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WORKING PARTIES AND ECA MEETING SCHEDULE

Resolution 175(VIII) adopted by the Commission at its 139th plenary meeting
on 24 February 1967

The Economic Commission for Africa,

Recalling its resolution 128(VII) of 22 February 1965 replacing the system of Standing Committees by Working Parties composed of experts or high-level specialists in their respective fields, nominated by governments to serve on them on a quasi-permanent basis,

Recognizing that this decision has permitted the predigesting at a technical level of studies and reports prepared by the secretariat and the drawing up of recommendations for consideration by the Commission,

Noting with appreciation that the reports of the Working Parties and other technical bodies have permitted the Commission at its eighth session to concentrate its discussions on questions of policy and the strategy to be followed in implementation of this policy,

Desirous to simplify further the working procedures of the Commission,

Bearing in mind the increasing number of international conferences which make demands on the scarce manpower resources of African Governments,

Realizing the great importance that the secretariat and the national administrations of member States should attach to careful and adequate preparation of the meetings of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission,

Welcoming the statement of the Executive Secretary concerning a more flexible scheduling of meetings so as to reduce the number of meetings in any particular period as well as the time required for the meetings,

1. Approves the proposal of the Executive Secretary that meetings of Working Parties and other subsidiary bodies of the Commission should be programmed in such a way that there should be no duplication among these meetings in the discussion of the same subjects;

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2. Authorizes the Executive Secretary to schedule meetings for the purpose of consultations or negotiations only when the matters to be considered at such meetings have reached a stage of preparation that would make it possible to achieve clear results;

3. Requests the Executive Secretary to circulate to the Governments of member States the proposals and recommendations which are intended to be presented to meetings with the request:

(a) To study carefully the items placed on the agenda;

(b) To transmit their replies within a reasonable period of time in order to permit better processing by the secretariat.
