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1. Resolution 9 (II), adopted at the second session of the Commission, reads as follows :

"The Economic Commission for Africa,
Having considered the Economic Survey of Africa since 1950,
Recognizing the important role that the co-operative movement
can play in the economic and social development of Africa,
Noting the efforts of a number of African countries in
the field of co-operation,
Noting further the need for trained personnel in the
co-operative movement and for the dissemination of
educational material on co-operative methods and teach-
niques,
Requests the Executive Secretary to report on the
state and progress of the co-operative movement in
Africa and to consider, in consultation with the Food
and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations,
the International Labour Organization and the United
Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organiza-
tion, the establishment of a co-operative centre or
centres in Africa for the training of Africans in the
field of co-operation and for the publication and
dissimination of educational material on co-operative
methods and techniques."

2. The Executive Secretary of the Commission appointed a consultant to undertake a study on co-operative movement in Africa which will be submitted to the fourth session of the Economic Commission. The consultant is now preparing a comprehensive study. This is to be based on reports available on co-operative development from governments of African countries, the relevant legislation, and surveys made available to the United Nations and Specialized Agencies. The consultant has also visited five countries in Africa south of the Sahara, namely, Kenya, Tanganyika, Nigeria, Ivory Coast and Senegal, in order to gain a first hand impression of the problems, plans and operating methods associated with co-operative development in these countries.

3. In consultation with the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the specialized agencies concerned and the Secretariat of ECA, the consultant has prepared an outline which follows, of topics which

will be treated in the final report to be submitted to the fourth session of the Commission.

1. Introduction

Purpose and method of enquiry.

Definition of co-operation.

2. Legislation and Administration

Basic co-operative laws (these can be treated in groups as most are derived from a few models).

Methods of co-operative administration and attitude of governments.

Any recent legislation and administrative changes, especially following national independence.

3. Development and Present State of Co-operation

a. Survey by countries: brief statement on the origin, development and present state of co-operation in each country.

b. Statistical statement for Africa as a whole.

4. Co-operative Contribution to Economic Development.

a. Increase of agricultural production (supplies
services
incentives

b. Improvement of processing, marketing and relation to marketing boards.

c. Establishment of a rural banking system.

d. Relation of co-operation to changes in land tenure: planned cultivation.

e. Increase of spending power.

5. Co-operative Contribution to Social Development including Community Development

a. Raising standards of living.

b. Contribution of increased production to national revenues available for social purposes.

- c. Provision of community services.
 - d. Housing.
 - e. Urban thrift.
 - f. Training in self-help.
6. Co-operative Promotion and Training
- a. Organization, official and unofficial, engaged in promoting and guiding co-operation.
 - b. Facilities for training staff and voluntary leaders.
 - c. Relation with co-operative organizations in other countries.
7. Probable Development in the next Ten Years
- a. In countries with an established co-operative movement.
 - b. In countries at present with no co-operative movement.
8. Conclusions
9. Organization of labour

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