund shall be established out of a levy from the sale of oil to both developed and developing countries;
 - (b) that the oil producing nations should not be asked to bear the cost of establishing this Fund;
 - (c) the Fund thereby created from a levy from the sale of oil to both developed and developing countries should consist of a small addition to the present price and should be distributed to the developing countries in accordance with the proportion that the amount of oil purchased by any developing country in 1973 bears to the total amount purchased by all developing countries for that year;

3. DECIDES to accept and use this formula with necessary adaptations in respect of other commodities produced by Non-Aligned Nations in order to make a similar equitable readjustment in favour of the developing countries;

3. RECOMMENDS that the Secretary General of the OAU transmits this decision to the Secretary General of the O.P.E.C. and the Secretary General of the United Nations.

RESOLUTION ON THE INDIAN OCEAN AS A ZONE OF PEACE

(Submitted by Madagascar)

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Twenty Second Ordinary Session in Kampala, Uganda, from 1 to 4 April 1974,

After taking note of the UN General Assembly Resolution 2832 (XXVI) of 16 December 1971 containing the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a zone of peace and Resolution 3080 (XXVIII) of 6 December 1973 confirming this Declaration;

Reaffirming the determination of Member States to work for peace and security in the world, particularly in Africa,

After closely considering development in the situation in the Indian Ocean,

development in the situation in the Indian Ocean,

Expressing its concern about the deployment of forces in the Indian Ocean particularly in expansion of the Anglo American base in Diego-Garcia,

1. CONDEMNS the maintenance of this base and strongly denounces the Anglo American plan to enlarge the Diego-Garcia Base contrary to the United Nations Resolution referred to above and with poses a serious threat to peace and security in this area;
2. EXORESSES its full solidarity with the African and Asian countries bordering the Indian Ocean struggling to make the Indian Ocean a zone of peace;

3. APPEALS to all forces of peace and progress in the world to bring pressure to bear on the United States and Great Britain to abandon this plan;
4. CONDEMNS any establishment or attempt to establish any imperialist bases in this area;

RESOLUTION ON THE OAU OFFICE IN MALABO

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Twenty Second Ordinary Session in Kampala, Uganda, from 1 to 4 April 1974,

Having examined the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Financial Matters on the closing of the OAU Office in Malabo – CM/543 (XXII),

Having heard the statement by the Representative of the Government of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea on the subject of maintaining the OAU Office for co-ordinating aid to Equatorial Guinea,

REQUESTS the Administrative Secretary General to undertake consultations with the Government of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea with a view to assessing the additional air requirements of this sister country and submit his report to the twenty third ordinary session of the Council of Ministers.

RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE CONVENING OF A SPECIAL SESSION OF
THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS
AND THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Twenty Second Ordinary Session in Kampala, Uganda, from 1 to 4 April 1974,

Having Taken note of the memorandum of the Government of the Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria concerning the convening of a special session of the United Nations General Assembly on development problems and the international economic relations.

Recalling the African Declaration on Co-operation, Development and Economic Independence adopted by the Heads of State and Government during the Tenth OAU Summit,

Recalling further the principles and objectives contained in the Algiers Charter, the Lima Declaration, the Declaration and the programme of economic action adopted by the Fourth conference of Heads of State or Government of the non-Aligned countries,

Concerned about the continued deterioration of the terms of trade which is highly prejudicial to the economies of the developing countries,

Considering the lack of political will on the part of the developed countries regarding the implementation of the measures they should take in order to put an end to the intolerable situation which the developing countries are experiencing,

Conscious of the need for Member States to co-operate with the other developing countries to set up a new order to international economic relations based on justice, sovereignty and the right of all States to development and progress;

1. INVITES Member States to act in concert with the Non-Aligned and other developing countries with a view to presenting a United front in order to safeguard effectively their vital interests;
2. REQUESTS therefore all Members to do everything possible to instruct their delegations to the Special Session to implement fully all the decisions and resolutions adopted by all the developing countries with a view to ensuring the full exercise of the rights of each state over its natural resources;
3. APPEALS to all Member States to make the Special Session a decisive phase of their economic liberation and the up-valuing of their natural resources to ensure a rapid economic and social development;
4. RECOMMENDS that all Member States take part in the Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly at the highest political level possible. If further requests the OAU Secretariat to be represented at this Session.

RESOLUTION ON OAU BUREAU FOR THE PLACEMENT AND
EDUCATION ON AFRICAN REFUGEES

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Twenty Second Ordinary Session in Kampala, Uganda, from 1 to 4 April 1974,

Having heard the report of the Seventh Ordinary Session of the OAU Commission of Ten on Refugees,

Convinced of the necessity of a continued cooperation and co-ordination between the BPEAR and all International Organizations and voluntary agencies concerned with the refugee problems,

Anxious for the judicious use of funds placed at the disposal of the Bureau,

Recalling its Resolution CM/Res.296 (XX) of African Refugees more particularly paragraph 1 (b), thereof,

Considering the necessity for a profound study of expanding the mandate of the Bureau as regards especially rural refugees and legal assistance and the financial implications,

Noting that studies are being made on the re-structuring of the OAU General Secretariat;

DECIDES:

1. that the financial administration of BPEAR shall be subject to internal and external auditing under the same conditions as those of all the services of the General Secretariat;

2. that the question of expanding the mandate of the Bureau as regards especially the rural refugees and legal assistance as well as its financial implications shall be examined in a profound manner by the Co-ordinating committee which should submit its report of the OAU Commission of Ten on Refugees;
3. that the Commission of Ten shall examine the report of the Co-ordinating Committee and make appropriate recommendations to the Twenty Third Session of the Council of Ministers;
4. that the problem of upgrading the personnel of the BPEAR shall be handled within the context of the restructuring of the General Secretariat;
5. that co-operation and co-ordination between the BPEAR and international organizations and voluntary agencies should be maintained and strengthened.

RESOLUTION ON THE GRANTING OF OBSERVER STATUS

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Twenty Second Ordinary Session in Kampala, Uganda, from 1 to 4 April 1974,

Having examined the report of the Secretary General (document CM/550), on the requests for OAU observer status by the Organization of African Trade Union Unity, the Association for Social Education in Africa, and the All Africa Conference of Churches;

Having considered the criteria laid down by the OAU for granting observer status,

DECIDES:

1. that observer status be granted to the Organization of African Trade Union Unity and the Association for Social Education in Africa;
2. that in view of the fact that no formal application has been received from the All Africa Conference of Churches this matter cannot be considered and that the issue be deferred until the Twenty Third Session of the Council of Ministers.

RESOLUTION ON THE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN PROFESSIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS IN AFRICA

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Twenty Second Ordinary Session in Kampala, Uganda, from 1 to 4 April 1974,

Considering the importance of closer co-operation and co-ordination between Professional Organizations in Africa and to avoid duplication of work and contradictions,

Requests the General Secretariat to exert all efforts to achieve this objective in consultation with Member States of the OAU.