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Letter dated 15 May 1989 from the Permanent Representative of Ethiopia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

Pursuant to the decision of the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa at its 15th meeting, over which H.E. Mr. Mersie Ejigu, Minister of the National Committee for Central Planning of Ethipia, had the privilege of presiding, I have the honour to forward herewith the text of the African Alternative Framework to Structural Adjustment Programmes for Socio-Economic Recovery and Transformation, adopted by the Conference of Ministers on 10 April 1989 (see ennex).

You may note that this African position is an outcome of increased efforts by African countries in search of "a viable conceptual and practical framework for economic structural adjustment programmes" in favour of the long-term development of the countries of the region, as stressed also by the General Assembly in its resolution 43/27.

I should be grateful if you would circulate this letter, along with the text of the African Alternative Framework to Structural Adjustment Programmes for Socio-Economic Recovery and Transformation, as an official document of the Economic and Social Council, under items 2 and 6 of the provisional agenda for its second regular session of 1989, and also of the General Assembly, under item 12 of the preliminary list.

> (<u>Signed</u>) Tesfaye TADESSE Ambassador Permanent Representative

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