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Draft resolution

Concerning: Intra-African trade

Sponsored by: Algeria, Botswana, Kenya, Nigeria, Uganda, United Arab Republic

The Economic Commission for Africa,

Having noted the results of UNCTAD II and particularly its consequences for Africa as set out in document E/CN.14/437 prepared by the ECA secretariat,

Having further noted the proposal for the establishment of a regional trade promotion service with terms of reference as set out in document E/CN.14/434,

Conscious of the need for and supreme importance of increasing trade among African countries,

1. Endorses the recommendations of the Third Joint Meeting of the ECA Working Party on Intra-African Trade and the OAU Expert Committee on Trade and Development as contained in Annex I to the report of this meeting (E/CN.14/449), in particular those concerned with the expansion of intra-African trade;

2. Urges member Governments to take immediate steps towards discussions and negotiations among themselves, within sub-regional groups as well as bilaterally, and in doing so take note of the various proposals towards the liberalization and expansion of intra-African trade which have been made in previous reports of the secretariat;

3. Requests the Executive Secretary to further assist these government initiatives by directing the trade work of the secretariat of the ECA towards finding practical solutions and measures to promote and increase intra-African trade;

4. Requests further the Executive Secretary to take steps to establish as soon as possible, and in any case not later than the end of 1969, a regional trade promotion centre;

5. Invites the United Nations and its agencies, and in particular the UNDP to assist the ECA secretariat by providing the necessary resources so as to enable the regional trade promotion centre to be established and to fulfil its responsibilities in the field of trade expansion and promotion;

6. Invites likewise governments of developed countries to assist the ECA by providing resources for the establishment and functioning of the regional trade promotion centre.