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While entering the second decade of the 21st century, common aspirations, hopes for improving their standard of living and their political, economic and social milieu, bind and tie both African and Arab populations, let alone their common history, geographic proximity and similar challenges facing their countries’ development.

The Arab Fund for Technical Assistance to African Countries continues this year in assuming the role it has played since 1974, i.e. 41 years ago, in supporting Arab African cooperation, and as per the resolution made by Arab Royalties and Presidents aiming at assisting in African human resources development and training of their cadres in the fields of priority to their respective countries.

The long experience of cooperation between the two sides has proven that the depth of relations and ties are the safety valve for all institutions sharing similar goals, creating a fertile ground for such efforts to grow and prosper. The Arab Fund experience remains a vivid witness to this truth.

This annual news bulletin aims at shedding light at the Fund’s role, its aspirations, its accomplished targets, and at the necessity of beneficiating and increasing its resources to allow it to assume a bigger role that would coincide with the Arab will, that which aspires to develop Arab African cooperation, plans, strategies and tools.

H.E. Dr. Nabil El-Arabi,
Secretary General of the League of Arab States,
Chairman of the Board of Director’s Council
Arab Fund for Technical Assistance to African Countries
Amb. Dr. Abdulaziz M. Buheima
Assistant Secretary General,
League of Arab States,
Director General of the Arab Fund
for Technical Assistance to African Countries
The Arab Fund for Technical Assistance to African Countries is an organ of the League of Arab States that was established by virtue of a resolution made by the Seventh Arab Summit held in Rabat, with a declared capital of 25 Million U.S Dollars, in addition to voluntary contributions from Arab League state members.

Realizing the vital role played by the Fund, an annual budget of U.S. Dollars 5 Million was allocated to it on 1979, to be paid by Arab League State members.

Arab League Council supervises the Fund's administration, sets its general policy and the regulations guiding it.

The Fund’s Board of Directors is composed of

1. H.E the Secretary General of the Arab League, as Chairman.

2. Eight member states, whose representatives are elected from among specialists from Arab countries, for a period of three years.


The Fund operates through its Executive Secretary that comprises:

1. The Assistant Secretary General of the Arab League, the Director General of the Fund.

2. Specialized departments that carry out resolutions issued by the Board of Directors and the Arab League Council, those pertaining to the Fund.
The Fund’s objectives

• Co-ordinating and financing the programs of technical assistance offered by the Arab League Secretariat General and the specialized organizations and institutions.

• Offering consultancy services, providing experts, and organizing their exchange between Arab and African countries.

• Co-ordinating African and Arab countries efforts in scientific and technological development and improving their means and methods of production.

• Creating Afro-Arab co-operation in new fields of development.

• Developing African technical and administrative skills by providing training programs and scholarships.

• Co-operating and co-ordinating with African, Arab and international organizations active in the field of development and technical assistance.
In its continuous efforts to increase and widen the scope of its activities in Africa through forging partnerships, the Fund cooperates with Arab, African countries, funds, regional and civil society organizations.

**Cooperation with Arab and African Countries**

**Republic of Chad**

**King Faisal University**

In collaboration with King Faisal University in N’Djamina, Chad, four training programs were organized for Chadian trainees in the fields of:

- “Information Technology” for 40 trainees from 22/11 to 2/12/2014.
- “Developing Educational System” for 40 trainees from 25/11 to 5/12/2014.
- “Fighting of Ebola and Preventive Methods” for 40 trainees from 10 to 20/12/2014.
- “Agricultural Automation” for 40 trainees from 20 to 30/12/2014.
National Institute for Agricultural Sciences

A training program was organized in the field of “Water Resources Management” in the National Institute for Agricultural Sciences, Tunisia, for 20 trainees from 7 African countries namely: Senegal, Democratic Congo, Comoros, Burundi, Chad, Côte D’Ivoire, and Burkina Faso, from 12/11 to 2/12/2014.

The Pydagogia Institute for Continued Training in Agriculture

A training Program was organized in the field of “Operation and Management of Agricultural Productive Institutes” in the Pydagogia Institute for Continued Training in Agriculture, Sidi Thabet, Tunisia, for 20 trainees from 8 African countries namely: Democratic Congo, Côte D’Ivoire, Burkina Faso, Chad, Cameroon, Guinea, Mozambique and Niger, from 8/12 to 19/12/2014.

Republic of Malawi

A training Program in the field of “Rice Production” was organized in Malawi for 30 Malawian trainees, from 16 to 30/8/2014.

Republic of Djibouti

The Institute for Diplomatic Studies

A training program in the field of “Protocol and Diplomacy” was organized in the Institute for Diplomatic Studies in Djibouti, for 25 diplomats, from 17 to 26/6/2014.
Kingdom of Jordan

The National Center for Agricultural Research & Extension

The Fund organized a training program in the field of “Drought Monitoring using Remote Sensing and Geographic Information Systems” in the National Center for Agricultural Research and Extension, the Kingdom of Jordan, for 20 trainees from 6 African Countries namely: Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Malawi, Zimbabwe and Ghana, from 4 to 17 /5 /2014.

Arab Republic of Egypt

The Egyptian Fund for Technical Cooperation with Africa

(presently : the Egyptian Agency for Partnership for Development, the Foreign Ministry)

Two training programs were co-jointly organized with EFTCA in the Fields of :


- “Woman’s Health” in the Center for Training and Research Consultation (CTRC), Faculty of Nursing, Cairo University, for 20 trainees from 7 African countries namely: Ghana, South Sudan, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sierra- Leone, Tanzania and Uganda, from 30 /3 to 10 /4 /2014.
The Center for Training and Research Consultation (CTRC), Faculty of Nursing, Cairo University

A training program in the field of “Critical Care and Trauma Nursing” was organized in (CTRC) for 17 trainees from 6 African countries namely: Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia, Uganda, Nigeria and Malawi, from 8 to 26 /6/ 2014.

Central Metallurgical Research & Development Institute (CMRDI), Helwan, Cairo

A training program in the field of “Flotation Science and Technology” was organized in (CMRDI) for 13 trainees from 4 African countries namely: Zambia, Nigeria, Uganda and Kenya, from 1 to 19 /6/ 2014.
Joint Cooperation with Regional Institutions, Organizations and Civil Society

With Institutions

The Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA)

A training program was co-jointly organized with BADEA in the field of “Small Agricultural Projects for Rural Woman” in the Projects Egyptian International Center for Agriculture (EICA), for 17 trainees from 6 African countries namely: Nigeria, Lesotho, Swaziland, Eritrea, Mauritius and Sierra - Leone, from 16/3 to 3/4/2014.

With Organizations of Civil Society

Hawaa Organization in the Republic of Sudan

In its efforts to cooperate with civil society organizations, the Fund organized two training programs in collaboration with Hawaa civil society organization in the Republic of Sudan, in the fields of:

- “Midwives’ Training” for 40 trainees from the Nile Governorate, from 20/11 to 4/12/2014.
- “Fighting of Bilharzia through Water Purification” for 150 trainees from Al Rahd locality, North of Kordofan, from 20/11 to 4/12/2014.
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**Scholarships for the Academic year 2014 – 2015**

Recognizing the importance of education in the development of countries’ human resources, the Fund's activities comprises the provision of 200 annual scholarships to African students acquiring B.A., MA, and P.H.D. degrees in the various fields of specializations.

Accordingly, for the academic years 2014-2015, the Fund provided 204 scholarships in the universities and institutes in the following specializations: Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Sciences, Veterinary, Nursing, Agriculture, Engineering, Mass Media, Information Technology, Political Sciences, Law, Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport, Education, Trade, Literature, Sharia & law, Languages and Translation, Arab Institute for Research and Studies, Institute for Research and African Studies, Tiba High Institute for Information Technology and Administrative Studies, Faculty of Fine Arts, High Institute for Islamic Studies, and Arab Open University.

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**Total 204**
Meetings
of H.E. Ambassador Abdulaziz Buhedma the Fund’s Director General

The Director General of the Fund received in his office their Excellencies Arab and African Ambassadors and Officials, where means for reinforcing and promoting mutual cooperation were discussed and new requests for technical assistance reviewed.

H.E. met with:

H.E. Mr. Ypene Djibril Bassélé, Minister of State, and the Foreign Secretary of the Republic of Burkina Faso, on the 11th of September, 2014.
H.E. Mr. **Mourad Marhoum**, the Chargé D'affaires of the Peoples’ Democratic Republic of Algeria, whereby means for carrying out training programs in Algeria were discussed, also Mr. Marhoum presented his country’s share in the Fund’s budget, on the 13th of May, 2014.


H.E. Mr. **Anthony Kon**, Ambassador of the Republic of South Sudan to the A.R.E., on the 9th of February 2014.
Dr. *Abd Allah Bekheit Saleh*, President of King Faisal University in Chad, on November 9th, 2014.


Activities of the Director General

H.E. Mohamed Haji Hamze, Ambassador of the United Republic of Tanzania, on the 10th of September, 2014.

Dr. Abla Elmahdy, the Chairman of Hawaa Civil Society Organization in the Republic of Sudan, on the 28th of September, 2014.

Upon an invitation received from H.E. the Algerian Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Fund's D.G. attended the Non Alliance Ministerial Conference held in the Algerian Capital on the 28th and the 29th of May 2014, with the theme: “Reinforcing Cooperation for Peace and Prosperity”.
The Fund’s Board of Director’s Council Meeting (48th) ordinary session was convened on the 14th of May 2014 at the League of Arab States Secretariat’s headquarters, chaired by H.E. Amb. Ahmad Ben Helly, Deputy Secretary General, on behalf of H.E. Dr. Nabil El Arabi, the League’s Secretary General and the Fund’s Chairman of the Board of Directors’ Council.

The following members of the Board of Directors attended said meeting:

- Amb. Abdul Aziz Buhedma
  Assistant Secretary General, the Fund’s D.G.

- Mr. Alborny Salhy
  Member, The Republic of Tunisia

- Plenipotentiary Minister Marhoum Ahmad Mourad on behalf of Amb. Mohammad Yerqui, Member, The Peoples’ Democratic Republic of Algeria.

- Mrs. Faeza Awad Mohammad Othman
  Member, The Republic of Sudan

- DR. Alaa El Din Gaafar
  Member, The Republic of Iraq

- Dr. Elie Michel Maalouf
  Member, The Republic of Lebanon

- Mr. Nithar Dahlan Abdu
  Member, The Union of the Comoros
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The Board's Council members adopted the following agenda:

- The Fund's D.G. 2013 activity report.
- New requests for Technical Assistance.
- Financial position and closing account for 2013, and 2015 budget project.
- Time and place of the next session.
- Instantaneous subjects.

Word of H.E. Amb. Ahmad Ben Helly, Deputy Secretary General of the Arab League, included the following

On behalf of the Secretary General, and after having welcomed the attending members of the Board of Directors and the Fund's D.G., noting it was his first Fund Board Council Meeting as Deputy Secretary General, H.E. Amb. Ben Helly expressed his gratitude to the Fund's D.G. and staff for their great efforts, that were deeply appreciated by both African and Arab countries, despite the Fund's limited resources. H.E. furthermore praised the report presented by the Fund for its precision and thoroughness, adding that it was “summary and precision” that were most needed by the Arab world to change into the better.

Amb. Ben Helly noted that he was glad to be able to contribute to the discussions aiming at discovering means for further reinforcing the technical aspect of the Arab-African cooperation, specifically in the field of African human resource development, with a US 5 million dollars budget. He emphasized that technical assistance have always helped create a bond between Arabs and Africans, giving an example of Africans who studied in Arab universities and institutes, eg: in Algeria, Morocco, Lebanon or the Gulf countries who expressed gratitude for the education they received and were tied with strong bonds to those Arab countries and their populations.

H.E. pointed out that the 4th Arab-African Summit, that was expected to be held in Equatorial Guinea on 2016, was approaching and referred to the 3rd
Arab-African Summit held in Kuwait on 2013 as having been a milestone in reinforcing Arab-African cooperation.

He further added that it was owing to the vision and diplomatic experience of H.R.H. Sheikh Sabah, alongside with the projects undertaken by the Kuwaiti Fund for Development in Africa that said cooperation was consolidated and concrete. Also, he pointed out that the Kuwait Summit has opened a new horizon for Arab African cooperation by means of allocating specific amounts of capital, in addition to that promised by the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA).

H.E. stated that the Fund and its’ D.G. have been attempting to maximize their activities within the minimal available resources, realizing, in the process, impressive results and figures, as shown in its 2013 report, and which was summarized as follows:

- Scholarships: 197 were granted to Africans to study in Arab and Egyptian Universities.
- Training programs: 18 were organized, benefiting 524 African trainees from Anglophone, Francophone, Portuguese, and less developed Arab African Countries such as Sudan, Djibouti, and Somalia.

H.E. concluded his word by emphasizing on the importance of reinforcing Arab-African cooperation through the suggestion of new constructive ideas that would help further revitalize the Fund’s role and its performance, inviting the Board members to direct their observations, ideas or questions, if any, to its D.G.

Word of H.E. the Director General of the Fund

The Fund’s D.G. presented his report which included the following

The Fund’s D.G. welcomed H.E. Amb. Ben Helly, Deputy Secretary General, and all attending members of the Board of Directors, and extended his deep gratitude to H.E. the Secretary General and to Amb. Ben Helly for their continued support and endorsement of the Fund, hoping all the success for the Council meeting.

H.E. then introduced a summary of the Fund’s activities throughout the year 2013 which included:

- The dispatch of 15 Arab experts from Algeria, Sudan, Egypt, Morocco to Burkina Fasso, Burundi, Sudan, and the Comoros.
- The grant of 197 scholarships to students from 32 African countries in the various specializations such as in medicine, engineering, agriculture… etc.
- The organization of 18 training programs, from which 524 trainees from 36 African countries have benefited in the various fields of specializations such as: Midwives’ Training, Women’s Health, Diplomacy, The Effects of Climatic Changes and Desertification on Agriculture and Food Security, Water Management, Treatment, and Salinity Control, Animal Health, Preventing Maternal Mortality through Emergency Obstetric Care, Protocol, Fighting of Tuberculosis, Fighting
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Joint Cooperation with :

- The Egyptian Fund for Technical Cooperation with Africa: Three training programs were co-jointly organized and equally shared between the two Funds.
- The Tunisian Agency for Technical Cooperation: A training program was organized in the Pydagogia and Continued Training Institute for Agriculture in Sidi Thabet, Tunisia.
- The Arab League Secretariat General: A training program in the field of “Midwives Training” was co-jointly organized in Darfour.
- The African Union (Semi-Arid Food Grains Research and Development Project – SAFGRAD): A training program in the field of “The Effects of Climatic Changes on Agriculture and Desertification” was co-jointly organized in Burkina Faso.
- Training and Research Center in Administration for Development (CAFRAD): A workshop in the field of “Diplomacy” was organized in the Kingdom of Morocco.
- Hawaa Organization in The Republic of Sudan (a civil society Organization): Three training programs in the fields of “Midwives’ Training”, “Fighting of A.I.D.S” and “Fighting of Bilharzia” were organized.

Arab Countries :
The Fund was keen to incorporate the Arab Countries in the execution of its programs through the implementation of its activities in the various Arab training and research centers.

African Countries :
The Fund’s D.G. received in his office their Excellencies the Ambassadors of the following countries: the Republic of Uganda, the Republic of Burundi, the Republic of Chad, and the Cultural Counsellor of the Republic of Sudan, the Charge d’Affaires of both The Peoples’ Democratic Republic of Algeria, and The Republic of Malawi, in addition to the Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Sudan to the Arab League.

Meetings :

- Negotiations were held with the Union of the Comoros officials, culminating in a meeting with H.E. President Ikililou Dhoinine whereby means for joint technical cooperation were discussed.
- The Fund attended the 9th Forum for Developing State Administrative Institutions, and CAFRAD’s 51st Board of Directors’ Council Meeting held from the 10th to the 12th of June in the Kingdom of Morocco.
- Attended, as an observer, the proceedings of the (40th) session of the Arab Labour Organization Conference held from the 15th to the 22nd of April in Algeria, under the auspices of H.E. President Abd El Aziz Bu Tafliqah.
Meetings & Resolutions

The Closing Account for the year 2013 and the 2015 Budget Project
The Fund's D.G. presented the closing account for the year 2013 and the 2015 budget project in accordance with the specified 5 million U.S. Dollars.

The most important Resolutions made by the Board of Director’s Council Included

- Approval of the report presented by Fund's D.G. regarding the Fund's activities throughout the year 2013, and the expression of gratitude to H.E.’s outstanding efforts aiming at widening the scope and activities of the Fund and re-inforcing its cooperation with Arab, regional and international organizations.
- The expression of its appreciation to the Fund's administration for its effective efforts aiming at revitalizing the Fund's role in Africa through the training of African cadres in the Arab and African centers.
- The necessity of circulating information pertaining to the Fund's activities to the Arab countries on regular basis.
- Widening the scope of cooperation with Arab and African civil society organizations sharing common interests.
- The necessity of keeping links with the trainees for potential future cooperation.
- The adoption of the technical assistance program for the year 2015 which includes the dispatch of 20 experts, the organization of 35 training programs, and the grant of 200 scholarships.
- The adoption of the 2013 closing account, and the 2015 budget project in accordance with the 5 million U.S. Dollars.
- The holding of the next (49th) session following the consultation with H.E. the Secretary General, the Chairman of the Fund's Board of Directors.
The (141) Ordinary Session  
d.d.9/3/2014  
Resolution (no. 7751) pertaining to the Fund

Asserted the important role played by the Fund as an effective tool in reinforcing and revitalizing Arab African cooperation in the field of technical assistance, and as per the Arab Summit and Ministerial Council Resolutions, last of which was no. 7681 in the ordinary session (no. 140) dd. 1/9/2013.

Resolution (no. 7750) pertaining to the March of the Arab-African Cooperation

1. Expressed deep appreciation and gratitude for H.H. Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah, Amir of Kuwait, people and government, for the extraordinary hospitality that was shown to the African and Arab delegations attending the meetings of the 3rd Arab-African Summit held in Kuwait City on the 19th and 20th of November 2013.

2. Praised the outstanding preparations made by the State of Kuwait, in cooperation with the Arab League and the African Union, preceding the Summit and that led to its success.

3. Expressed deep appreciation and gratitude to H.H. Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al-Jaber Al Sabah, Amir of Kuwait, for his valuable initiative, during the Summit, that comprised the granting of one billion Dollars soft loans to African countries through the Kuwaiti Fund for Arab Economic Development within the five coming years, in addition to financing investments in Africa worth 1 billion Dollars, in cooperation with the World Bank and other organizations, concentrating mainly on infrastructure.

4. Welcomed the allocation by the State of Kuwait of an annual prize worth 1 million Dollars, in the name of the late Dr. Abd El Rahman Al Smeit, for research development in Africa, under the auspices of Kuwaiti scientific development institutes.

5. Welcomed the outcomes of the Arab-African Economic Forum, held on the 11th and 12th of November 2013 in Kuwait which aimed at reinforcing Arab-African cooperation in the field of development and Investment, and praised the current preparations undertaken by the Kuwaiti Fund for Development in cooperation with the Arab League and the African Union to hold said Forum.

6. Expressed deep appreciation and gratitude to the kingdom of Saudi Arabia for hosting the Arab-African Ministerial Meeting for Agriculture and Food Security, on the 1st and 2nd of October 2013, having preceded by the High Level Officials’ Meeting, on the 29th and 30th of September. It also called upon member states and Arab institutions to carry out Riyadh Declaration pertaining to the 3rd Arab-African Summit. Furthermore, it welcomed the
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hosting of the Facilitating Unit, pertaining to the Arab African Joint Action Plan concerned with the agricultural development and food security in Africa and the Arab region, by the Arab Organization for Agricultural Development. The resolution reasserted the annual budget of the Facilitating Unit to be (U.S 517000), shared equally among the Arab League and the African Union, to be made available on January of each year. It also called upon the Arab League to submit its share in said budget.

7. Welcomed the Resolution of the 22nd African Summit held in Addis Ababa on the 30th and 31st of January 2014, regarding the convention of the Fourth Arab-African Summit in Equatorial Guinea on 2016 and called upon the League’s Secretariat General and the African Union Commission to initiate their consultations with Equatorial Guinea in order to set the date for its convention and to take all the necessary measures to ensure its success.

8. Welcomed the hosting of the Arab African Trade Fair by the Kingdom of Morocco, in Casablanca, from the 19th to the 23rd of March, 2014, and called upon the Arab League Secretariat General and the African Union Commission to continue their preparations to ensure its success, inviting the member states and the Arab private sector to participate. The Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa was praised for its continued support of the Trade Fair through its commitment to financing the participation of the least developed African countries and the Arab League’s pavilion in the 7th session of the Fair.

9. Asserted the importance of the continued efforts towards removing and overcoming all obstacles in the way of consolidating and reinforcing Arab African cooperation, ensured the importance of convening meetings between its organs, as per the 2nd Arab African Summit resolutions, Arab African Joint Strategy, and Sirte Declaration.

10. Called upon member states to provide their support to the Arab African Institute for Cultural and Strategic Research Studies in order to enable it to assume its role assigned to it as per the 2nd Arab African Summit resolutions.

11. Welcomed the holding of the Arab African Film Festival as a means to reinforcing cultural relations between the peoples’ of both regions, and urged the Arab League Secretariat General and the African Union Commission to cooperate with the Arab African Institute for Cultural and Strategic Research Studies to ensure the holding of said Festival.

12. Called upon the Arab Ambassadors’ Councils in Africa to hold Arab Cultural Weeks, similar to those held in South Africa and Ethiopia, owing to the success achieved through such events in promoting Arab African cultural relations.

13. Extended its appreciation to the African Union’s supportive stand regarding the Arab position pertaining to the Palestinian case, reflected in the resolution of the 18th ordinary session held in Addis Ababa from the 24th to 30th January 2012, and which called upon its member states, especially those in the U.N. Council, to support, during the next UN Council Meeting, the Palestinian efforts aiming at being admitted as a full member of the U.N., along the 1967 borders, with Jerusalem as its capital. The AU resolution further called upon its member states who have not yet acknowledged the State of Palestine to do so as soon as possible.

14. Called upon the Arab Ambassadors’ Councils, especially those in the African capitals, to exert all efforts necessary to persuade African countries and the African Union to decline Israel’s request regarding its acquiring a status of “observer” in the A.U.
15. Called upon Arab and African Ambassadors’ Councils all over the world to form joint committees that would enable them to coordinate their positions regarding issues of common concern, as per the 2nd Arab African Summit Resolutions.

16. Extended gratitude to H.E. the Secretary General for his efforts regarding the provision of the necessary support to ensure reinforced and enhanced Arab African cooperation.

The (142) Ordinary Session d.d. 7/9/2014

Resolution (no. 7818) pertaining to the Fund

1. Asserted the important role played by the Fund as an instrumental tool contributing to the reinforcement of Arab African cooperation in the field of technical assistances and as per the Arab Summit and Arab League Ministerial Council Meetings resolutions, the last of which was (no 7751) in the ordinary session (no 141) d.d. 9/3/2014.

2. The Fund’s Board of Directors’ Council is comprised, within the coming three years starting on the 26/10/2014, of the following members:
   - Mr. Al Borny Salhy - The Republic of Tunisia.
   - Dr. Alaa El Deen Gaafar Mohammad – The Republic of Iraq.

Resolution (no 7817) Pertaining to the March of the Arab African Cooperation

1. Re-asserted, once more, deep appreciation and gratitude for H.H. Sheik Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah, Amir of Kuwait, people and government, for the formidable hospitality shown to the African and Arab delegations attending the 3rd Arab African Summit held in Kuwait City on the 19th and 20th of November 2013.

2. Once again expressed deep gratitude and appreciation for H.H. Sheik Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah, Amir of Kuwait, for declaring the grant of 1 billion Dollars soft Loans to African states, within the coming five years, through the Kuwaiti Fund for Arab Economic Development; in addition to financing Investments in Africa, focusing on infrastructure, worth 1 billion Dollars, in cooperation with the World
Bank and other institutions, and the taking of the initial steps for executing said initiative through the signing of 10 agreements for loans worth 41.4 Million Kuwaiti Dinars (around $ 146.290 Million Dollars) Also, the State of Kuwait has approved initially a number of projects that will be launched within the years 2014 – 2015.

3. Welcomed the allocation by the state of Kuwait of an annual prize of 1 million Dollars, in memory of the late Dr. Abd El Rahman El Smeit, for research development in Africa, under the auspices of Kuwaiti scientific development institutions, and praised the actual steps taken to execute it.

4. Called upon member states and concerned Arab organizations to carry out Riyadh Resolution made by the 3rd Arab- African Summit on November 2013 regarding agricultural development and food security. It also welcomed the hosting by the Arab Organization for Agricultural Development of the Facilitating Unit of the Arab African Joint Action plan, pertaining to agricultural development and food security in Africa and the Arab region. The resolution also asserted the annual budget of the Facilitating Unit to be (U.S Dollars 517000), to be shared equally between the Arab League Secretariat General and the African Union Commission, making it available in January of each year. The Arab League Secretariat General was called upon to submit its share in said budget similar to that presented by the African Union Commission.

5. Welcomed the resolution of the 22nd African Summit, held in Addis Ababa on 30th and 31st of January 2014 which called for the holding of the 4th Arab-African Summit on 2016, and request-
ed from the Arab League Secretariat General and the African Union Commission to initiate their consultations with Equatorial Guinea in order to set a date and to take the appropriate measures necessary for its success.

6. Expressed appreciation and gratitude to the Kingdom of Morocco for hosting the Arab African Trade Fair in Casablanca from the 19th to the 21st of March 2014, and praised the efforts made by the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa in providing its continued support for the Trade Fair and its commitment towards financing the less developed African countries enabling them to participate in the 7th Fair, in addition to financing the Arab League’s pavilion.

7. Asserted the importance of the continued efforts made to abolish all obstacles in the way of reinforcing and developing Arab-African cooperation and the necessity of organizing meetings between its organs, as per the 3rd Arab-African 2013 Summit resolutions, the Joint Strategy, Kuwait Declaration, in such a way as to protect and consolidate Arab -African relations.

8. Asserted the importance of supporting the Arab-African Institute for Cultural and Strategic Research Studies by member states, as per the 3rd Arab-African Summit, held on 2013 in Kuwait, in order to perform the role assigned to it.

9. Welcomed the convention of the Arab African Film Festival as a tool to promote the cultural relations between the peoples’ of both regions, and called upon the Arab League Secretariat General, in cooperation with the African Union Commission and the Arab-African Institute for Cultural
and Strategic Research Studies, to resume and join their efforts to hold said festival.

10. Called upon Arab Ambassadors’ Councils in Africa to hold Arab Cultural Weeks, similar to those held in South Africa and Ethiopia, owing to the wide success achieved through such events in promoting Arab African Cultural relations. It further called upon Arab Ambassadors’ Council in Addis Ababa to emphasize the use of Arabic Language as an Official Language in the AU meetings and proceedings, urging the Arab delegation to speak in the Arabic language.

11. Extended its appreciation to the African Union’s supportive stand regarding the Arab position pertaining to the Palestinian case, reflected in the African Union’s Resolution during its 23rd ordinary session in Malabu, Equatorial Guinea, held on the 26th and 27th of June 2014, which called upon its member states, especially those in the U.N. Council, to support, during the next UN Council Meeting, the Palestinian efforts aiming at being admitted as a full member of the U.N., along the 1967 borders, with Jerusalem as its capital. The AU resolution further called upon its member states who have not yet acknowledged the state of Palestine to do so as soon as possible.

12. Called upon the Arab Ambassadors’ Councils, especially those in the African capitals, to exert all necessary efforts to persuade African countries and the A.U. to decline Israel’s request to acquire the status of “observer” in the African Union.

13. Called upon the Arab Ambassadors’ Councils in the various Countries of the world to cooperate with the African Ambassadors’ Councils in establishing Joint Committees that would enable them to coordinate Arab-African positions on issues of common concern, and as per the 3rd Arab African Summit 2013 resolutions.

14. Extended its gratitude to the Secretary General for his efforts aiming at supporting the Arab African march towards enhanced cooperation.
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