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ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA

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Conference of Ministers

Tunis, 8-13 February 1971

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS

### 223(X). Natural resources

#### The Conference of Ministers,

Taking note of General Assembly resolution 2692(XXV) of 11 December 1970 on the permanent sovereignty over natural resources of developing countries and the expansion of domestic sources of accumulation for economic development,

Recalling the relevant provisions of the International Development strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,

Bearing in mind that the financing of the development plans of the developing countries depends, to a considerable degree, upon the conditions under which their natural resources are exploited and upon their share in the profits of foreign enterprises in the exploitation of such resources,

Recognizing that the exploration and exploitation of the mineral resources in the developing countries are undertaken mainly by foreign entrepreneurs,

Aware of the shortage of trained African manpower for the exploration and exploitation of the mineral resources endowment of the African region;

Taking into account the importance of revising existing mining legislations to enable African Governments to realize the objectives of General Assembly resolution 2692(XXV) and the need for assistance to be provided to African Governments for this purpose,

Cognizant of the acute shortage of personnel in the secretariat of the Commission to provide the necessary assistance to African Governments,

Requests the Executive Secretary, as a matter of urgency, to secure the necessary financial and staff resources for the secretariat of the Commission to provide assistance to member States for the training of personnel, improvement of administrative machinery, policy formulation, and exploration, exploitation and marketing of their mineral resources.

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13 February 1971.