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ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA

RESOLUTION

285 (XII). African Institute for Economic Development and Planning

The Conference of Ministers,

Recalling its resolution 250(XI) of 22 February 1973 on the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning,

Taking note of the achievements of the Institute in its second phase of operations under its current direction in its drive to develop an appropriate approach to the problems of African planning and strategies of development through its training, research and advisory activities,

Convinced that the Institute should continue to play an even more important role in the planned development of Africa in the years to come,

Conscious that there is a need for the United Nations Development Programme to contribute to the financing of the Institute during its third phase,

1. Expresses its satisfaction with the success achieved by the Institute during the past two years in acquiring additional financial resources amounting to about \$700,000; thanks to bilateral and multilateral contributions;

2. Registers with deep appreciation and gratitude:

(a) The recent moves by the Government of Senegal to assure the construction of permanent quarters for the Institute;

(b) The agreement of African Governments to increase their yearly financial contributions to the Institute to a total of \$1 million;

3. Invites the Director of the Institute to intensify his fund-raising efforts to ensure the future of the Institute;

4. Urgently requests the United Nations Development Programme:

(a) To continue its financial support for the Institute during the forthcoming third phase, at least at the minimal level of \$1 million yearly;

(b) To continue to provide the Institute with these facilities in collecting the contributions of the African Governments and other administrative supporting services which it had in the past provided in order to facilitate and enhance the Institute's activities;

5. Further urges African Governments to participate actively and effectively in the forthcoming evaluation of the Institute to be undertaken by the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations in co-operation with the Economic Commission for Africa with a view to examining the activities and quantifying the requirements of the Institute for the third and subsequent phases;

6. Invites the Director of the Institute to expand the activities of the Institute, combining in a balanced manner its three functions of research, training and advisory services;

7. Recommends that general training courses on planning should continue to be a permanent element of the programme of the Institute;

8. Invites African countries, in particular those which are members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, to bring the latter to implement paragraph 4 of the present resolution;

9. Invites the Executive Committee to study the programmes of the Institute and the level of recruitment of trainees and, in the light of the suggestions made by the Conference of African Planners, to take appropriate measures to secure recognition of the training courses and diplomas of the Institute at a suitable level in the administrative and educational systems in Africa.

183rd meeting,  
28 February 1975.