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271(XII). Review and appraisal of progress in implementing the goals and objectives of the Second United Nations Development Decade

The Conference of Ministers.

Recalling Commission resolutions 218(X) of 13 February 1971 and 238(XI) of 22 February 1973, and General Assembly resolution 3178(XXVIII) of 17 December 1973, which requested all concerned to make all necessary efforts to ensure that the mid-term review and appraisal of progress in the implementation of the International Development Strategy is prepared and carried out in a co-ordinated and comprehensive manner,

Noting that the review and appraisal exercise cannot be meaningfully undertaken unless national reviews and reports are available, and that the review and appraisal exercise at the national level is the crucial and fundamental element of the whole endeavour,

Aware of the many problems encountered by African States in collecting information,

Noting with concern that the response of African member States has so far been quite inadequate, thus creating considerable difficulties for international organizations, including ECA, in carrying out the exercise,

1. Calls upon all African countries:

- (i) To strengthen their national machinery for review and appraisal of development efforts;
- (ii) To prepare on a regular and timely basis reviews of the development and performance of their economies within the framework of their development plans;

- (iii) To forward such reviews, and any other relevant information, to the Secretary-General and to the ECA Executive Secretary to assist them in their tasks relating to the mid-term review and appraisal and, in particular, to enable ECA to play its appropriate role in this exercise;

2. Requests the ECA secretariat to prepare and distribute standard formats for the submission of progress reports by member States.

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