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ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA

Tenth session;

Conference of Ministers

Tunis, 8-13 February 1971

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS

231(X). Statistics

The Conference of Ministers,

Noting with appreciation the work carried out by the United Nations in developing the United Nations System of National Accounts and other statistical systems as a basis for the organization of statistical programmes and economic analyses,

Mindful of the urgent need for comprehensive and timely statistical information in planning development efforts at national and multinational levels,

1. Urges African Governments to take all steps necessary for the introduction of these systems without delay;
2. Requests the Executive Secretary to arrange for countries to receive the assistance needed in applying internationally recommended statistical systems and in identifying and remedying the principal statistical deficiencies which exist at the present time;
3. Further requests the Executive Secretary to give all possible assistance in the training of data processing staff at all levels;
4. Recommends that Governments should give urgent attention to the problem of achieving speedier publication of statistical information;
5. Further recommends that Governments should undertake the preparation and publication of provisional estimates of key national accounts aggregates at the end of each year.

163rd meeting,
13 February 1971.