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ORGANIZATION, STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE SECRETARIAT

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The Economic Commission for Africa,

Realizing that the major tasks to be undertaken by the Commission require that the organization, structure and functions of its secretariat, including its sub-regional offices, be reviewed, and adequate staff, financial and other resources made available to it in order that it may be in a position to expand its operational activities,

Recalling the General Assembly resolutions 1709(XVI) and 1823(XVII) and Economic and Social Council resolutions 793(XXX), 823(XXXII) and 879(XXXIV) on decentralization of the economic and social activities of the United Nations and strengthening of the regional economic commissions,

Noting that machinery has been established by the UNDP to study the capacity of the organization to undertake development programmes and to examine the possibilities for more substantial and effective decentralization of operational activities to the regional economic commissions,

1. Urges that a more substantial and effective decentralization of operational activities be carried out in accordance with the resolutions of the Economic and Social Council and of the General Assembly;

2. Requests the Executive Secretary

(a) To undertake a review of the organization, structure and functions of the secretariat, including its sub-regional offices, and to report to the Conference of Ministers through its Executive Committee for decision;

(b) To promote conferences and consultations among the leaders of the sub-regions and to assist them in formulating policies and programmes of action;

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(c) To review the existing sub-regional groupings and, where appropriate, make recommendations to the Conference of Ministers to achieve more realistic groupings, taking into consideration community of interests and geographical factors;

3. Recommends that arrangements be made to ensure that the Commission is represented at regional conferences convened by the UNDP, the United Nations system of specialized agencies and **the** International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) where questions related to the economic and social development of Africa are discussed in order to ensure that the decisions taken at such conferences are fully reflected in the work programme of the Commission.