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CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN MINISTERS OF TRADE, DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCE

Draft resolution submitted by the Committee of the Whole on draft resolutions

The Conference of Ministers,

Recalling the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, particularly its paragraphs 21 to 34 and 41 to 52 (General Assembly resolution 2626(XXV)),

Recalling further its resolution 218(X) on Africa's strategy for development in the 1970s, particularly its paragraphs 7 to 22,

Recalling further the Declaration of the OAU Assembly of Heads of State and of Government on the third session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,

Having noted resolution II on the promotion of international and intra-regional trade in agricultural and agro-industrial products adopted by the Seventh FAO Regional Conference for Africa, particularly its recommendation that steps should be taken to establish, under the aegis of OAU, an African Common Market Commission,

Welcoming the decision of the OAU Assembly of Heads of State and of Government at its ninth session to convene a Conference of African Ministers not only in order to strengthen their common stand vis-à-vis their partners in the international community in respect of development, but also and particularly, to study ways and means of promoting intra-African co-operation in economic development and trade,

Welcoming further the Declaration of the Board of Governors of the African Development Bank at its eighth annual meeting that a Ministerial Conference of African States should be held to elaborate a common platform with respect to the results of UNCTAD III and to examine and recommend ways and means of eliminating monetary and other obstacles to the development of intra-African trade,

Noting with satisfaction the establishment of a co-ordinating committee comprising the African Development Bank (ADB), the Organization of African Unity (OAU), the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and the Association of African Central Banks (AACB) to co-ordinate the efforts of the four organizations in implementing the Declaration of the Heads of State and Government of OAU and the Declaration of the Board of Governors of ADB,

1. Invites the Administrative Secretary General of OAU, the Executive Secretary of ECA, the President of ADB and the President of AACB to take all necessary substantive and organizational steps which they deem appropriate to ensure that the Ministerial Conference be convened so as to permit its results to be submitted to the OAU Heads of State and Government at their tenth session.