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ADDENDUM

UNITED NATIONS TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS DECADE IN APRICA
PROGRESS REPORT ON THE SECOND PHASE PROGRAMME

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IMPLEMENTATION OF ECOSOC RESOLUTION 1986/62, ADOPTED IN GENEVA ON 22 JULY 1986 ON THE TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS DECADE IN AFRICA.

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- 1. Article 7 of this resolution "requests the General Assembly to make allocations from the ressources at its disposal, of funds required by the Commission to enable it;
- (a) to undertake detailed evaluation of the Decade programme in accordance with the recommendations contained in the report of Decade's joint inspectorate;
- (b) to organize and service meetings of the Technical Committee on Air transport:
- 2. Unfortunately on account of the financial crisis confronting the United Nations, it has not been possible to obtain supplementary funds from the General Assembly. However, ECA has obtained funds from the UNDP and has already started the evaluation process of the Decade, and has drawn up the terms of reference which has been submitted to the UNDP for comments. The Consultants who will carry out the evaluation will be recruited in July 1987 and are expected to submit their report in November 1987, so as to enable ECA to send out the report to all member States in December 1987, that is at least six weeks before the Sixth Meeting of the Conference of Ministers of Transport, Communications, and Planning, in Kinshasa, Zaire.
- 3. The ECA has already convened three meetings of the Technical Committee on Air Transport which was established in November 1984 by the Mbabane Declaration: the first meeting was held in Dakar in December 1985 whilst the second and third meetings took place in Addis Ababa in July 1986 and March 1987 respectively. Reports on these meetings were dispatched to ECA Member countries.
- 4. Article 8 of the resolution under consideration, "exhorts the ECA Executive Secretary to draw the attention of the States to the recommendations contained in this resolution taking into account the views expressed on this matter at the Economic and Social Council, and to present its report to the Commission as soon as possible."
- 5. At the joint meeting of officials of Trans-African highways held in Addis Ababa from 6 to 10 October 1986, ECA had the opportunity of acquainting member States with the recommendations of this ECOSOC resolution. Today also, ECA would like to remind member States of the need to double their efforts for the implementation of the Decade Programme.