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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS

268(XII). African Regional Plan for the Application of
Science and Technology to Development

The Conference of Ministers,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolutions 1638(LI) of 30 July 1970, 1823(LV) of 10 August 1973 and 1900(LVII) of 1 August 1974 on the World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development,

Further recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1899(LVII) of 1 August 1974 in which the Council urged Governments and the organizations concerned within the United Nations System to effect without delay a wide exposure of the World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development and the regional plans,

Reaffirming Commission resolution 248(XI) of 22 February 1973 which inter alia requested the Executive Secretary to take early action to promote fuller knowledge of the African Regional Plan and to assist the Governments of member States, at their request, in setting up machinery for the implementation of the African Regional Plan,

Convinced that the African Regional Plan, when implemented, will help to build a strong foundation for the development of African scientific and technological potential in the countries of the region,

Endorsing the resolutions adopted by the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts for Science and Technology Development in Africa at its first and second meetings and noting the concern expressed by the Intergovernmental Committee about the need to strengthen the Science and Technology Section of the Commission secretariat,

1. Commends the work accomplished by the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Science and Technology Development and by the African Regional Group of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development (UNACAST) in connexion with the African Regional Plan for the Application of Science and Technology to Development;

2. Urges Governments to take concrete steps for the implementation of national programmes and projects conceived within the framework of the World and the African Plans of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development;

3. Invites the Governments of member States to keep the Executive Secretary informed on the progress made in the implementation of the African Regional Plan and of any problems and difficulties in this regard;

4. Requests the Executive Secretary to strengthen the staff of the Science and Technology Section and to allocate the funds required for carrying out the various tasks related to the promotion and implementation of the African Regional Plan;

5. Urges the Governments of member States and the Executive Secretary to take concrete steps to give wider publicity to the African Regional Plan by conducting intensive campaigns through the use of appropriate mass media and by meetings or seminars on a national and subregional basis;

6. Therefore requests the Executive Secretary to seek the necessary funds so that such activities can be initiated as soon as possible;

7. Requests the United Nations Development Programme to provide, under its preinvestment programme, the funds needed to support the measures taken by the Commission for rendering assistance to African countries in the implementation of the African Regional Plan at national and regional or subregional levels;

8. Further requests the Executive Secretary to prepare a progress report on the implementation of the African Regional Plan and to submit it for consideration by the Conference of Ministers at its fourth meeting.

183rd meeting,
28 February 1975,