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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ON A STATUTE OF THE AFRICAN
INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

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In accordance with Commission Resolution 58 (IV), the Executive Secretary, after consultation with a Panel of Experts, is of the opinion that the most expedient way to lay down the constitutional framework of the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning would be the adoption by the Commission of a Statute by which the Institute would be established. This method has also been followed in the case of the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning and the Asian Institute for Economic Development and Planning.

A draft Resolution embodying a Statute for the Institute is submitted herewith for consideration by the Commission.

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Draft Resolution of the Statute of the African Institute
for Economic Development and Planning

Part A

The Economic Commission for Africa

Pursuant to para. B.1 of its resolution 58 (IV) by which it was decided to establish the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning,

Having examined the report submitted by the Executive Secretary containing the recommendations of the panel of experts appointed by him,

Establishes the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning,

and

Approves the Statute for the Institute set out in Part B below.

Part B

Article I

Purposes and Functions

1. The primary purpose of the Institute will be the training of specialists and senior officials of Government agencies and institutions responsible for economic development and planning. Such training will be supported and supplemented by appropriate research activities, and the Institute will offer limited advisory services to African countries in matters of economic planning when requested.

The Institute shall:

(a) Provide an annual regular training course in Dakar of nine months' duration, open mainly to officials of Government agencies responsible for development planning or cadets for such positions.

(b) Provide introductory courses on problems and methods of planning, lasting two to three months. These courses, intended for senior personnel from a specific country or group of countries, will be organized at the request of the governments concerned;

(c) Provide specialized short courses in such fields as agricultural development, educational development, utilization of human resources, in co-operation with the specialized agencies concerned.

(d) Provide short seminars for senior government officials aimed at promoting the co-operation between the government planning services and the Institute.

(e) Undertake research activities with a view to the preparation of teaching materials for various courses and documentation for diffusion throughout the region for the use of both economic departments and research workers.

(f) At the request of governments and to the extent permitted by the training programme, provide services of an advisory nature.

Article II

Location of the Institute

1. The Headquarters of the Institute shall be located in Dakar, Senegal, with a sub-regional branch in Cairo, U.A.R., and such other sub-regional branches as may be established.
2. The Host Government shall provide adequate premises, facilities and services as required for the efficient operation of the Institute in agreement with the United Nations.

Article III

Status and Organization of the Institute

The Institute shall be an autonomous institution under the aegis of ECA and shall be composed of a Government Council, an Advisory Board on Studies, a Director and staff.

Article IV

The Governing Council

1. The Governing Council shall be composed of the following members:
 - (a) The Executive Secretary of ECA as chairman, ex officio.
 - (b) A member representing the Government of Senegal.
 - (c) Seven members elected by the Commission and chosen as individuals on the basis of their personal ability and attainment in fields relevant to the work of the Institute and to be drawn from seven different member or associate member countries of ECA.
 - (d) The Director of the Institute shall be an ex officio member of the Governing Council and shall participate without vote in its deliberations and shall act as secretary of the Council.
2. Except for the first team of members, each member shall be elected for a period of three years and re-eligible.
3. The first team of seven members shall be elected in the following manner: two members for one year, two members for two years and three members for three years. At the expiry of their respective terms, new members shall be elected by the Commission to serve the normal term of three years.
4. The Governing Council shall:
 - (a) Lay down general principles and policies governing the operation of the Institute.
 - (b) Review and approve work programmes and the relevant budgets.
 - (c) Submit an annual report on the work of the Institute to each session of the Commission.
5. The Governing Council shall meet once a year and shall adopt its own rules of procedure.
6. The Governing Council shall consider as early as practicable methods of financing the Institute to ensure its continuity following the termination of Special Fund assistance and will submit its proposals to the Eighth Session of the Commission.

Article V

The Director

1. The Director of the Institute shall be appointed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations after consultation with the Governing Council.
2. The Director shall have the over-all responsibility for the organization, direction and administration of the Institute and shall, in accordance with the general policies established by the Governing Council, in particular:
 - (a) Submit the programmes and budget of the Institute to the Governing Council.
 - (b) Execute the programmes and expenditures envisaged in the budget.
 - (c) Submit to the Governing Council annual reports on the activities of the Institute and annual statements on financial expenditures.
 - (d) In consultation with the Chairman of the Governing Council, select and appoint the staff of the Institute.
 - (e) In consultation with the Chairman of the Governing Council, select the fellows for the training programmes.
 - (f) Conclude with other national and international agencies such arrangements as may be necessary for making available the services of the Institute, it being understood that the arrangements with national bodies shall be made with the approval of the Governments concerned.
 - (g) Maintain close liaison with the Secretariat of ECA with a view to co-ordinating the work of the Institute with that of the Commission and other international, regional and bilateral programmes in related fields.
 - (h) Convene and attend meetings of the Governing Council and act as its Secretary.

Article VI

Advisory Board on Studies

1. The Advisory Board on Studies shall be composed of:

The Director of the Institute;

The academic staff directing the studies of the Institute;

A representative of ECA;

A representative from each of the specialized agencies concerned.

2. The Board shall act in a technical advisory capacity in regard to the formulation of the study programmes of the Institute.

3. The Board shall be convened by the Director of the Institute, and shall meet at least once each year.

Article VII

Co-operation of the ECA Secretariat

The Institute and the Secretariat of ECA shall co-operate closely with each other in the performance of the Institute functions.

Article VIII

Co-operation with the Specialized Agencies

The Institute shall co-operate with the specialized agencies within their respective fields in the performance of its functions.

Article IX

Resources of the Institute and Financial Rules

1. The Institute shall be established by contributions made by the United Nations Special Fund and by the contributing Governments. Further resources may be derived

from the United Nations, the specialized agencies, other governmental organizations and institutions, Governments and non-governmental organizations. Acceptance by the Institute of offers of such further assistance shall in each instance be upon the decision of the Chairman of the Governing Council of the Institute under relevant provisions of the financial rules of the Institute.

2. Financial rules for the Institute shall be prepared and promulgated by the Secretary-General of the United Nations after consultation with the Governing Council through its Chairman and with the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions of the United Nations.
