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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS

261(XII). Mineral Development Centres

The Conference of Ministers,

Recalling ECA resolutions 205(IX) of 14 February 1969 and 238(XI) of 22 February 1973 which inter alia recommended that member States should, on a multinational basis, establish mineral resources institutions to carry out specialized services, research and training,

Recalling further Economic and Social Council resolution 1673(LII) of 2 June 1972, which recognized the importance of training and applied research in stimulating natural resources development and recommended the establishment of applied research centres on a regional, subregional or national basis,

Considering General Assembly resolution 2626(XXV) of 24 October 1970 on the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,

Recalling further General Assembly resolutions 3201(S-VI) and 3202(S-VI) of 1 May 1974 on the establishment of a New International Economic Order,

Convinced that the development of mineral resources in Africa requires the establishment of multinational centres which will provide specialized services to augment those available at the national level and offer on-the-job training,

Noting with appreciation the steps already taken by the Executive Secretary towards the establishment of a mineral resources development centre for Eastern Africa,

Noting further the intention expressed in the Work Programme of the Commission to establish such centres in other subregions,

1. Requests the Executive Secretary to take all necessary steps to ensure the establishment of such centres as soon as possible;

2. Urges the Governments of member States to participate fully in the establishment and running of such centres;

3. Requests United Nations agencies and bilateral donors to give such assistance as is necessary for the furtherance of these projects.

183rd meeting,
28 February 1975.