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274(XII). Public Administration

The Conference of Ministers.

Recalling Commission resolutions 172(VIII) of 24 February 1967 and 202(IX) of 14 February 1969,

Desirous to put an end to the different administrative systems prevailing in Africa as a result of colonial administration and to see ECA play an effective role with a view to achieving Africa unity and rapid economic development,

Aware of the urgent need to find a satisfactory solution to the problem of the economic and social development of Africa,

1. Invites the Executive Secretary to provide the Public Administration Section with the structure and personnel needed to evolve and carry out programmes suitable for promoting the concept and practice of development administration in African countries;
2. Requests the Executive Secretary to give priority to training and in-service training programmes for policy-making public officials;
3. Urges the Executive Secretary to prepare a plan aimed at harmonizing the methods of administrative training in member States and as a first step, to convene a meeting of those responsible for administrative training in member States with a view to working out how this objective could best be achieved;
4. Appeals to UNESCO and CAFRAD to co-operate fully with ECA in translating this objective into practical reality by establishing training programmes designed to meet the development needs of the member States of the Commission;

5. Recommends to member States an increase in their contribution to CAFRAD with a view to enabling it to extend its research activities in the field of administration and to train African personnel in the light of African realities and concerns;

6. Urges African Governments that have not yet done so to accede to membership in CAFRAD with a view to deriving greater benefit from its training services of that Centre in the field of administration.

183rd meeting.

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