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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS

250(XI). African Institute for Economic Development and Planning

A. The Financing of the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning

The Conference of Ministers,

Regretting the new policy of the United Nations Development Programme, which appears to involve a substantial reduction in the near future, in the financial support of the Programme for the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning thus jeopardizing the continued existence of the Institute,

Recalling, however, that in resolution 58(IV) of 1 March 1962 of the Commission establishing the Institute, the African countries clearly expressed their determination that the Institute should be a permanent African Institution,

1. Urgently requests the United Nations Development Programme to continue to provide the financing of the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning during the first three phases of its existence, as it has done for the related Latin American and Asian Institutes, in order to avoid any discrimination between the three continents;

2. Urgently invites member States, individually and collectively, to approach the United Nations Development Programme to this end;

3. Further urgently invites the Executive Secretary of the Commission to prepare a scheme providing for the permanent financing of the Institute after those phases have ended.

B. Permanent Premises of the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning

The Conference of Ministers,

1. Commends the Government of the Republic of Senegal for its sustained efforts in favour of the Institute and for having made a site available to it for the construction of permanent premises;
2. Invites the Executive Secretary of the Commission to take the necessary steps to ensure that the permanent premises are constructed as quickly as possible.

171st meeting,
22 February 1973.