RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS
281(XII). Satellite broadcasting

The Conference of Ministers,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 2733A(XXV) of 16 December 1970 concerning the potential of satellite broadcasting systems for education and development,

Taking note of the current experiments in other developing regions and countries to determine the practical exploitation of this potential,

Taking note of the preliminary activities of the United Nations and in co-operation with the Economic Commission for Africa and the International Telecommunication Union,

Considering that the magnitude of investment required for any satellite system necessitates for most developing countries a multinational or regional approach,

Recognizing that long-range detailed planning is required to establish such a multinational system and that effective interdisciplinary co-ordinating bodies must be set up at various levels, including the national and regional levels, to conduct studies on the basis of which decisions can be taken on the formulation of a multinational project,

Requests the Executive Secretary, in co-operation with the Administrative Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity, the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union:

(a) To advise and assist the Governments of members States in the establishment of multidisciplinary working groups at the national level in order to study in detail the possibilities of a multinational satellite system for education, information and public telecommunications and the extent to which such a system can meet national needs;
(b) To call regional meeting(s) of representatives of the national working groups, when established, to undertake further studies on a possible multinational satellite system or systems;

(c) To organize, with the co-operation of the Secretary-General of the Union of National Radio and Television Organizations of Africa, seminars and workshops on the various aspects of satellite broadcasting and to study the feasibility of a regional training programme for satellite broadcasting.

183rd meeting,
28 February 1975.