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The Economic Commission for Africa,

Aware of the challenges facing the countries of the African region and the firm determination of these countries to mobilize their human and material resources to the maximum extent possible for the acceleration of their economic and social development during the next Development Decade,

Being anxious to strengthen the institutions of the Commission to enable it to play a more effective role in the economic and social development of the region,

Taking into account the importance of a more effective involvement of member States in the activities of the Commission,

Recommends that:

(a) The regular biennial sessions of the Commission be at the Ministerial level and be known as "The Conference of Ministers";

(b) A Committee of the Whole, to be known as the Technical Committee of Experts, be established;

(c) An Executive Committee be established;

(d) The terms of reference for these three bodies be as set out in the annex.

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TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. The Conference of Ministers

Composition: The Conference of Ministers shall consist of the Ministers of the governments of member States responsible for economic affairs, or financial affairs, planning and development.

Meetings: The Conference of Ministers shall meet in accordance with the terms of article 1 of the rules and procedure of the Commission.

Rules of Procedure: The rules of procedure of the Conference shall be the same as those of the Commission.

Functions:

(a) To consider matters of policy and the priorities to be assigned to the programmes and other activities of the Commission;

(b) To consider intra-African and international economic policy issues and to make recommendations on such issues to the member States;

(c) To review programme implementation during the preceding biennium and examine and approve the programme of work proposed for the succeeding biennium;

(d) To consider reports submitted to it by the Executive Committee and the Technical Committee of Experts;

(e) To consider questions relating to the representation of the African region on international and inter-governmental bodies dealing with economic and social matters.

B. The Technical Committee of Experts

Composition: The Technical Committee of Experts shall consist of the principal or other senior government officials of member States who are concerned with economic affairs, planning, development, and both financial and fiscal matters.

Meetings: The Technical Committee of Experts shall meet once a year. In years when the Conference of Ministers is scheduled, the Committee shall meet at least one week prior to the opening of the Conference.

Rules of Procedure: The rules of procedure of the Technical Committee shall be the same as those of the Commission:

Functions:

- (a) To examine studies prepared by the secretariat and to make appropriate reports to the Conference of Ministers;
- (b) To assist the secretariat in the formulation of its work programmes and priorities;
- (c) To take measures to ensure active contact between the secretariat and the governments of member States at the working level of competent officials.

C. The Executive Committee

Composition: The Executive Committee shall be composed of:

- (a) The Chairman, the two Vice-Chairmen and the Rapporteur of the session of the Conference of Ministers;
- (b) Two representatives from each sub-region, each office-bearer of the Conference of Ministers being regarded as representing the sub-region in which his country is situated;
- (c) Two African members of ECOSOC, one representing the English-speaking and one the French-speaking countries;
- (d) Two African members of the Governing Council of UNDP, one representing the English-speaking and one the French-speaking countries;

Provided that no one country may have more than one representative on the Executive Committee.

The Chairman of the Conference of Ministers shall be the Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Meetings: The Executive Committee shall meet at least twice a year. The Chairman of the Executive Committee may in special circumstances and after consultation with the Executive Secretary of the Commission summon an emergency meeting of the Executive Committee. The Chairman of the Executive Committee may invite all African members of ECOSOC and of the Governing Council of UNDP to attend meetings of the Executive Committee as may be required.

Rules of Procedure: The rules of procedure of the Executive Committee shall be the same as those of the Commission.

Functions:

- (a) To assist the Executive Secretary in the implementation of the resolutions of the Commission and the work programme of the secretariat;

(b) To provide a link between the secretariat, member States and the sub-regions; in this connexion, to consider reports of the sub-regions and their operational programmes, to assist the Executive Secretary in ensuring full commitment and involvement of member States in sub-regional activities, to foster and co-ordinate the activities of inter-governmental organizations;

(c) In consultation with the secretariat, to recommend effective ways and means of fostering closer co-operation between the Commission and the United Nations bodies and various international organizations interested and involved in development efforts in Africa;

(d) To assist the secretariat to establish close working relations with the African permanent representatives at the United Nations, as well as the African members on various international organizations so as to keep them fully informed of the problems affecting economic and social development in the African region;

(e) To bring to the attention of member States the activities of other international organizations which may affect the progress of the economic and social development of African countries;

(f) In liaison with the Executive Secretary, to strengthen the cordial relations existing between the Commission and the political organs of the OAU (such as the Council of Ministers, the Assembly of Heads of State and Government) by means of regular consultations with the secretariat of the OAU.

(g) To make reports to the Conference of Ministers in the most appropriate manner.

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2. The second part of the document outlines the proposed strategy for addressing the challenges ahead. This includes a focus on strengthening alliances and ensuring the security of our interests.

3. The third part of the document provides a detailed analysis of the potential risks and opportunities. It emphasizes the need for flexibility and adaptability in our approach.

4. The fourth part of the document discusses the role of the various stakeholders and the need for a unified front. It stresses the importance of transparency and accountability in our actions.

5. The fifth part of the document concludes with a call to action and a reaffirmation of our commitment to the principles of justice and peace.

6. The sixth part of the document provides a summary of the key points and a final statement of intent. It reiterates our confidence in the future and our determination to overcome all obstacles.

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