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263(XII). Land-locked African countries

The Conference of Ministers,

Considering that of a total of 16 African countries included among the least developed countries in the world, 10 are land-locked,

Considering that the geographical position of those countries constitutes a grave obstacle and a serious handicap to the growth of their trade and economic and social development,

Considering in particular that this situation gives rise to high transport costs, which prevent such countries from exporting their products at competitive prices, and a steady rise in the price of their imports,

Considering also that the solution of the problems peculiar to the land-locked countries demands special measures to aid them by regional, interregional and international bodies,

Recalling resolution No. 9 on a special programme of action in favour of the land-locked developing countries adopted by the Conference of Developing Countries on Raw Materials, held at Dakar in February 1975, 1/

1. Invites all member States and the competent international organizations to assist the land-locked developing countries in facilitating, within the framework of appropriate agreements, the exercise of their right of freedom of access to and from the sea;

2. Recommends that coastal countries should facilitate the transit of imports to and exports from the land-locked countries;

1/ [Reference unavailable].

3. Requests the Executive Secretary to work in co-operation with the Governments of the land-locked countries of the region:

(a) To undertake studies identifying the most serious obstacles to their economic development;

(b) To determine their needs for financial and technical assistance;

(c) To examine and support interregional projects to develop means of land and air communication which will reduce the isolation of the land-locked countries.

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28 February 1975.