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ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AFRICAN INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Resolution 58(IV) adopted by the Commission at its 76th Plenary
Meeting on 1 March 1962

The Economic Commission for Africa,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 1708 (XVI) of 19 December 1961, and its own resolutions 16 and 17 (II),

Noting moreover with satisfaction document E/CN.14/128 on the establishment of an African Institute for Economic Development and Planning.

Considering the urgent needs for the establishment under the auspices of the ECA of an African Institute for Economic Development and Planning to train the staff indispensable for the economic and social advancement of the African States, in accordance with the studies of the panel of experts,

Considering that the work of such an institute ought to embrace research and training in several disciplines, in particular those relating to planning and national accountancy, and that it ought also to act in a consultative capacity for the benefit of all African States,

Considering the decision taken by the Commission at its 73rd meeting held on 28 February 1962 that the headquarters of the Institute should be at Dakar,

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Considering that there exist at Cairo a university infra-structure and an Institute of National Planning which could act as a sub-regional institute:

A. Decides that

1. An African Institute of Economic Development and Planning shall be established this year with headquarters at Dakar;
2. Advantage shall be taken of the facilities offered by the United Arab Republic as the site of a future sub-regional institute, and of any other sub-regional facilities that may be offered by other countries;
3. A standing committee of direction shall be set up, to be composed of six Member States elected by the Commission for two years;

B. Instructs the Executive Secretary to appoint a panel of experts to

1. Draw up a preliminary draft statute and a preliminary draft convention for accession by States;
2. Study forthwith the material conditions of the installation and operation of the Institute at Dakar;

3. Study the conditions under which the Institute of National Planning at Cairo could serve as a sub-regional institute;

C. Requests the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its fifth session in 1963 on the extent to which the foregoing decisions have been executed.