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Resolution 190(IX) adopted by the Commission at its 147th plenary
meeting on 10 February 1969

The Economic Commission for Africa,

Appreciating that the Commission is an economic and social organization established to serve the needs of the African region, and that its activities should complement those of the OAU and other African inter-governmental organizations in the economic and social development of the region,

In accordance with the terms of reference of the Commission which in its paragraph 1 empowers it to initiate and participate in measures for facilitating concerted action for economic and social development in Africa and in its paragraph 12 enables it to establish liaison with inter-governmental organizations in Africa,

In accordance with article II of the Charter of the Organization of African Unity, which entrusts to that organization responsibility for co-operation between independent States of Africa in economic and social fields, and to this end, the co-ordination and intensification of their efforts so as to promote better living conditions for the peoples of Africa,

In keeping with the decisions by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the OAU to remain the highest body for encouragement and orientation in matters of economic and social policy development on the African continent,

Taking into account the desire many times reiterated by ECA and the OAU to collaborate closely in utilizing to the maximum, the complementary characteristics and possibilities of the two organizations, in the interest of African development,

Recalling the various resolutions adopted by the United Nations General Assembly and the Assembly of Heads of State and Government on co-operation between the OAU and the United Nations,

Recalling the Agreement on Co-operation signed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Administrative Secretary General of the Organization of African Unity,

1. Agrees that close and rational co-operation should be promoted within the political bodies and the policy-making organs of ECA and the OAU, and to this end

2. Calls upon:

(a) African ministers and senior officials in charge of economic and social development henceforth to co-ordinate closely their activities within the framework of the Commission at its ministerial level and the OAU Economic and Social Commission;

(b) African ministers and senior officials working within the framework of ECA and the OAU Economic and Social Commission to be constantly guided by decisions of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the OAU in economic and social matters;

3. Recommends that reports on the activities of ECA be presented regularly for the consideration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the OAU in order that the Commission might enjoy the necessary political support;

4. Requests the secretariat of OAU and ECA to pursue all forms of desired co-operation and to find the best ways and means of increasing the efficiency of such co-operation in the interest of the development of Africa and to report regularly to the policy-making bodies of ECA and the OAU.