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INTEGRATED PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Resolution 145 (VII) adopted by the Commission at its 126th plenary meeting
on 22 February 1965

The Economic Commission for Africa,

Recognizing that the co-ordination of individual national development programmes in the best means of accelerating economic development in Africa with a view to raising the standard of living of the people,

Recalling that the Conference of African Planners held in Dakar in November 1964 recommended concrete steps towards the co-ordination of development in Africa and to this end proposed the establishment of sub-regional planning co-ordination committees,

Noting with appreciation that a start has been made to co-ordinate industrial development on a sub-regional basis,

Convinced that harmonious development requires a planned and scientific approach on the lines and in the scope recommended by the Conference of African Planners,

Recognizing that the sub-regional approach is only a step towards economic integration in Africa,

Affirming therefore that any co-ordination of economic development should take into account the over-all requirements of the continent and promote African unity,

1. Requests the Executive Secretary to set up at the earliest possible opportunity the planning co-ordination committees as recommended by the Conference of African Planners, to be linked with permanent machinery for inter-governmental negotiation;

2. Recommends that the Executive Secretary seek the assistance of the United Nations Special Fund and other competent agencies in mobilizing the necessary personnel;

3. Requests the sub-regional committee as well as the Executive Secretary and his staff ~~to pay particular attention at all times to the~~ need for harmonizing the development of Africa as a whole, and specifically to co-ordinate the sub-regional development programmes at an early date;

4. Recommends that the next meeting of the Conference of African Planners devote special attention to the question of harmonization of development on a regional basis;

5. Requests the Executive Secretary to report progress at the next session of the Commission.