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WORLD WEATHER WATCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA

Resolution 196(IX) adopted by the Commission at its 152nd plenary meeting
on 13 February 1969

The Economic Commission for Africa,

Recognizing that weather and climate information is a prerequisite for sound short-term and long-term planning for the development of the national economy and for the effective exploitation of natural resources,

Convinced that the implementation of the World Weather Watch Plan as adopted by the Fifth Congress of the World Meteorological Organization will assist in the promotion of the meteorological services in Africa and make a beneficial impact on economic development,

Noting that the recommendations of the ECA Seminar on the role of meteorological services in economic development in Africa presented in document E/CN.14/429 cover adequately all the main areas of economic development requiring the application of meteorological information,

1. Invites member States to support the implementation of the World Weather Watch system in their countries by making adequate provisions in their national plans for strengthening their national meteorological services and providing them with the manpower and facilities necessary to enable them to implement fully that system;
2. Further invites member States to establish or strengthen the institutional links between the national meteorological services and the organs responsible for the planning and exploitation of natural resources within the country so as to derive full benefits from the World Weather Watch for economic development;
3. Calls upon member States to give their full support to the implementation of the recommendations of the ECA/WMO Seminar and implement the recommendation of the said Seminar.
4. Requests the Executive Secretary to continue and to strengthen the co-operation between ECA and WMO for the overall benefit of African development.

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