3. REAFFIRMS its support to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization which plays an important role in enhancing the industrialization efforts of African countries;

4. NOTES that the election to the post of Director General of UNIDO will take place in the course of the 24th Session of the Industrial Development Board scheduled to be held in Vienna, Austria, from 19 to 22 June 2001;

5. ALSO TAKES NOTE that since UNIDO became an independent Organization in June 1985, three Directors General coming from Asia and Latin America have been elected for two terms each while no single African candidate has so far occupied the post;

6. FIRMLY BELIEVES that at the next June 2001 election, a highly qualified African candidate should be considered for the post;

7. WELCOMES the candidature of Mr. Ablassé Ouedraogo for the post of Director General of UNIDO and STRONGLY SUPPORTS him as the sole candidate of Africa;

8. CALLS on all Member States of UNIDO to support the African candidate in the person of Ablassé Ouedraogo for the post of Director General of UNIDO;

9. REQUESTS the Secretary General to take appropriate action in support of the candidature of Mr. Ablassé Ouedraogo.

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DECISION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WORLD SOLIDARITY FUND

Council:
1. TAKES NOTE of the statement by the delegation of Tunisia;

2. RECALLS Decision AHG.Decl.4 (XXXVI) in support of the appeal made by H.E. Zine El Abidine Ben Ali, President of the Republic of Tunisia, for the establishment of a World Solidarity Fund;

3. REQUESTS Member States to transmit to the United Nations Secretary General their positive and concrete proposals for the establishment of the World Solidarity Fund by 30 March 2001, and

4. URGES African organizations and institutions communicate to the United Nations Secretary General, their proposals regarding this issue, in conformity with the set deadline.

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DECISION ON THE ISLAMIC FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF THE COMOROS

Council:
1. WELCOMES the signing in Moheli, on 17 February 2001, of the Framework Agreement for Reconciliation in the Comoros, which testifies to the commitment of all the Comorian Parties to work towards a lasting resolution of the crisis in their country on the basis of respect for the unity and territorial integrity of the Archipelago, the return of constitutional legality and an all-inclusive process;

2. COMMENDS the Comorian Parties, namely the Government and the political forces supporting it in Moheli and in Grande Comore, the Anjouanese Party, the opposition and the civil society in the Islands for their commitment to and determination towards a successful conclusion of the negotiation, and REQUESTS them to continue to demonstrate the same determination in the process of implementing the Framework Agreement;

3. EXPRESSES its gratitude to the countries of the region, the Secretary General of the OAU and his Special Envoy for the sustained efforts they have deployed towards the resolution of the crisis in the Comoros and the signing of the Framework Agreement for Reconciliation in
the Comoros;
4. WELCOMES the efforts deployed by the Government of the Comoros towards overcoming the crisis in the country based on OAU principles and Decision AHG/141 (XXXV);
5. ALSO EXPRESSES its gratitude to the partners of the OAU, particularly the International Organization of the Francophonie, the League of Arab States, the European Union, the Indian Ocean Commission and the United Nations, for their tireless support to the OAU and REQUESTS them to continue to provide their assistance for the implementation of the Framework Agreement of 17 February 2001;
6. DECIDES, in view of the signing of the Framework Agreement and the progress made in the search for solution, to immediately suspend the measures taken by the OAU against the leaders of the Anjouanese Separatist Movement, it being understood that the measures will be lifted definitively upon the establishment of the National Union Transitional Government provided for in the Framework Agreement;
7. REQUESTS the Secretary General to take all the necessary steps to facilitate the speedy and scrupulous implementation of the Framework Agreement for Reconciliation in the Comoros, particularly measures relating to the Framework Agreement Follow-up Mechanism, the drafting and adoption of the Constitution, arms collection, the reintegration of the youth and the organization of a Donor’s Conference;
8. APPEALS to the international community, including the European Union and the specialised agencies of the United Nations system, as well as bilateral donors, to give all the necessary financial assistance for the speedy implementation of the Framework Agreement.
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DECISION ON THE SITUATION IN THE MANO RIVER SUB-REGION

Council:
1. EXPRESS its grave concern over the deteriorating situation in the Mano River Basin;
2. CONDEMNS the actions of armed bands, more particularly acts of violence perpetrated against the civilian population and MAKES AN URGENT APPEAL for the respect of the provisions of the Geneva Conventions on International Humanitarian Law;
3. EXPRESSES SATISFACTION at the laudable efforts deployed by the ECOWAS leaders to find a lasting solution to the alarming situation prevailing in the sub-region;
4. APPEALS to all the concerned parties to support the ECOWAS initiatives aimed at promoting consultation and co-operation for peace and stability in the sub-region;
5. EXPRESSES its appreciation to the people and Government of Guinea for the generous hospitality they have always accorded the populations of the neighbouring countries in distress and HAILS its commitment to continue to give asylum to these populations, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the OAU Convention on Refugees;
6. REITERATES its support for the efforts exerted by ECOWAS countries and leaders and EXHORTS the Secretary General to continue to co-operate closely with them in the search for a peaceful and lasting solution to the crisis in the sub-region;
7. EXPRESSES its support for the efforts deployed by ECOWAS to find a definitive solution to the conflict in Sierra Leone, on the basis of the Lome Peace Agreement and the Abuja Ceasefire Agreement of 10 November 2000 signed between the Government of Sierra Leone and the United Revolutionary Front (RUF);
8. APPEALS to Member States to contribute troops to enable UNAMSIL to attain its full staff complement and EXPRESS ITS SUPPORT for the Committee of the Parties in Sierra