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ESTABLISHMENT OF A POOL OF AFRICAN CIVIL SERVANTS

Resolution 171(VIII) adopted by the Commission at its 139th plenary meeting
on 24 February 1967

The Economic Commission for Africa,

Recalling its resolution 124(VII) of 22 February 1965,

Having considered the secretariat's report on its inquiry into the extent and terms on which the member States could offer technical assistance to one another,

Noting that the majority of member countries that had replied to the secretariat's inquiry supported the proposal to implement project 101(V) (Pool of African Civil Servants), but that some countries have not yet submitted replies to the inquiry,

Recognizing that, in order to maintain the truly African character of this scheme of mutual technical assistance among the States members of the Commission, it would be desirable to operate it under the direct control of the members themselves, using the Commission as a clearing house,

1. Calls upon those member countries that have not replied to the secretariat's inquiry to do so as soon as possible;

2. Requests the Executive Secretary, after analysing all the replies received:

- (a) To notify all members of the Commission on:
 - (i) The exact nature of members' manpower requirements;
 - (ii) What types of civil servants could be made available to participate in the scheme;
 - (iii) The conditions under which both donor and recipient countries are prepared to participate in the scheme;
- (b) Thereafter to launch the scheme and act as its co-ordinator and clearing house;
- (c) To report progress on the scheme to the Commission at its ninth session;

3. Urges member countries to participate in the scheme as far as manpower availabilities will permit;

4. Recommends that members continue to have recourse to sources of assistance outside the continent including the United Nations Programme for the provision of Operational and Executive Personnel (OPEX), the United Nations Inter-Municipal Technical Assistance Programme (UNITAP) and other multilateral and bilateral programmes.