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Executive Summary

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1. The Seventh Conference of Chief Executives of ECA-sponsored regional and subregional institutions held from 24 to 27 January 1987, Tripoli, the Great Socialist Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, was the first to be held after the adoption of the United Nations Programme of Action for Africa Economic Recovery and Development 1986/1990. The role of the ECA-sponsored institutions in the implementation of the Programme of Action constituted one of the important items of the agenda of the Seventh Conference. An examination of the Programme of Action revealed that there was a role for each and everyone of the institutions to play in its implementation. It was decided that the Chief Executives should study the Programme of Action in detail so as to define the steps their institutions should take to meet the challenges posed by the Programme of Action.
2. The Programme of Action had also urged African multinational institutions to improve their management systems, rationalize their activities and eliminate the duplication of efforts. In this regard, the first General Management Seminar for Chief Executives was held in conjunction with the Seventh Conference and the summary of recommendations of this seminar is contained in Annex I to the Report of the Seventh Conference. The Chief Executives as is usual, also met within their Specialized Groups with a view to rationalizing the activities of the institutions and eliminating the duplication of efforts. The report of the Specialized Groups is contained in Annex II of the report of the Seventh Conference.
3. The next important item discussed by the Seventh Conference related to the UNDP Fourth Cycle Regional Programme for Africa 1987-1991 and how the institutions could benefit from this programme. The Conference was informed of the steps that were being undertaken in assisting institutions to finalize their project submissions for financing. This included the decision of the Extraordinary Session of the ECA Conference of Ministers which was held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 13-15 October 1986 to the effect that regional projects for funding by UNDP should give consideration to activities related to economic co-operation, the joint management of river and lake basins, the development of human resources and the integration of women in development. It was pointed out that in the meantime, UNDP had already decided to allocate funds for four projects concerned with crime prevention and the treatment of offenders, the reactivation of the activities of the MULPOC, assistance to African IGOs in the preparation and co-ordination of their project submissions for financing under the UNDP programme, and high-level seminars to take stock existing high-level African experience.
4. In order to assist Chief Executives to identify sources of possible funding for the activities of their institutions, the Technical Assistance Co-ordination and Operations Office of ECA was requested to circulate to all the institutions relevant co-operation agreements existing between ECA and potential donors.
5. Other items discussed by the Seventh Conference related inter alia to the importance of the harmonization and standardization the documentation and information systems of institutions so to ensure their compatibility with the regional network of PADIS. In order to ensure that harmonization and standardization were achieved, a Standing Committee on the Harmonization and Standardization of the Documentation and Information Systems of the ECA-sponsored Regional and Subregional Institutions (SCOHSDIS) was established.