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DECLARATION OF HEALTH AS A FOUNDATION FOR DEVELOPMENT

We the Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity meeting in our Twenty-third Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 27 to 29 July 1987,

BEARING IN MIND

- That the Lagos Plan of Action has defined a framework for socio-economic development of the countries of Africa.
- That the macro-economics of African countries are caught in crises – drought, famine, national debt payments, unfavorable international economic order and unstable currencies.
- That macro-economic development initiatives can provide a solid basis on which countries can build their macro-economic development as provided for in the Lagos Plan of Action.
- That in undertaking these macro-economic developmental initiatives priority is given to Agriculture, in other words, the promotion of small Agricultural ventures reinforced by related small industries (including local crafts) and small business.
- That Agricultural and other efforts as production (macro or micro-economic) are frustrated by the inadequate health status of many populations in Africa, the vicious cycle of ignorance, poverty and disease persists; poor health is delaying economic “Take off”.
- That production of healthy people (Health Development) is a developmental imperative – many apparently healthy persons are harboring illnesses, are medically unfit and are living in insalubrious environments.

- That health and socio-economic development initiatives can be jointly organized within the same administrative framework and under the same leadership in decentralized local governments areas or districts.

ACTION

IT IS SUGGESTED THAT GOVERNMENTS

1. Define or redefine politico-administrative units – minimal viable units (districts) with local government responsibilities and reinforce the managerial responsibilities of this (district) level for socio-economic development including health development.
2. Designate – according to national socio-political norms – members of district development committees and subcommittees in key areas including health.
3. Allocate annually a budget (however small) to every district for decentralized development activities including community-based multisectoral health development activities.
4. Encourage local initiatives in mobilizing additional resource (human, material and financial) for both health and development in communities that make up the district.
5. Use existing local, social and political mass organizations to mobilize population / communities to be involved in promoting their own health and development.
6. Organize, on a long term basis, short seminars, workshops and continuing education activities for the local (distance) leadership and front line workers from health and other sectors on the management of limited local resources for economic, social and health development.
7. Deploy national and external, technical and economic sources in implementing the above initiatives as well as in the organization of health and

related activities in the villages, quarters, communes, locations, etc. by the villagers themselves with the assistance of the district leadership.

8. Utilizing the same resources as above, encourage district managers assist villages in preparing operational plans, provide supervisory support and collect monitoring information, and prepare appropriate reports.
9. Ensure that intermediate and central levels of hierarchy can and do provide continuing support to the districts for which they are responsible, especially monitoring of progress, evaluating the impact of health and developmental activities on target communities and undertake field research to resolve operational problems.
10. To ensure the viability of the gigantic efforts, it would be necessary to reinforce existing mechanism for intersectoral cooperation, administrative decentralization and the selection of affordable effective technologies.
11. Universities are multisectoral institutions, reservoirs of science and technology, culture and learning. Their staff and students should assist governments in the implementation of combined health and development initiatives designed to reduce the burden of disease and accelerate economic growth whilst maintaining acceptable community health status.
12. This major historic undertaking calls for coordinated international support from multilateral, bilateral and non-governmental agencies and each country would set up an appropriate mechanism for effective coordination of all health and development activities targeted to the district (local) level.

SUPPORT

IT IS PROPOSED THAT

13. In keeping with the outcome of the special session of the UN on Africa (May 1986) self-reliance would be the basis of microeconomic and health development in the district (local) level.

14. Using the appropriate action mechanism and clearly defined channels, external support to microeconomic development at the local level would come from agencies such as the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), the United Nations Development programme and the UN Institute for Training and Research, the World Bank and African Development Bank and Fund, WHO, FAO, UNEP, UNESCO, UNIDO, ILO, UNHCR, etc. The ECA, with Headquarters in Addis Ababa, would provide overall technical leadership at regional level, while the UNDP Resident Representative will manage the operations at county level.
15. Using an appropriate national mechanism and clearly defined channels, external support for health development at the local (district) level would come from some of the above agencies, there would however be special inputs from bilateral agencies, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund, health related professional Associations, non-governmental and religious organizations, etc. WHO/AFRO with Headquarters in Brazzaville would have the technical leadership role. At country level the Office of the WHO Representative will manage the operations.
16. To accelerate the pace of implementation, manpower would include district level or field staff of the various miniseries and agencies of government and (where appropriate) of the private sector – with the guidance of their supervisors.
17. They (field staff) would also be assisted by Regular International Staff as well as Associated Professional Officers, United Nations Volunteers, National Professional Officers, National Civil Service Personnel, students and staff of High Educational Institutes (universities and colleges of technology, etc.)
18. For external support to district development committees with a view to strengthening microeconomics , the country office of the Resident Representative of UNDP will assist the national coordinating mechanism and proper reports for the United Nations, the Organization of African Unity, and collaborating international and bilateral agencies, the Economic Commission for Africa (through its subregional MULPOCS) will collaborate

technically in reporting on the economic performance of local government areas (or districts).

- 19. For external support to district health committees with a view to producing healthy people, who will accelerate socio-economic take-off, the country office of the Representative of WHO will assist the national coordinating mechanism (in the Ministry of Health) prepare reports for the Organization of African Unity and the governing bodies of WHO. UNICEF will be working with WHO in providing support for the activities of district health commissions.**

- 20. The World Bank, the African Development Bank and Fund, other major multilateral and bilateral agencies will cooperate financially with governments under specially favorable conditions to refurbish, build or equip health related and economically important infrastructure at the district level.**

- 21. A special development fund should be set up to stimulate action at the district level; specially to encourage (through grants, soft loans and prizes) remarkable local (district) initiatives in health and development.**

We, the Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity meeting in our Twenty-third Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 27 to 29 July 1987,

Noting with grave concern that the situation in Southern Africa continues to deteriorate,

Having reviewed the exceedingly serious and volatile situation in Southern Africa resulting from the policies of state terrorism, military occupation, blackmail, and the armed bandits by the apartheid regime to destabilize, sabotage and destroy the economic and social infrastructure of the Frontline States and other countries neighboring it with the aim of weakening and subjugating them,

Recognizing, more than ever before, the urgent need for concerted international action, both short-term and long-term and to provide relief to the Frontline and other States in the region to enable them to withstand the effects of retaliatory sanctions, aggression and destabilization by the South African regime,

1. **OBSERVE WITH SERIOUS CONCERN** that the Peoples of South Africa and Namibia are subjected to extreme repression and those who fight for liberation become victims of assassination by secret murder squads. Tens of thousands are arrested, detained and tortured and that those South Africans and Namibians, granted refuge in the neighbouring States, are themselves daily targets of this campaign of terrorism and murder,
2. **NOTE WITH EXTREME INDIGNATION** that during and since the racist Whites-only elections of May 6, 1987, the Frontline States have been subjected to intensified and wanton acts of aggression and destabilisation carried out both by the Pretoria army and its surrogate bandit forces. They vehemently condemn the barbaric massacre of 400 innocent women, children and elderly at Homoine in Mozambique by the South Africa sponsored and backed armed bandits which exemplifies the barbaric nature of this criminal policy:

3. **CONDEMN** positioning by the racist regime of thousands of its soldiers and large quantities of war material on the border between Angola and the occupied territory of Namibia with the objective of assisting the armed UNITA bandits to carry out acts of terrorism against the Angolan people and to establish a zone of military occupation within the territory of Angola;
4. **EXPRESS OUR SATISFACTION** with the important measures taken by the Nordic and some Western countries to come to the assistance of the peoples of Southern Africa by imposing sanctions against the Pretoria regime, aiding the liberation movements, and extending economic assistance to the Frontline and SADCC countries;
5. **FEEL EXTREMELY PERTURBED** that the major Western powers continue to aid and abet the Pretoria regime contrary to the wishes and demands of the people of South Africa, Namibia, the region as a whole and the international community;
6. **REJECT** the imposition of unacceptable conditions by the Senate of the United States of America on possible aid to the Frontline and SADCC countries and strongly abhor the attempt by the Senate of the United States of America to associate SADCC with terrorism;
7. **WARMLY SALUTE** the gallant peoples of Southern Africa who, despite all odds, are fighting resolutely to bring about the total liberation of Africa. In this connection we uphold their right to struggle by all means at their disposal – including armed struggle to achieve their liberation. We reaffirm the unwavering commitment of the OAU to the struggle to eliminate this last vestige of colonialism and White minority domination in our continent;
8. **SUPPORT** the immediate creation of a Pan-African Association of Writers as a valuable contribution to the mobilization of African and World public opinion in the struggle against apartheid;
9. **CALL UPON** Member States of our Organization which have not yet created national committees against apartheid to do so and encourage the creation of a Pan-African Association of these national committees.

10. **COMMIT OURSELVES** by common consent to promote specific measures to dismantle apartheid which is the major cause of violence and instability in the region.

NAMIBIA

11. **CONDEMN** the so-called provisional government in Namibia and urge the international community to continue to reject it;
12. **REAFFIRM ONCE AGAIN** that United Nations Security Council Resolution 435 (1978) is the only acceptable basis for the peaceful settlement of the Namibian question. In this connection, we vehemently reject and condemn the so-called linkage as an attempt designed to perpetuate the illegal rule of South Africa over Namibia;
13. **URGE** the United Nations Secretary-General to continue his efforts towards the speedy implementation of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 435 (1978);
14. **MUST** in this respect intensify with immediate effect our diplomatic efforts with a view to breaking the impasse created by the “linkage” policy;
15. **COMMIT** ourselves to continue our assistance to SWAPO the sole and authentic representative of the People of Namibia;

SOUTH AFRICA

16. **REAFFIRMS OUR DECISION** and conviction that the imposition of comprehensive and mandatory sanctions against South Africa in accordance with Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations remains the only peaceful option for abolishing the apartheid system in its entirety. We call for the early convening of the United Nations Security Council to impose comprehensive and mandatory sanctions against South Africa under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations.

17. URGE bearing in mind the special problems of Frontline States in this regard, all Member States of our Organization to set an example to the rest of the world by strictly applying against South Africa;
18. COMMEND in the meantime for urgent implementation by those who have not already done so, the following measures:
- a) imposition of trade sanctions;
 - b) prohibition of transfer of technology to South Africa;
 - c) cessation of export, sale or transport of oil and oil products to South Africa and of any cooperation with South Africa's oil industry;
 - d) cessation of further investments in and financial loans to South Africa or Namibia and of any governmental insurance guarantee of credits to the racist regime;
 - e) an end to all promotion of our support for trade with South Africa including governmental assistance to trade missions;
 - f) prohibition of the sale of krugerrands and any other coins minted in South Africa;
 - g) prohibition of imports from South Africa of agricultural products, coal, uranium, iron and steel;
 - h) enactment of legislation or adoption of other measures to comply with United Nations Decree No. I for the Protection of the Natural Resources of Namibia enacted by the United Nations Council for Namibia in 1974;
 - i) termination of any visa-free entry privileges and the promotion of tourism to South Africa;
 - j) termination of air and shipping links with South Africa;
 - k) cessation of all academic, cultural, scientific and sports relations with South Africa and of relations with individuals, institutions and other bodies endorsing or based on apartheid;
 - l) suspension or abrogation of agreements with South Africa such as agreements on cultural and scientific cooperation;
 - m) the termination of Double Taxation Agreements with South Africa;
 - n) a ban on government contracts with majority-owned South African companies.

19. **REAFFIRMS OUR CONVICTON** that peaceful negotiations can only succeed when the Pretoria regime has convincingly and in practice demonstrated its acceptance of both the principle and the inevitability of majority rule;
20. **RECOGNISE** the right of the struggling people of South Africa to decide when and under what conditions to enter into such negotiations;
21. **REMAIN CONVINCED** that no meaningful negotiations can take place until all political prisoners are released and bans on all organizations are lifted to enable them to consult their people freely;
22. **FURTHER URGE** all non-governmental organizations to participate actively in the information campaign to sensitize international public opinion on the realities of apartheid;
23. **COMMIT OURSELVES** to increasing material and financial assistance to the oppressed and struggling people of South Africa through their national liberation movements to enable them to step up their struggle against apartheid and for the establishment of non-racial and representative government in south Africa.

FRONTLINE STATES

24. **APPRECIATE** the efforts and sacrifices of the Frontline States in the liberation struggle. In this regard we commit ourselves to:
 - a) provision of necessary resources to Frontline States to enhance their defence capacity;
 - b) mobilization of assistance for the Frontline and other neighboring States to enhance their capacity;
 - c) mobilization of assistance for the Frontline and other neighboring States to enhance their capacity to withstand the effects of sanctions.
25. **CONDEMN** all manoeuvres from any aimed at legitimizing terrorist groups, established and led by the racist regime and which are responsible for

massacres, assassinations and other acts of violence perpetrated against defenseless people in Angola and Mozambique;

26. URGE all countries, particularly African countries to deny the armed bandits in the pay of apartheid South Africa, all logistics, accommodation, movement and other Facilities on their territories;
27. CONGRATULATE the members of the Mission to Lisbon undertaken jointly by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Angola, Cape Verde, Guinea Bissau, Mozambique and Sao Tome and Principe on their efforts made to convince the Portuguese Authorities of the need not to allow the armed bandits to use their territory as a launching pad for attacks against Angola and Mozambique, and TAKES NOTE of the encouraging reaction of the Portuguese Authorities;
28. CALLS UPON all African member States of the International Atomic Energy Agency (I.A.E.A.) to ensure their active participation at the General Conference due to take place in Vienna in September, 1987, with a view to ratifying the decision taken by the Council of Governors aimed at depriving South Africa of its rights and privileges as a member of the Agency;
29. NOTE WITH SATISFACTION the establishment of the solidarity Africa Fund of the Non-aligned Movement and renew OUR CALL to Member States of our Organization and to the international community to contribute generously to the Fund.

DECLARATION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD ASSEMBLY OF
HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE OAU
ON AFRICA'S EXTERNAL INDEBTEDNESS

We, the Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting at our Twenty-third Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 27 to 29 July 1987, have examined in depth the mounting burden of the external debt of our countries and its adverse consequences for the implementation of the Africa's Priority Programme for Economic recovery 1986 – 1990.

We have expressed our deep concern about the lack of adequate response from the International Community, particularly, our major creditors to our call for effective solution to the debt problem as a necessary pre-requisite for launching national programmes for economic recovery and development.

We strongly urge the International Community to live up to its commitment to support Africa's effort, within the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development.

We note with appreciation the positive steps taken and general understanding expressed by some of our development partners towards the alleviation of our debt burden. We feel, however, that these general pronouncements and promises should be translated into timely and concrete assistance programmes.

We reaffirm that the external debts are obligations that our Member States have individually contracted, and which they have the honor.

We are, however, convinced that the International Community has a duty and responsibility to contribute to the improvements of African economies in order to enable our Member States to service their debts.

We reaffirm our stand that an international conference on Africa's external debt is the most appropriate forum for international creditors and African borrowers to discuss Africa's external debt with a view to arriving at appropriate emergency, short, medium and long-term solutions to alleviate the debt burden.

We accordingly decide to reconvene in an Extraordinary Session between 7 and 11 September, 1987 to formulate an African common position on the issue. The exact dates should, however, be determined after consultations between the Current Chairman and the Head of States of the host country.

We therefore, call on our colleagues, the Head of State and Government of all OAU Member States to adjust their official engagements so as to attend the Extraordinary Session of the Assembly.

In order to prepare adequately for the Extraordinary Session, we have agreed on the following arrangements leading to the holding of the Session:

- i. we direct the permanent Steering Committee (PSC) to act as a Technical Committee charged with analyzing in depth and in detail the issue of African external indebtedness;**
- ii. we direct the relevant Ministers of the member States, particularly the Ministers of Finance and Economic Planning to assist in the preparation for the Extraordinary Session;**
- iii. the analytical studies to be prepared by the PSC (Technical Committee) should deal especially with the debt situation of each country and region;**
- iv. all Member States are urged to provide to the PSC (Technical Committee) all relevant data and information on their national and regional debts so as to facilitate the formulation and adoption of an African common position;**
- v. to this end the PSC will formulate concrete proposals for an African Common position on the issue. The proposals and conclusions of the PSC will be submitted to the Assembly through a Conference of African Ministers responsible for debt, financial and monetary issues;**
- vi. we request the Secretary-General of the OAU in close collaboration and cooperation with ECA, ADB, ACMs as well as other relevant African and**

international organizations to assist the PSC in the preparation of the Extraordinary Session.

**RESOLUTION ON THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AFRICAN
ECONOMIC COMMUNITY**

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twenty-third Ordinary Session , in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 27 to 29 July, 1987,

Reaffirming its commitment to the basic principles and objectives of the Lagos Plan of Action, the Final Act of Lagos and of Africa's priority Programme for Economic Recovery, according to which the development of the Continent is a primary responsibility of the Governments and Peoples of Africa,

Reiterating its determination to pursue its individual and collective efforts to promote the economic cooperation and integration of our Countries in order to further strengthen solidarity among our peoples,

Determined to pursue the efforts aimed at the reorganization and restructuring of the African economic space, in conformity with the guidelines contained in the Final Act of Lagos, towards the establishment of the African Economic Community on the basis of a Treaty to be concluded,

Having taken cognizance of the preliminary technical studies by the General Secretariat and the recommendations of the Permanent Steering Committee and of the Council of Ministers as contained in documents CM/1434 (XLVI) and AHG/144 (XXIII).

Referring to its Resolution CM/Res. 1043 (XLIV) accepted by the Forty-fourth Session of the Council of Ministers;

1. ENDORSES the recommendations presented by the Permanent Steering Committee as endorsed by the Forty-fourth Session of the Council of Ministers;

2. **CONGRATULATES** Member States which have communicated their views and comments to the General Secretariat of the OAU and **URGES** those which have not yet communicated theirs to do so before 31 December 1987, to enable the General Secretariat prepare a summary report to be submitted to the Ninth Session of the Permanent Steering Committee for consideration;
3. **FURTHER CONGRATULATES** the Permanent Steering Committee on the initiative it has taken to hasten the process towards the implementation of the project under conditions that take into account the primary interests and realities of the continent;
4. **REAFFIRMS** the mandate given to the permanent Steering Committee under Resolution CM/Res. 1043 (XLIV) of the Forty-fourth Session of the Council of Ministers and directs the Permanent Steering Committee, under the supervision and directives of the Current Chairman, to take all the necessary measures to ensure the realization of the Project in accordance with the guidelines contained in the Final Act of Lagos;
5. **FURTHER DIRECTS** that Permanent Steering Committee, in the light of the views and comments of Member States, to act at the appropriate time, as a Ministerial Drafting Committee as provided for in the Final Act of Lagos, and entrusted with the preparation of the Draft Treaty, and calls on all Member States which so desire, to take part in the work of the Committee;
6. **REQUESTS** the authorities of the regional economic grouping, particularly ECOWAS, PTA, SADCC and ECCAS, to take an active part in the work of the Permanent Steering Committee acting as Drafting Committee and appeals to them to contribute to the work towards the realization of the Projects,
7. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Secretary-General of the OAU, the Executive Secretary of ECA and the authority of subregional and regional groupings, particularly ECOWAS, PTA, SADCC and EDDAS to take the necessary steps to ensure coordination, harmonization and finalization of the activities, projects and programmes of all on African intergovernmental cooperation

and integration organizations in their respective regions in order to avert overlaps, power conflicts and wastage of efforts and resources;

8. **REQUESTS** the Permanent Steering Committee in cooperation with the **Ad-Hoc** Committee of the OAU Charter Review to make proposals relating to the review of the OAU Charter and to bear in mind the new dimension, the role and mandate of the Pan-African Organization in the area of the Continent's economic cooperation and integration so as to be able to determine the functional relations and structure of the revamped OAU are the proposed Community;
9. **FINALLY DIRECTS** the Permanent Steering Committee to proper and indicative calendar, showing the proposed stages and actions for Accelerating the realization of the Project and calls on it to present periodic reports on the progress of the Project;
10. **GIVES AUTHORITY** to the Current Chairman to monitor the Project personally by giving the necessary political services and guidelines to the Steering Committee so as to enable it carry out its mandate under favorable political conditions.
11. **CALLS ON** appropriate international and African Organizations particularly ADB, UNDP, ECA and others, to provide, when the need arises, technical and or financial assistance to the OAU General Secretariat and to the Permanent Steering Committee in order to make it possible to quicken the pace towards the realization of the Project under the best conditions;
12. **CALLS ON** the OAU Secretary-General, in cooperation with Member States and the existing sub-regional and regional economic groupings, ECOWAS, PTA, SADCC, ECCAS, UDEAC, CEAC and CEPEL on take the necessary steps to carry out a campaign of subsidization and popularization in respect of the African Economic Community idea, the Lagos Plan of Action and the Africa's Priority Programme for Economic recovery (1986 – 1990);
13. **REITERATES** once again its call for the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures in consulting with the Advisory Committee oo

Administrative, Financial and Economic matters to the OAU Committee on Structural Reform and to the OAU General Secretariat, particularly its structures entrusted with issues pertaining the economic development and cooperation;

- 14. CALLS ON the OAU Secretary-General to ensure that an item relating to the progress of the proposed establishment of the Economic Community is placed on the agenda of each of its subsequent sessions.**

RESOLUTION ON COMMODITIES

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twenty-third Ordinary Session, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 27 to 29 July 1987,

Recognizing the importance of production of and trade in commodities to the African economics,

Concerned about recent developments in international commodity trade, especially the unprecedented fall in prices and the bleak prospects for the future, as well as the shrinking share of Africa in world commodity export,

Stressing that the improvements in the international commodity situation would be facilitated by the conclusion and effective operation of international commodity agreements and arrangements between producers and consumers, and by the operation of the Agreement on the Common Fund for Commodities,

Reaffirming the importance of UNCTAD Resolution 93 (IV) on the Integrated programme for Commodities and the Common Fund, and recent UNCTAD decisions on international commodity agreements,

Noting with appreciation that many African and non-African governments have signed or ratified the Agreement on the Common Fund for Commodities including recent actions by some countries,

Stressing further the need for all African countries to intensify efforts to improve their commodity economy in order to regain their lost share of world commodity marker,

Convinced of the need for close consultation among African commodity producing countries for the adoption of harmonized positions on commodity issues:

1. **CALLS ON** all commodity producing and consuming countries to intensify their efforts to establish effective international commodity agreements and

arrangements in order to ensure higher prices for producers and general improvements in world commodity trade;

- 2. URGES ALL African countries to intensify their cooperation with a view to harmonizing their production policies as well as their positions in international commodity negotiations;**
- 3. URGES FURTHER all OAU Member States as well as other countries which have not yet done so, to sign and ratify the Agreement on the Common Fund for Commodities without further delay in order to bring it into operation before the end of 1987;**
- 4. REQUESTS the Secretary-General to follow-up developments in the process of bringing the Common Agreement Fund into operation and to prepare periodic progress reports to the Council of Ministers.**

RESOLUTION ON UNIVERSAL IMMUNIZATION IN AFRICA

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twenty-third Ordinary Session, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 27 to 29 July 1987,

Cognisant of the fact that human resources in general and children in particular, constitute the main wealth of the continent,

Considering Declaration AHG/Sr.4/XVI on the Rights and Welfare of the African Child which recommends, inter-alia, the formulation and implementation of programmes in the field of health, nutrition and education, as part of national development plans, with a view to making the services universally accessible to all children within the shortest possible time,

Recalling the relevant decisions and recommendations adopted at different sessions of the United Nations Specialized Agencies, Bodies and International Organizations, as they relate to the rights of the child, including the objectives of the 1979 International Year of the Child,

Recalling also the proclamation of the year 1986 as Africa Immunization Year,

Taking into consideration resolution CAMH/Res. 6 (II) on the implementation of immunization programmes in Africa adopted by the Second Ordinary Session of the conference of African Ministers of Health, in April 1987 in Cairo, Egypt,

Noting with interest the progress accomplished by UNICEF and the International Community, in reducing child mortality and morbidity through, among other interventions, immunizations,

Mindful of the fact that in order to ensure the future development of the continent, African countries should provide the necessary resources to promote equitable growth of the African Child:

- 1. WARMLY CONGRATULATES UNICEF to the international Community on efforts undertaken to safeguard the health and wellbeing of African children – the future custodians of the continent;**
- 2. URGES Members States to reiterate their commitment to supporting programmes aimed at the protection, survival and development of the African Child;**
- 3. DECIDES to declare 1986 as the Year of the Protection, Survival and Development of the African Child, using immunizations programme as a vehicle for achieving other wider goals;**
- 4. CALLS UPON Member States to actively play a role in mobilizing national communities with a view to creating more awareness on the need for resources aimed at achieving the goals of Child Survival and Development in general, and, in particular, the 1990 Universal Child Immunization target;**
- 5. FURTHER URGES Member States to ensure that national, sub-regional, regional and continental bodies continue to accord highest priority to matters relating to the survival and development of the African Child;**
- 6. REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity to report to the Forty-eighth Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers on progress achieved in this endeavor;**
- 7. FURTHER REQUESTS the UNICEF Executive Director to facilitate the implementation of this resolution through the mobilization of the necessary resources and to compliment educational and international efforts.**

RESOLUTION ON THE LOME DECLARATION AND PROGRAMME OF ACTION

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twenty-third Ordinary Session, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 27 to 29 July 1987,

Recalling its Resolutions AHG/Res. 126 (XX) and AHG/Res. 138 (XXI) on the organization of a regional conference on security, disarmament and development in Africa,

Bearing in mind its Resolution AHG/Res. 154 (XXII) in which the Conference requested the Secretary-General to convene the **Ad-Hoc** Committee established by the Council of Ministers to carry out a more detailed study of the Lomé Declaration and Programme of Action and report to it through the Council of Ministers,

Having considered the report of the Forty-sixth Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers on documents CM/1432 (XLVI) Rev. 1 and CM/1432 (XLVI) A. Rev. 1 submitted by the **Ad-Hoc** Committee of Fourteen:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the report and recommendations of the Council of Ministers on the issues;
2. **DECIDES** to endorse the Lomé Declaration on Security Disarmament and Development in Africa as well as the Programme of Action for Peace, Security and Co-operation in Africa, with the amendments contained in the report of the **Ad-Hoc** Committee (Doc. CM/1432 (XLVI) Rev. 1);
3. **REQUESTS** the OAU Secretary-General to disseminate widely the Lomé Declaration and Programme of Action as amended and to make sure that the concerns of Africa about and its interests in the problems of disarmament are well understood at all the international fora where the matter is discussed,
4. **CALLS UPON** all Member States to pay particular attention to the question of disarmament and to ensure its popularization through schools and

educational programmes, within the framework of the world disarmament campaign;

5. **NOTES WITH INTEREST** the recent initiatives taken by the two Super Powers in this area and **urgently APPEALS** to all the Major Powers to continue negotiations with a view to attaining a general and total disarmament, an essential factor for the establishment of peace and the promotion of development in the world;
6. **EXPRESSES ITS GRATITUDE** to the United Nations, particularly its Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa, for its invaluable cooperation with the OAU Ad-Hoc Committee and **REAFFIRMS ITS APPEAL** to the International Community to provide substantive assistance for the effective operation of the Centre;
7. **RECOMMENDS** all Members States to take an active part in the International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development scheduled to be held in New York , from 24 August to 11 September 1987;
8. **REQUESTS** the OAU Secretary-General to transmit to the United Nations the document reflecting the view points of African States on the issue of the relationship between Disarmament and Development, as a working document for the international conference;
9. **REQUESTS FURTHER** the Secretary-General to follow closely the deliberations and conclusions of the said Conference and to report to the Twenty-fourth Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government, through the Council of Ministers.

**RESOLUTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL LITERARY SYMPOSIUM OF
WRITERS AGAINST APARTHEID**

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twenty-third Ordinary Session, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 27 to 29 July 1987,

Recalling Declaration AHG/ST.5 (XXII) adopted by the Twenty-second Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government on the critical situation in Southern Africa,

Considering that the sensitization of international public opinion about the liberation struggle in Southern Africa calls for an increased mobilization of all active forces of the International Community in favor of action of solidarity with the people of the region,

Considering the pioneering role which intellectuals should play at this stage of the struggle, denunciation of atrocities perpetrated by the Apartheid regime,

Having heard the report of the Secretary-General on the conclusions of the International Literary Symposium of Writers against Apartheid held in Brazzaville from 25 to 31 May 1987.

Further considering that the International literary Symposium of African Writers constitutes an important step in bringing together African Writers:

1. NOTES WITH SATISFACTION the conclusions of the International Literary Symposium Against Apartheid,
2. CONGRATULATES the writers on their bold initiative and commitment;
3. FULLY SUPPORTS the writers for the establishment of a Pan-African Writers Association,

- 4. REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General, to follow the matter and to submit a report to the Twenty-Fourth Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government,**

- 5. EXPRESSES ITS DEEP GRATITUDE to Colonel Denis Sassou NGUESSO, President of the People's Republic of the Congo, outgoing Chairman of the Organization of African Unity, and through him to the people and Government of the People's Republic of the Congo for their laudable efforts which facilitated the hosting of the Symposium.**

RESOLUTION ON THE RECONSTRUCTION OF CHAD

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twenty-third Ordinary Session, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 27 to 29 July 1987,

Recalling Resolution 40/218 of the United Nations adopted on 17 December 1985 and previous resolutions on assistance for the reconstruction, restoration and development of Chad, through emergency humanitarian aid and special economic assistance to this country,

Having considered the report of the Chairman of the **Ad-Hoc** Committee and that of the Secretary-General on the recent development of the situation in Chad,

Considering the war and drought are undermining all reconstruction and development efforts by the Government of Chad,

Gravely concerned about the recent locust invasion which worsened the already precarious food and health situation in Chad, particularly that of peoples displaced as a result of the war and drought,

Taking note of the numerous appeals by the Government of Chad, governmental and non-governmental organizations on account of the food, health and economic situation,

Noting the need for an assistance to the reconstruction and development of Chad,

Expressing satisfaction at the Round Table Conference on the Assistance to Chad, organized by the United Nations Development Programme on 4 and 5 December 1985, in accordance with the terms and conditions based upon the International Pledging Conference for emergency assistance to Chad held in November 1982,

Considering the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations on special economic assistance in Chad:

1. **EXPRESSES ITS GRATITUDE** to the States, Governmental and Non-Governmental Organizations which responds and continue to respond generously to the appeals made by the Chadian Government and the United Nations Secretary General by giving assistance to Chad;
2. **APPEALS** to the International Community and to the OAU Member States in particular, to contribute to the restoration, economic development and reconstruction of Chad which is affected by war, drought and the invasion of locusts and predators;
3. **NOTES WITH SATISFACTION** the holding of Two Round Table Conferences in Geneva on emergency assistance to and economic development of Chad and **CALLS UPON** the international community and the OAU Member States in particular, to participate in the sectoral meetings scheduled to take place in N'Djamana and honor the commitments they made in Geneva;
4. **COMMENDS** the UN Secretary-General for the efforts made to sensitize the international community about the difficulties facing Chad and to mobilize resources for this country;
5. **REQUEUSTS** the OAU Secretary-General to take the necessary steps to :
 - mobilize the necessary resources for an effective financial, technical and material assistance to Chad;
 - mobilize humanitarian assistance to people effected by war, drought and invasion of locusts and predators for the resettlement of displaced persons,
 - follow up the economic situation in Chad and to report to the next Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government.

RESOLUTION ON CHAD/LIBYA BORDER DISPUTE

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twenty-third Ordinary Session, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 27 to 29 July 1987,

Considering the fundamental principles of the Charter of the OAU,

Recalling the various resolutions of the OAU on disputes among African States, particularly Resolution AHG/Res. 16 (I) which solemnly declares, inter-alia that all Member States pledge to respect the borders existing on their accession to national independence,

Considering Resolution AHG/Res. 158 (XXII) reactivating the Ad-Hoc Committee on the Chad/Libya border dispute and **calling upon** the parties to the parties to the conflict to cooperate fully and sincerely with the Committee,

Conscious that the territorial dispute between Chad and Libya endangers peace and security in the region,

Having heard the report of the Chairman of the OAU Ad Hoc Committee on the Chad/Libyan border dispute,

Noting the commendable efforts deployed by the Chairman of the Committee in the implementation of Resolution AHG/158 (XXII),

Having heard the statements of the President of the Republic of Chad and the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the report of the Charter of the OAU Ad Hoc Committee on the Chad/Libya border dispute,
2. **CONGRATULATES** the Ad Hoc Committee on the Chad/Libya border dispute particularly its Chairman, His Excellency El Hadj Omar BONGO, President of the Republic of Gabon, on the remarkable work accomplished in conformity with his mandate;

3. **REITERATES ITS FULL CONFIDENCE** in His Excellency El Hadj Omar BONGO, and **DECIDES** to renew the mandate of the **Ad Hoc** Committee with its initial composition;
4. **REQUESTS** the Heads of the Member States of the Committee to continue with the work undertaken by the Ministers with a view to pledging the two parties find a negotiated settlement to their dispute;
5. **REQUESTS** the two parties to the conflict, Libya and Chad, to abstain from any action whatsoever which might further worsen the situation;
6. **EXHORTS** the two parties to cooperate fully with the Committee;
7. **REQUESTS** the Secretary-General to follow up the implementation of this resolution in collaboration with the **Ad Hoc** Committee and submit a report thereon to the next Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government.

**RESOLUTION ON THE REAFFIRMATION OF AFRICA'S SUPPORT FOR THE
CANDIDATURE OF MR. MOISE CHRISTOPHER MENSAH TO THE POST OF
DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOOD
AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION (FAO)**

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twenty-third Ordinary Session, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 27 to 29 July 1987,

Recalling the provisions of Resolution CM/Res. 1053 (XLIV) on Africa's support for the candidature of Mr. Moise C. Menash to the post of Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations endorsed by the Twenty-second Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity,

Acknowledging the high professional qualifications of Mr. Moise C. Menash in the agricultural sector and his wide experience in the services to Africa and to the United Nations System,

Noting with great satisfaction the support expressed by a large sector of the international community for Africa's unanimously endorsed candidate,

Taking note further with satisfaction of the concrete and positive measures undertaken by His Excellency Colonel Dennis SASSOU-NGUESSO, President of the people's Republic of the Congo and Outgoing Chairman of the OAU and the Secretary-General to ensure the success of the African candidature:

1. REAFFIRMS ITS FULL ENDORSEMENT OF and SUPPORT for the candidature of Mr. Moise C. Menash to the post of Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations at the elections schedules to take place in November 1987;
2. EXPRESSES ITS SINCERE APPRECIATION and DEEP GRATITUDE to the non-African Member States of the FAO for their firm expression of

commitment to support the African candidature and APPEALS to all the other countries to do so;

- 3. PAYS TRIBUTE to His Excellency Denis SASSOU-NGUESSO, President of the People's Republic of the Congo and Outgoing Chairman of the OAU for his efforts to enlist the support of the international community for the candidature of Mr. Moise C. Mensah;**
- 4. REQUESTS the Current Chairman of the OAU to take all measures that he may deem appropriate with a view to ensuring the success of this candidature;**
- 5. URGES all Heads of State and Government to give the necessary directives to their delegations to the forthcoming FAO Conference, to that effect;**
- 6. COMMENDS the Secretary-General for the efforts he has deployed to ensure the implementation of Resolution CM/Res. 1053 (XLIV) as well as for the international campaign he undertook and REQUESTS him to continue to do so in close collaboration with the African Groups at the United Nations and the FAO.**

**RESOLUTION ON THE CANDIDATURE OF PROFESSOR GOTTLIEB LOBE
MONESSOKO FOR THE POST OF DIRECTOR GENERAL OF WHO**

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twenty-third Ordinary Session, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 27 to 29 July 1987,

Having considered the recommendations adopted by the Ministerial Committee for Candidatures at its meeting held on 25 July 1987,

Taking into account the determination of Member States which have always presented a united front on the candidatures to various international organizations;

1. APPROVES the recommendation of the Ministerial Nominating Committee;
2. DECIDES UNANIMOUSLY, to endorse the candidature of Professor GOTTLIEB LOBE MONESSOKO for the post of Director General of the world Health Organization;
3. MANDATES the African Group at the World Health Organization to take every necessary step to ensure the implementation of this decision during the elections.

RESOLUTION ON THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OAU

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twenty-third Ordinary Session, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 27 to 29 July 1987,

Bearing in mind the note of the Secretary on the celebration of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the OAU, contained in document CM/1423 (XLV),

Considering that a quarter of a century of existence, it is indeed the appropriate time for the OAU to take stock of its past activities and define the broad outlines of its future activities;

Considering also the programme proposed by the Secretary-General in his note:

1. **APPROVES** the theme “Unity, Solidarity, Liberation and Development” around which all activities marking the celebration of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary will be carried out;
2. **APPEALS** to African and other sympathetic public opinion to promote the ideals of Pan Africanism, as prerequisites for peace and development
3. **CALLS UPON** Member States to undertake a campaign of sensitization about and popularization of the ideals and achievements of the organization, particularly through radio and television programmes, educational programmes at schools, colleges and universities, during the week preceding 25 May, 1988, which marks the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the OAU;
4. **REQUESTS** the General Secretariat to cooperate closely with Member States to ensure the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the next Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the OAU.

**RESOLUTION ON TRIBUTE TO HIS EXCELLENCY COLONEL SASSOU
NGUESSO PRESIDENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO AND
OUT-GOING CHAIRMAN OF THE OAU**

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twenty-third Ordinary Session, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 27 to 29 July 1987,

Recalling the mandate given by the Twenty-second Assembly of Heads of State and Government to His Excellency Colonel Denis Sassou Nguesso, President of the People's Republic of the Congo, in his capacity as Current Chairman of the Organization of African Unity,

Having heard the report presented by His Excellency Colonel Denis Sassou Nguesso on the activities carried out during his term of office from July 1986 to July 1987,

Considering the particularly positive efforts deployed by His excellency Colonel Denis Sassou Nguesso in the implementation of the decision of the Summit, particularly the guidelines contained in Declaration AHG/Res. 155 (XXII) on the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development (1986 – 1990),

1. **NOTES WITH SATISFACTION** the activity report of President Denis Sassou Nguesso and **DECIDES** to make it a working document,
2. **EXPRESSES ITS PROFOUND GRATITUDE** to President Denis Sassou Nguesso and **CONGRATULATES** him on the concrete and laudable initiatives he took throughout his mandate to strengthen African Unity and the liberation of the continent.

**MOTION OF THANKS TO H.E. DR. GRO HARLEM BRUNTLAND,
PRIME MINISTER OF NORWAY AND CHAIRMAN OF WORLD
COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT**

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twenty-third Ordinary Session, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 27 to 29 July 1987,

Having heard a most thought provoking statement from H.E. Dr. GRO HARLEM BRUNTLAND, Prime Minister of Norway and chairman of the World Commission on Environment and Development,

Appreciating the manner in which she most eloquently articulated the economic, social and environmental problems confronting the African Continent,

Noting with deep gratitude and thanks her country's concern for and solidarity with the peoples of Africa, especially the suffering peoples of Southern Africa,

Noting further her personal commitment to a new and just international economic order, especially as effects Africa's external indebtedness:

1. CONGRATULAES H.E. DR. GRO HARLEM BRUNTLAND, Prime Minister of Norway and chairman of the World Commission on Environment and Development on her statement to the Twenty-third Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government, which was frank, informative and thought provoking;
2. EXPRESS OUR MOST SINCERE THANKS OF GRATITUDE for her personal concern for and appreciation of the social , economic and environmental problems of the African Continent;
3. CONVEY OUR GRATITUDE to and admiration for their government and people who have always demonstrated their support for and solidarity with the African peoples, especially, the oppressed people of Southern Africa and

for having imposed effective economic sanctions against the racist regime of Pretoria;

- 4. REQUEST HER to continue to work tirelessly for the attainment of a new and just international economic order in order to bring about a just, peaceful and prosperous world.**

MOTION OF THANKS

We, the Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twenty-third Ordinary Session, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 27 to 29 July 1987,

Having heard the thorough and exceptionally well documented report of the activities of H.E. president Denis Sassou Nguesso, the Chairman of the Twenty-second Session of our Assembly of the Organization of African Unity,

Having followed with keen interest the tremendous and tireless efforts he made to ensure the realization and consolidation of the principles and objective of the Organization of African Unity and **having noted** his vision, relentless efforts, dedication to, unflinching support form and devotion to the cause of African Unity and the dignity of its peoples and the continued existence of the Organization of African Unity,

Noting with great satisfaction the efficient, nature and orderly way in which our Twenty-third Session has been conducted by its Chairman, H.E. President Kenneth Kaunda,

Recognizing the warm, hospitality and most generous welcome extended to the Heads of State and Government and Leaders of Delegations by the Government and people of Socialist Ethiopia,

Noting further with satisfaction the lucid and informative reports submitted by the Secretary General of the Organization:

1. CONGRATULATE AND THANK President Denis Sassou Nguesso, Chairman of the Twenty-second Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity for having submitted a thorough, detailed and most thought provoking report on Africa's most pressing issues identified by the Twenty-second Session;
2. EXPRESS OUR DEEP APPRECIATION, GRATITUDE and ADMIRATION to President Sassou Nguesso for his exceptional devotion to

duty, and his Pan-Africanist and unwavering stand on the strict adherence to the charter and principles of the Organization as manifestly and eloquently demonstrated throughout his tenure of office.

- 3. FURTHER EXPRESS OUR DEEP APPRECIATION, GRATITUDE AND ADMIRATION to President Kenneth D. Kaunda for the successful, wise, nature, able and orderly manner he has conducted our Twenty-third Session.**

- 4. CONVEY OUR MOST HEARTFELT THANKS and GRATITUDE to Chairman Mengistu Haile Marian and to the party, Government and brotherly people of Socialist Ethiopia for their traditionally warm and most generous welcome and hospitality,**

- 5. CONVEY FURHTER OUR SINCERE THANKS and DEEP SATISFACTION to the Secretary-General and staff of our continental Organization, for the lucid and informative reports he submitted to us.**