

*Determined* to ensure the effective participation of Africa in the preparatory process for the Summit and at the Summit itself,

1. *Urges* States members of the Economic Commission for Africa to participate actively in the preparatory activities for the World Summit for Social Development, particularly the meetings of the Preparatory Committee established by the General Assembly;

2. *Stresses* the need for members of the Commission to adopt an African common position on the issues to be discussed at the Summit;

3. *Decides* that an African common position on the issues before the Summit should be formulated by the meeting of the Conference of African Ministers Responsible for Human Development, to be held in January 1994, which should serve as the regional preparatory meeting for the Summit;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to prepare, in cooperation with the Organization of African Unity and other African regional and subregional organizations, the necessary documentation for the meeting, including a draft African common position on the issues before the Summit;

5. *Further requests* the Executive Secretary of the Commission to transmit the African common position to the Preparatory Committee for the Summit, at its first session, which is scheduled to be held in New York from 31 January to 11 February 1994.

*46th plenary meeting  
30 July 1993*

#### **1993/65. Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 44/237 of 22 December 1989, by which the Assembly proclaimed the period 1991-2000 the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa,

*Taking note* of General Assembly resolution 47/177 of 22 December 1992, in which the Assembly adopted the programme for the Second Decade and decided to adjust the period for the programme for the Decade to cover the years 1993-2002,

*Bearing in mind* resolution 739 (XXVII)<sup>166</sup> and decision 1 (XXVII)<sup>167</sup> of 22 April 1992, of the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa,

*Aware* of the need to harmonize the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa and the Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,

*Considering* the relevant provisions of Agenda 21,<sup>35</sup> adopted by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development,

1. *Notes* that the Conference of African Ministers of Industry, at its eleventh meeting, held at Port Louis from 31 May to 3 June 1993, examined the plan of action to harmonize the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa and the Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa<sup>168</sup> and made recommendations thereon;

2. *Reiterates* its appeal to the United Nations Development Programme to consider allocating under the regional component of its fifth programming cycle for Africa

(1992-1996) adequate resources for supporting the activities of the programme for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa;

3. *Appeals* to financial institutions, in particular the World Bank and the African Development Bank, to consider providing full support to the programme for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa and to contribute effectively to the financing of identified projects in the implementation of the programme at the national, subregional and regional levels;

4. *Urges* African countries to give priority to the mobilization of their own financial resources, through increased domestic savings and better management of national resources, for the financing and implementation of the programme for the Second Decade;

5. *Invites* African countries and African development institutions to take the measures necessary to create an enabling environment conducive to domestic, foreign, private and public industrial investment;

6. *Urges* African countries to promote the private sector and to involve it fully in decision-making and in the implementation of the programme for the Second Decade;

7. *Invites* African countries to provide adequate support to African entrepreneurs in order to promote the development of small- and medium-scale industries;

8. *Requests* the General Assembly to provide adequate resources to the Economic Commission for Africa for the Second Decade, especially to strengthen industrial co-operation in the implementation of the programme for the Decade;

9. *Requests* the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa and the Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to harmonize further their activities to support member States in their efforts to ensure the effective implementation of the Second Decade.

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#### **1993/66. Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* resolution 710 (XXVI) of 12 May 1991 of the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa,<sup>169</sup> in which the Conference of Ministers adopted the programme for the Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,

*Recalling also* its resolution 1991/83 of 26 July 1991, in which it requested the General Assembly formally to launch the Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,

*Referring* to General Assembly decision 46/456 of 20 December 1991, in which the Assembly approved the programme for the Second Decade, including the provision of resources for its implementation,

*Referring also* to resolutions 91/84 of 8 February 1991<sup>170</sup> and 93/89 of 12 March 1993<sup>171</sup> of the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning,

*Having considered* the report of the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and

Planning on its ninth meeting, held in Addis Ababa on 12 and 13 March 1993,<sup>171</sup>

*Bearing in mind* that the first mid-term evaluation and review of the programme for the Second Decade is scheduled to take place in 1994,

*Noting* that new projects are to be prepared for inclusion in the programme in 1995,

*Recognizing* the importance of resource mobilization and other promotional activities for the successful implementation of the programme for the Second Decade and the new projects at the national, subregional and regional levels,

*Noting with appreciation* the immense support that the United Nations Development Programme has provided for the preparation and launching of the programme for the Second Decade,

1. *Requests* the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to consider favourably and to continue to finance activities in support of the implementation of the programme for the Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa during the fifth programming cycle of the United Nations Development Programme;

2. *Appeals* to individual African and international financial institutions to increase their support for and facilitate the financing of projects and activities of the programme for the Second Decade;

3. *Appeals* to African member States to ensure and actively pursue the implementation of the new projects to be included in the programme for the Decade;

4. *Calls upon* the member institutions of the Resource Mobilization Committee for the Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa, especially the African Development Bank as Chairman of the Committee, to carry out resource mobilization and promotional activities to enhance the successful implementation of the programme;

5. *Requests* the Economic Commission for Africa, in its capacity as lead agency, together with all the relevant mechanisms of the Second Transport and Communications Decade:

(a) To carry out in 1994 the first mid-term evaluation of the programme for the Second Decade, as stipulated in the implementation strategy;

(b) To revise the objectives and strategy of the programme for the Second Decade in the light of changed circumstances, if need be, in consultation with member States;

(c) To assist member States and African intergovernmental organizations to prepare and screen new projects for inclusion in the programme in 1995 as stipulated in the programme implementation plan,<sup>172</sup> in consultation with member States;

(d) To organize two regional workshops on the Second Decade to disseminate the strategy and promote the objectives of the Second Decade in Africa;

6. *Requests* the General Assembly to provide the Economic Commission for Africa, in its capacity as lead agency for the Second Decade, with adequate resources, allocated within the regular budget, to enable it to carry out effectively and efficiently the activities listed in paragraphs 5 (a) to (d) above;

7. *Requests* the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to report to the Conference of Ministers at its twentieth meeting on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

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## 1993/67. Strengthening development information systems for regional cooperation and integration in Africa

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Concerned* about the wide North-South gap in the flow of vital information and in the acquisition and utilization of information technology,

*Conscious* of the importance of information in fostering African regional cooperation and integration, in particular through the strengthening of existing regional groupings and the establishment of the African Economic Community,

*Bearing in mind* the need to establish data networks and databases as specified in the Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community,<sup>173</sup> as well as the emphasis on information technology delineated in the Fourth Lomé Convention, signed at Lomé on 15 December 1989,

*Recalling* resolutions 716 (XXVI) of 12 May 1991<sup>169</sup> and 726 (XXVII) and 732 (XXVII) of 22 April 1992<sup>166</sup> of the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa,

*Appreciating* the continuing support given by the International Development Research Centre to the Pan-African Development Information System in order to carry out activities to strengthen the information capabilities of member States,

*Appreciating also* the support given by eleven member States for the submission of the project on information technology for Africa for further consideration by the Commission of the European Communities in the framework of the Fourth Lomé Convention,

*Noting with satisfaction* the performance of the Pan-African Development Information System of the Economic Commission for Africa in the delivery of technical assistance to member States,

*Also noting with satisfaction* the proposal of the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to incorporate the activities of the System into the programme budget of the Commission,

*Bearing in mind* the need to strengthen the subregional development information centres of the Commission as information support for subregional economic cooperation and integration,

*Noting with concern* the decreasing availability of extra-budgetary resources for implementation and utilization of development information systems and technology,

*Also noting with concern* the precarious financial situation of the Pan-African Development Information System and the need to end its reliance on extrabudgetary sources of funding,

*Welcoming* the intention of the Secretary-General of the United Nations to provide adequate resources for mandated programmes in Africa, with special attention to those programmes in science and technology for development,