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FOR THE PERIOD 1981/83

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### BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION

1. In compliance with ECA resolution 95(VI) and 100(VI) on establishment of an African Common Market adopted at the Sixth Session of the Commission and resolution 311(VIII), on Multinational Programming and Operational Centres adopted at the Thirteenth session of the Commission and Fourth Conference of Ministers, the primary objective of the work programme of North African MULPOC as is the case, with other MULPOCs, is the promotion of multi-country co-operation through the identification and implementation of multinational programmes and projects with a view to the creation of North African Common Market as a step towards regional economic integration.<sup>1/</sup>

2. To this end the inaugural meeting of the policy organs of North African MULPOC - the Committee of Plenipotentiaries held in Rabat on 25-26 March 1979, decided that within the context of resolution 311(XIII), establishing the MULPOCs and resolution 296(XIII) on economic co-operation, the North African MULPOC should lay emphasis on the following sectors:

1. Trade promotion
2. Transport and communications
3. Agricultural development
4. Industrial development
5. Energy
6. Economic co-operation
7. Social development

3. In selecting priority areas, the Inaugural Meeting of Plenipotentiaries took account of the work programme established previously by the Subregional Office for North Africa and the recommendations of the meeting of sectoral technical committee of the subregion held in Tangier, 20-24 November 1978.

4. Within the afore-mentioned sectors the Meeting of Plenipotentiaries directed that priority projects should, in the first instance, be selected from the following areas:

- I. Trade promotion: Promotion of intra-subregional trade and creation of an appropriate mechanism for this purpose with the ultimate objective of establishing a subregional common market. (Ref. Resolution No.3 - see Annexe I).
- II. Transport and communications: road transport - completion of sub-regional portion of trans-African Highway and its feeder roads. (Ref. Resolution No.6 - see Annexe II).

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<sup>1/</sup> Resolution 311(XIII). ECA Conference of Ministers, Kinshasa, February 1977.

- III. Agriculture (Resolution No.7 - see Annex III).  
(a) Promotion of joint exploitation of water and land resources;  
(b) Regional Food Plan.
- IV. Industry: Development of basic industries requiring inter-country co-operation in North African subregion. (Resolution No.4 - see Annex IV).
- V. Energy: Subregional co-operation in the field of energy. (Resolution No.2 - see Annex VI).
- VI. Economic co-operation: Co-ordination of intergovernmental organizations activities in North African MULPOC countries.
- VII. Social development: Integration of women in economic development. (Resolution No.8 - see Annex VII).

## I. TRADE PROMOTION

(Ref. Resolution No.3 - See Annex I)

1. Project title and aims  
Promotion of trade among the countries of North African subregion.
2. Summary description of the project
  - Preparation of import-export profiles for each country;
  - Identification of industrial and agricultural commodities produced in the subregion which could be traded within the subregion, and assessment of potential for their expansion;
  - Identification of barriers to trade - physical, monetary and fiscal with a view to their elimination;
  - Study of legal administrative and institutional aspects of subregional trade in so far as they constitute the framework for trade promotion within the subregion.

### 3. Work plan

The project was initiated following the approval by the Conference of Plenipotentiaries in March 1979. The project was to be implemented in three phases as follows:

#### Phase I - June-July 1979

Undertaking of exploratory mission by North African MULPOC staff and ECO staff in order to:

- (i) conduct survey of trade situation;
- (ii) identify special needs in the field of trade, industry, transport and agriculture as far as trade is concerned;
- (iii) assess the availability of data;
- (iv) focus on institutions dealing with trade;
- (v) sounding governments views on terms of references;
- (vi) prepare background paper for interdisciplinary mission.

#### Phase II - October 1979-December 1981

Interdisciplinary mission - Three months interdisciplinary mission consisting of specialists in trade promotion, North African MULPOC staff, agriculture and industry and transport including a staff of Trade Promotion Organization (AATPO) was mounted. Mission spent seven or more working days in each country to collect data with a view to formulating terms of reference of the project (see Reports ECA/MULPOC/Tangier/II/4 - part one and two).

Preparation of mission report and convening a meeting to approve recommendations.

#### Phase III - March 1982-December 1983

Formulation and implementation of various project activities on the basis of decisions reached by the Conference of Plenipotentiaries; taking further action as may be appropriate, including the mounting of follow-up missions where necessary.

4. Inputs

ECA inputs: ECA will provide professional guidance through the Division of International Trade and Finance.

For Phase III - The following experts will be needed for formulating of follow-up activities on the basis of decisions reached by the Conference of Plenipotentiaries:

- 1 agriculture specialist 18 m/m
- 1 industrial adviser 18 m/m
- 1 transport adviser 18 m/m
- 1 trade specialist 18 m/m

## II. TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

(Ref. Resolution No.6 - see Annex II)

### Roads

#### 1. Project title and aims

Completion of subregional portion of Trans-African Highway and its feeder roads.

#### 2. Summary description of the project

This project aims at promoting the completion of the ongoing projects on the main trunk-road connections between the countries of the subregion and neighbouring countries. Trunk roads which run across North Africa and have sections yet to be completed are:

- (i) Trans-sahara Highway: Algeria-Tunisia-Mali, Niger and Nigeria.
- (ii) Trans-East African Highway: Cairo-Gaborone.

A study for development of the Trans-Central African Highway - Tripoli-Kinshasa-Luanda is undertaken by ECA. A study on legal and administrative barriers to travel is to be undertaken.

#### 3. Work plan

##### Phase I - March 1980-December 1981

Study of barriers to travel in conjunction with trade project.  
Doc. ECA/MULPOC/Tangier/13/6.

##### Phase II - March 1982-December 1983

Finalization of the recommendations in the light of consultations made with the governments.

#### 4. Inputs

- ECA inputs: (i) ECA Secretariat will support North African MULPOC with recruitment or outposting one transport expert for North Africa to monitor the transport decade process at P-5 level;
- (ii) Backstopping and provision of advisory services.

<u>Consultancy required from donors and UN Agencies</u>		<u>1982</u>	<u>1983</u>
(i) Road engineer	12 m/m 6000 x 6x2 =	36,000	36,000
(ii) Legal expert	12 m/m 6000 x 6x2 =	36,000	36,000
(iii) Organizational/ administrative expert	12 m/m 6000 x 6x2 =	36,000	36,000
		<u>108,000</u>	<u>108,000</u>

#### Type of support to be requested from the governments

Each government will be requested to appoint, at its expense a counterpart expert for another six months.

### III. AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

(Ref. Resolution No.7 - Annex III)

#### Project I

1. Project number and title

Promotion of Joint exploitation of water and land resources.

2. Summary description of projects

For the North African region, except the Sudan, expansion of production by extending cultivation of non-irrigated land is limited. The arid and semi-arid regions provide possibilities for expansion of cultivation of irrigation water is available. A plan for optimum integrated land and water resource development requires information on the resource base available.

#### Objective

The aim of the project is to assist member countries of the North African MULPOC to assess the potential land and water available for exploitation in short and long-term period.

#### Methodology

Desk work and missions - Consultations will also be carried out to collect information and analyse the available data.

3. Work plan

Phase I - March-December 1982

- (a) Preparatory period during which details of the project will be formulated;
- (b) Collection of relevant data and documents;
- (c) Recruitment of consultants and preparing plan for Phase II.

Phase II - January-December 1983

- (a) Land use survey
- (b) Hydrometeorological survey
- (c) Analysis of data and report writing
- (d) Submission of findings to governments.

4. Inputs

FAO Regional Office will be requested to provide consultancy, advisory and backstopping services during all Phases.

			<u>1982</u>	<u>1983</u>
<u>Consultancy</u>				
(i)	Irrigation engineer	12 m/m 6000 x 12 =	36,000	36,000
(ii)	Hydrologist	12 m/m 6000 x 12 =	36,000	36,000
(iii)	Agricultural economist	12 m/m 6000 x 12 =	36,000	36,000
(iv)	Livestock production expert	6 m/m 6000 x 6 =	18,000	18,000
(v)	Agronomist/Horticulturist	6 m/m 6000 x 6 =	<u>18,000</u>	<u>18,000</u>
			144,000	144,000

Government input

Each government would be requested to designate, on its own account, a senior official to co-ordinate activities at country level and to participate in field missions.

Project II

1. Project title and aims

Regional Food Plan

2. Description of the project

The Inaugural Meeting of Plenipotentiaries of ECA MULPOC for North Africa recommended that the governments of the countries in the subregion give priority to and full support for implementing the measures recommended in the Regional Food Plan. This regional project is an outcome of Freetown Declaration and the Resolution on Regional Food Plan for Africa adopted by African States at the Ninth and Tenth FAO Regional Conference for Africa held in Freetown in 1976 and in Arusha (Tanzania), in 1978.

At the subregional level, the project will involve preparation and formulation of plans and programmes for increased food production following the guidelines.

- (i) Analysis of the past trends, based on past production and domestic supply;
- (ii) Perspectives of food self-sufficiency up to 1990, based on the projected growth in demand and feasible increases in production of cereals, pulses, rootcrops, livestock and fish;
- (iii) Proposals of policies and programmes for improving food production through increased subregional co-operation in food and agriculture.

3. Work plan

- (i) Analysis of past trends;
- (ii) Perspective of food self-sufficiency up to year 1990;
- (iii) Setting of priority programmes and policies for short, medium and long-term action.

This project is an ECA project, its implementation and financing are carried out by ECA. However, the preliminary survey and analysis will be conducted by a member of the North African MULPOC, an adviser on agricultural development.



#### IV. INDUSTRY

(Ref. Resolution No.4 - Annex IV)

1. Project title and aims

Development of basic industries requiring inter-country co-operation in the North African subregion.

2. Summary description of the project

The project aims at building upon the established foundation of sub-regional co-operation within North Africa. Considerable effort has been devoted towards the goal of industrial harmonization from 1964 through institutions like the Standing Consultative Committee of the Maghreb established by the Protocol to the Agreement signed in Tunis on 1 October 1964 by Ministers of Economic Affairs of the Maghreb and through the economic instruments of the Arab League (e.g., Industrial Development Centre, IDCAS).

The aim of this project is to bring together the diverse experience gained by institutions working on industrial harmonization and co-operation in the North African region with a view to identifying projects suitable for inter-country co-operation pursuant to the spirit of industrial harmonization in the following basic industries.

- (i) Engineering industries
- (ii) Metallurgical industries
- (iii) Chemical industries
- (iv) Food and agro-industries
- (v) Building materials and construction industries.

Consultations with member States will then be initiated in order to examine proposals concerning co-operation industries and to evaluate modalities and mechanisms for co-operation and the appropriate levels of co-operation. Then a meeting of plenipotentiaries might adopt a programme of work aimed at implementing the identified projects.

3. Work plan

Phase I - Identification - April-December 1981

- (a) Desk study covering a review of important and relevant studies, reports and proposals of a pre-investment activity nature;
- (b) Review of sectoral, industrial development plans in the context of the basic metals industries sub-sector in member States;
- (c) Formulation of co-operation framework, modalities, mechanisms and levels;
- (d) Field mission to investigate specific areas.

Phase II - Consultation - January-December 1982

Consultation with member governments with a view to the formulation of the plans for multinational co-operation and suggestions for drawing up co-operation agreements and protocols as deemed necessary for implementation.

Phase III - Project planning and implementation - January-December 1983

- Techno-economic planning
- National, multinational decisions
- Political, social, economic assessments of the co-operation problem
- Feasibility studies
- Financing of identified projects
- Project implementation.

4. Inputs

ECA inputs: ECA will provide backstopping, advisory and consulting services.

Consultants to be requested from UN Agencies and donors - June-December 1981

		<u>1982</u>	<u>1983</u>
(i)	Experts in industrial review and surveys 24 m/m 6000 x 24	= 72,000	72,000
(ii)	Experts in industrial programming and planning 24 m/m 6000 x 24	= 72,000	72,000
(iii)	Experts in economic integration and industrial harmonization 24 m/m 6000 x 24	= 72,000	72,000

V. ENERGY

(Ref. Resolution No.5 -- Annexe V)

1. Project title and aims

Subregional co-operation in the field of energy in North Africa.

2. Description of project

North Africa has a variety of energy resources distributed unevenly in the countries of the subregion, including solid fuel, petroleum, gas and water. There are also possibilities for the utilization of nuclear and solar energy. Each country has pursued an independent fuel and energy policy which has not permitted integrated utilization of resources available in the subregion. The aim of the project is to provide up-to-date appraisal of available energy resources in North Africa and present a plan for co-ordinated development policy in the field of energy including research facilities.

3. Work plan

Phase I - Preparatory stage - December 1979-December 1981

Preparation of background paper by Natural Resources Division of ECA, outlining North African Energy problems, aims and objectives of creation of standing committee on Energy for North African countries.

Phase II - Follow-up on Modalities - March 1982-December 1983

Follow-up the decisions taken by the North African meeting of Plenipotentiaries.

4. Inputs

ECA Inputs: ECA will provide guidance and advisory services through the division of Natural Resources.

Consultancy to be requested from UN Agencies and donors.

		m/m		<u>1982</u>	<u>1983</u>
(i)	Senior energy adviser staff member of North African MULPOC	12	6000 x 6 =	72,000	72,000
(ii)	Petroleum engineer	6	6000 x 6 =	-	36,000
(iii)	Expert on solid fuels	6	6000 x 6 =	-	36,000
(iv)	Petro-chemical engineer	6	6000 x 6 =	-	36,000
(v)	Specialist in renewables and new sources of energy	6	6000 x 6 =	-	36,000
(vi)	Nuclear physicist	6	6000 x 6 =	-	36,000
(vii)	Geologist	6	6000 x 6 =	-	36,000
(viii)	Electrical engineer	6	6000 x 6 =	-	36,000

Inputs from governments

Governments would be requested to finance the establishment and maintenance of intergovernmental standing committee on energy as may be found appropriate and feasible.

## VI. ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION

(Ref. Resolution No.2 - Annex VI)

### 1. Project title and aims

Co-ordination of intergovernmental organizations activities in the North African MULPOC countries

### 2. Summary description of the project

Aim of this project is to make an inventory of existing inter-governmental organizations in the subregion with a view to facilitating the exchange of information between North African MULPOC and the organizations. This will ensure the co-ordination and rationalization of activities in order to avoid unnecessary duplication of efforts and conserve scarce resources.

### 3. Work plan

#### Phase I - May 1981-June 1982

- (a) Seeking information through questionnaires and visits as necessary by North African MULPOC staff to various institutions engaged in multinational economic development activity;
- (b) A draft of a directory of organizations engaged in economic development activities to be submitted to members for review and comments;
- (c) Suggestions on modalities of co-operation to be invited from organizations concerned.

#### Phase II - July 1982-December 1983

- (a) Identification of activities within the MULPOC and inter-governmental organization and implementation of an agreed programme;
- (b) Periodic consultation on the implementation of work programmes;
- (c) Exchange of information, data, reports and studies;
- (d) Co-operation in extension of advisory services.

### 4. Inputs

ECA will provide backstopping, advisory and consultative services.

## VII. SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

(Ref. Resolution No.8 - Annex VII)

1. Project title and aims

Integration of women in development.

2. Summary description of the project

The project aims at the establishment and efficient functioning of a subregional machinery of women and development. In all the MULPCCs, women's role should be fully taken into account as they constitute a very large portion of the human resources available to assist with the development process, and in view of the fact that they already contribute to the livelihood and development of the peoples of the subregion.

3. Work plan adopted by the Inaugural Meeting of the Committee in March 1981:

Phase I - April-December 1981

- (a) Report to member States on the project for integrated rural development with focus on appropriate technology and handicrafts (Egypt).
- (b) Report to member States on the survey of traditional technologies (Sudan, Egypt).
- (c) Report to member States on the study of national development plans to determine to what extent they include women (Tunisia, Morocco).
- (d) Consultancy services to strengthen national machineries.
- (e) Inaugural meeting of the subregional committee on the integration of women in development.
- (f) Training in the use of local raw materials (Sudan).
- (g) Training women in non-traditional activities (Tunisia, to continue 1982-1983).

Phase II - January 1982-December 1983

- (a) Strengthening national machineries for the integration of women in development.
- (b) Strengthening of the technical competence of leaders of those machineries in the planning, identification and evaluation of projects.
- (c) Training leaders of national machineries in human relations and communications skills.

- (d) Programmes to improve the health and educational level of rural women.
- (e) Training women in entrepreneurship and management.
- (f) Training in non-traditional activities for women.
- (g) Income generating activities to improve the status of women.
- (h) Exchange of knowledge and experiences among countries of the sub-region through the African Women's Development Task Force Programme.
- (i) Study of the legal status of women (Tunisia).
- (j) Training in technology for rural women.
- (k) Introduction of production and marketing co-operatives for women.
- (l) Second meeting of the subregional committee on the integration of women in development of the North Africa MULPOC.

RESOLUTION 3

RESOLUTION ON TRADE IN THE NORTH AFRICAN COUNTRIES

The Inaugural Meeting of Plenipotentiaries of the ECA Multinational Programming and Operational Centre for North Africa,

Conscious of the need to develop trade within the subregion with the ultimate aim of establishing a subregional and eventually a regional common market,

Recognizing that trade among the North African countries to be of a low level in relation to the possibilities existing in the subregion for its promotion and development,

Noting that the existing trade agreements in the subregion both bilateral and multilateral are not being fully implemented,

Noting also that existing institutions for trade promotion within the subregion are not fully utilized,

1. Calls upon the North African MULPOC and ECA, in close co-operation with appropriate intergovernmental and national institutions in North Africa, to implement a programme directed towards the promotion of intra-subregional trade. The main components of the programme would be:

- (a) Preparation of imports and exports profiles country by country;
- (b) Identification of industrial and agricultural commodities produced in countries of the subregion which could be traded amongst themselves;
- (c) Identification of the agricultural and industrial potential of the countries of the subregion which could be exploited to increase the volume of goods produced within the subregion for intra-subregional trade;
- (d) Identification of the physical barriers to trade, e.g. inadequate transport facilities; and recommending of measures for their solutions;
- (e) Identification of tariff, non-tariff and monetary barriers to trade and to recommend measures for their elimination;
- (f) Recommendation of appropriate measures for the rationalization and harmonization of industrial and agricultural production on a subregional bases with a view to increasing the volume of locally produced commodities for the promotion of intra-subregional trade;
- (g) Study of legal, administrative, and institutional aspects of subregional trade in so far as they constitute the framework for trade promotion within the subregion.

RESOLUTION 6

RESOLUTION ON THE TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR

The Inaugural Meeting of Plenipotentiaries of the ECA Multinational Programming and Operational Centre for North Africa,

Having considered in detail several options in the transport sector required to support trade, industry and agriculture, taking into account the separate, but interdependent, modal transport services in the sub-region,

Also noting with interest the preparations for the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa, and the opportunities which it would bring to the subregion for a comprehensive approach to transport problems,

Requests the ECA and the North African MULPOC to undertake as a matter of urgency the following activities:

1. Completion of on-going projects on the main trunk-road connexions between North African subregions and development of feeder-road links within the subregion - as specified in document ECA/N.A./Tangiers/7;

Undertaking

2. Necessary studies and measures required for the improved utilization of highways, in particular those relating to the organization of Transport Operations Management having regard to the complex management requirements - including training - which will be necessary to keep pace with the growing population, currently estimated as increasing at a rate of 10 per cent - 15 per cent per annum;

3. Concurrent initiation of studies to determine the appropriateness of:

- (i) A coastal shipping link between countries of the North African subregion;
- (ii) The completion of an operational rail-link between member States taking into account the previous and current work of the Permanent Consultative Committee of the Maghreb (PCCM).

4. The establishment of a co-ordination committee for the study of multimodal transport facilities in the subregion having regard to, inter alia, standardization of transport equipment, the multinational exchange of such transport units as those aimed at the fuller utilization of international standard freight containers for multinational in exchange of goods.



RESOLUTION 7

RESOLUTION ON AGRICULTURE

The Inaugural Meeting of Plenipotentiaries of the ECA Multinational Programming and Operational Centre for North Africa,

Deeply concerned with the gravity of the food situation in the sub-region of North Africa where total and per capita food production have been declining since the beginning of the decade,

Conscious of the fact that food imports, especially wheat, could become a serious problem in the near future if the annual increase in food production does not meet rising demand,

Aware that there is scope for expanding and improving food production in the subregion through the development of food programmes, with special emphasis on irrigation of arid and semi-arid areas, and yield increases,

Recognizing the importance of the role played by small farmers (who should be provided with increased credit facilities) in the production of staple food-stuffs,

Recognizing further that member States in the subregion would benefit from co-ordinating their policies and efforts in increasing food production, especially in the fields of agronomic research and expansion of intra-subregional trade in food commodities,

Recalling the Freetown Declaration and the Resolution on a Regional Food Plan for Africa adopted by African States at the ninth and tenth FAO Regional Conference for Africa held in 1976 and 1978, respectively,

1. Recommends that the Governments of the countries in the subregion give priority to, and full support for implementing the measures recommended in the Regional Food Plan;
2. Urges the governments in the subregion to intensify their co-operation in order to:
  - (a) Co-ordinate their activities in agronomic research and in the production of agricultural inputs;
  - (b) Promote the joint exploitation of water and land resources and co-operate in control of pests and diseases;
  - (c) Develop subregional trade in food products;
3. Requests that ECA assist member countries in the subregion to prepare and formulate plans and programmes for increased food production,
4. Urges member countries to give full support to the preparation of the subregional food plan by assisting, providing logistical facilities and data to ECA, especially on agricultural research and training programmes,

5. Decides that the following guideline be observed in the preparation of the food plan for the subregion:

- (a) Analysis of past trends; based on past production and domestic supply;
- (b) Perspectives of food self-sufficiency up to 1990, based on the projected growth in demand and feasible increases in production of cereals, pulses, rootcrops, livestock and fish;
- (c) Proposals of policy and programmes for improving food production through increased subregional co-operation in food and agriculture.

RESOLUTION 4

RESOLUTION ON THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR

The Inaugural Meeting of the Plenipotentiaries of the MULPOC for North Africa,

Recognizing the primary of basic industries such as iron and steel, electrical engineering, basic chemical, petrochemical and agro-allied and food industries in the over-all pattern of co-operation in developing industry in North Africa,

Decides to:

1. That a study of the most appropriate means to develop and accelerate co-operation in these basic industries as well as in other industries which might present possibilities for inter-country co-operation; be carried out;
2. And to this end, utilize all possible means for the exchange of information between the countries of the subregion with a view of developing co-operation in the industrial field so as to facilitate the exchange of experience, the co-ordination and rationalization of industrial production in the subregion;
3. Recommends the compilation of a list of complementary industrial projects and the taking of measures necessary for their joint realization,
4. Also recommends a study of ways and means trade promotion of manufactured and semi-manufactured products within a policy of progressive freedom of trade in manufactured products in the subregion.

## RESOLUTION 5

RESOLUTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A GENERAL FRAMEWORK FOR  
SUBREGIONAL CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY IN NORTH AFRICA

The Inaugural Meeting of Plenipotentiaries of the ECA Multinational Programming and Operational Centre for North Africa,

Conscious of the need for abundant and inexpensive supplies of energy in order to promote all forms of co-operation in the fields of industrial or agricultural development in the countries of the subregion,

Recognizing that progress in co-operation in the energy field calls for the establishment of machinery for intergovernmental co-operation,

Considering the recommendations of the second African meeting on Energy, which was held at Accra in November 1976,

Mindful of the pertinent resolutions adopted by the extraordinary meetings of the OAU Council of Ministers, held at Kinshasa in December 1976, and of the fourth Conference of ECA Ministers, held at Kinshasa in February-March 1977,

Desirous of the achievement of progressive economic integration in the subregion,

Decides that a standing commission on energy which would be a subsidiary body of the ECA subregional Centre for North Africa be established,

Requests the Executive Secretary of ECA to convene as soon as possible a meeting of energy experts from all countries of the subregion to prepare the terms of reference and objectives for the Energy Commission.

RESOLUTION 2

CO-ORDINATION OF THE WORK PROGRAMME OF THE MULPOC WITH THE  
ACTIVITIES OF OTHER SUBREGIONAL INSTITUTIONS

The Inaugural Meeting of Plenipotentiaries of the ECA Multinational Programming and Operational Centre for North Africa,

Conscious of the need for co-ordination of the work programme of the North African MULPOC with the activities and studies undertaken by national and multinational institutions operating in the field of economic and social development within the North African subregion,

1. Recognizing that the exchange of information with such institutions would facilitate the task of the North African MULPOC in planning and execution of its work programme,
2. Calls upon the North African MULPOC to conduct, as a matter of priority, a comprehensive survey of the current studies and activities undertaken by various institutions in North Africa in the fields of agriculture, trade, industry, transport and communications and energy,
3. Calls upon the North African MULPOC to ensure that its activities are closely co-ordinated with those of existing institutions in order to avoid duplication and wastage of efforts and to endeavour to bring about; wherever possible, full participation of such institutions in the formulation and execution of the MULPOC work programmes in their fields of competence,

Recommends that memoranda of understanding on co-operation and exchange of information be established between the Economic Commission for Africa and appropriate North African intergovernmental organizations as soon as possible.

RESOLUTION 8

RESOLUTION ON THE INTEGRATION OF WOMEN  
IN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

The Inaugural Meeting of Plenipotentiaries of the ECA Multinational Programming and Operational Centre for North Africa,

Having examined the ECA document on the Establishment of Sub-regional Machinery to enhance the role of women in the process of economic and social development in the North African subregion and promote and guide the activities of ECA Training and Research Centre for Women (ECA/MULPOC/Tangiers/6/78),

Decides as follows:

- (a) The implementation of the programme of ECA on women and development for the countries of the North African subregion especially with regard to training, appropriate technology, national machineries, handicrafts and small-scale industries, it being understood that financial resources would be made available by ECA;
- (b) The provision of assistance to the Sub-committee for Women and Development for North Africa having the terms of reference agreed to by the meeting of the African Regional Co-ordinating Committee for the integration of women in development held in Rabat 14-17 March 1979;
- (c) The provision as soon as possible for the ECA subregional Centre for North Africa (MULPOC) of an expert on women and development whose functions will be among other things, to act as secretary of the Sub-committee on women and development and implement the programme and priorities for women approved by the Committee of Plenipotentiaries for this subregion.