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**DECLARATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS AS ADOPTED BY
THE TWENTIETH ORDINARY SESSION OF
THE ASSEMBLY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT
OF THE OAU**

**RESOLUTION ON ECONOMIC
PROBLEMS OF AFRICA**

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Twentieth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 12 – 15 November, 1984,

Recalling the Lagos Plan of Action and the Final Act of Lagos,

Having considered the report of the Secretary General **and interim** on the economic situation prevailing in Africa (Doc. AHG/118 (XX) and the special memorandum adopted by the ECA Conference of Ministers at its Tenth Ordinary Session on the Socio-economic crisis in Africa (Doc. E/ECA/CM.10/37/Rev.2),

Expressing its deep concern about the deterioration of the social and economic situation of Africa,

Noting with concern that the efforts for economic recovery and development of most African countries have been seriously jeopardized by the continuous fall in their export revenues, the rising of costs of their basic imports, the regular decrease of net flow of capital, the increasingly heavy burden of debt servicing and the chronic balance of payment deficit,

Further noting with concern that the protracted drought and advancing desertification have had serious repercussions on the socio-economic infrastructure of many African countries,

Deploring the inadequate progress at the level of international fora towards a solution to the serious economic and social problems facing Africa,

Stressing that the extent of the short and long term needs requires the adoption of emergency economic measures,

Considering the need for a collective action by Africa and the international community to overcome the immediate economic difficulties and to marshal conditions favorable to the recovery and development of their economies,

- 1. DECIDES to hold a Summit session in 1985 to discuss economic matters with particular emphasis on :-**
 - the progress made in the implementation of the Lagos Plan of Action and the definition of new measures for an earlier attainment of the objectives of the Plan;**
 - the formulation of an emergency programme for Africa comprising immediate measures in the priority economic areas and particularly in the agricultural and food sectors,**
 - the establishment of common platform for action intended for the specialized agencies of the United Nations Systems on international economic issues of a crucial interest for Africa;**
- 2. DECIDES FURTHER to set up a steering Committee comprising of Algeria, Ivory Coast, Tanzania, Cameroon, Zimbabwe, Senegal and Nigeria, The Steering Committee will have the responsibility of preparing the basic documents for the Economic Summit through the Council of Ministers, with the technical support of the OAU Secretariat, in close collaboration with the Secretariat of the ECA.**
- 3. ENDORSES the recommendations made by the tenth meeting of the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa as contained in the Special Memorandum on Africa's Economic and Social Crisis (E/ECA/CM.10/37/Rev.2).**
- 4. REQUESTS the Secretary-General**
 - a) to transmit the Summit Declaration together with the Special Memorandum to the 39th Session of the General Assembly of the United**

Nations as documents of the 20th Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the OAU.

- b) to transmit the aforementioned documents to the Chairman of the Movement of the Non-Aligned countries, Governments of Member States of the United Nations, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, multilateral financial institutions and other organizations.**

- c) to submit a report to the 21st Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the OAU on the responses obtained from Governments; the United Nations System; multilateral financial institutions and other organizations.**