ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PANEL OF EMINENT PERSONALITIES TO INVESTIGATE THE GENOCIDE IN RWANDA AND THE SURROUNDING EVENTS - DOC. CM/2063 (LXVIII)

Council:

1. TAKES NOTE, of the actions so far taken by the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Current Chairman of the OAU, to enable the Panel to commence its work by September 1998;

2. WELCOMES the appointment of the Eminent Members of the Panel under the Chairmanship of H.E. Sir Ketumile Masire of Botswana and ENDORSES the Proposal of the Secretary General to increase the Membership from Seven to Nine, as and when the need arises, in order to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the Panel;

3. APPEALS to all Member States of the OAU and the International Community to contribute generously to the Special Trust Fund to enhance the effective and efficient functioning of the Panel and its Secretariat as well as to ensure the successful accomplishment of the Panel's mandate;

4. REAFFIRMS all previous Decisions adopted by the Seventh Ordinary Session of the Central Organ at Ministerial level and by the Sixty-Seventh Ordinary Session of Council held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 25 - 28 February 1998;

5. CALLS UPON the Governments of the States and Organizations concerned in which the Panel is to carry out its Mandate to co-operate fully with the Panel and respond positively to requests from the Panel for assistance and access in pursuing investigations, including:

* Measures to assist the Panel and its personnel to carry out their functions throughout their respective territories with full freedom, independence and security;

* Providing information that the Panel may request, or otherwise need for purposes of fulfilling its mandate and free access for the Panel and its staff to any relevant archives;

* Appropriate measures to guarantee the safety and security of the Members of the Panel and guarantees from the Governments of full respect for the integrity, security and
freedom of witnesses, experts and any other persons working with the Panel in the fulfilment of its mandate;

* Granting privileges and immunities in accordance with the General Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations and the OAU Convention on Privileges and Immunities;

6. DECIDES to remain seized of the work of the Panel.