RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS
279(XII). Telecommunications training

The Conference of Ministers,

Considering that the expansion of telecommunications services and the introduction of efficient and modern networks depend on the availability of competent and trained manpower,

Considering that the current shortage of competent staff in all telecommunications services represents a constraint on the development of telecommunications in Africa,

Appreciative of the efforts already made by Governments, with the assistance of the International Telecommunication Union and the United Nations Development Programme, to establish national and multinational telecommunications institutes for training at the elementary and intermediate levels,

Recognizing that the increasing complexity of telecommunications science and organization requires continuous training at all levels, even in the relatively more advanced regions of the world,

Noting that current telecommunications development plans, notably the Pan-African Telecommunications Network project, call for training courses in specialized techniques, management and financial control to be established as a matter of urgency,

1. Requests the Executive Secretary to undertake, as a matter of urgency and in co-operation with the Administrative Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity and the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union, a comprehensive survey designed:

(a) To establish basic manpower requirements in the various fields of telecommunications;

(b) To determine regional training needs at the elementary, middle, advanced and instructor levels in relation to existing facilities;
(c) To determine the feasibility of establishing and broadening the scope of regional or subregional institutions for instructor and advanced technical training in new technologies, including space techniques;

2. Calls upon the Executive Secretary to submit periodic progress reports to it on progress in the implementation of the present resolution.

183rd meeting, 28 February 1975.