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## RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS 217(X). Regional structures within the United Nations system

### The Conference of Ministers,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1553(XLIX) of 30 July 1970, requesting the Secretary-General of the United Nations to report to the Council, not later than at its fifty-second session, the results of the preliminary inquiry on regional structures within the United Nations system, and to recommend concrete measures,

Recalling its Executive Committee's Memorandum for Consideration by the Economic and Social Council 1/ and the reports of the Executive Committee's first 2/, second 3/ and third 4/ meetings, as well as the Questionnaire for the Study on Regional Structures 5/, submitted to member States to secure their co-operation in facilitating the work of the Secretary-General,

Recalling further paragraphs 84 to 92 and annex IV of the report of the Executive Committee's fourth meeting 6/, setting out the reactions of the Executive Committee to the draft questionnaire transmitted by the Secretary-General to member States on 30 November 1970,

- 1/ Memorandum by the Executive Committee of the Conference of Ministers of ECA for Consideration by ECOSOC (E/CN.14/ECO/10).
- 2/ Report of the First Meeting of the Executive Committee (E/CN.14/456).
- 3/ Report of the Second Meeting of the Executive Committee (E/CN.14/462).
- 4/ Report of the Third Meeting of the Executive Committee (E/CN.14/479).
- 5/ Questionnaire for the Study on Regional Structures (E/CN.14/ECO/24).
- 6/ Report of the Fourth Meeting of the Executive Committee (E/CN.14/498).

Bearing in mind the fact that the problems of regional co-operation vary from one region to another and that the African regional structures within the United Nations system must necessarily reflect the peculiar problems as well as the collective aspirations of the member States of the Economic Commission for Africa,

1. Notes the steps taken by the Executive Committee to secure the co-operation of member States in the matter;

2. Requests member States which have not submitted replies to the Secretary-General's questionnaire to submit them direct to the Executive Secretary not later than 30 April 1971;

3. Requests the Executive Secretary to render such advisory services to member States as may be requested by any of them in connexion with the questionnaire; for this purpose, member States requiring such assistance may wish to authorize their respective embassies in Addis Ababa to consult with the Executive Secretary;

4. Urges the Executive Secretary to prepare, with the help of the Executive Committee, a report on the regional structures, in the light of the views and recommendations submitted by individual member States, and to transmit the report, together with the replies of Governments, to the Secretary-General.

163rd meeting,  
13 February 1971.