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THE MOBILIZATION OF YOUTH FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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The Economic Commission for Africa,

Noting that a statement of policy on youth activities submitted by the secretariat was favourably received by the member States, the specialized agencies, UNICEF, OAU and many voluntary organizations,

Convinced of the need to strengthen and co-ordinate projects for the full education of African youth in order to combat the wastage of talent and the exodus of young people from rural areas,

1. Requests Governments to give due priority in their economic and social development programmes to the good all-round training of young people and to encourage the development of rural communities in such a way as to check the migration of young people to urban areas;
2. Urges the Executive Secretary to study problems relating to youth in order to advise Governments on:
 - (a) Rational organization, taking into account manpower needs, training and the assignment of young people holding diplomas and those who fail to obtain diplomas to suitable employment;
 - (b) Ways of mobilizing young people to the maximum for national service and development;
 - (c) Action needed to encourage young people to stay in rural communities, in order to curb their exodus to urban areas.