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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS

226(X). Trans-African highway

The Conference of Ministers,

Recognizing the importance of improved transport networks for national and international economic integration in Africa and for opening up new areas with promising agricultural and mineral potential,

Considering that the development of efficient transport networks would, in particular, be conducive to the attainment of the priority objective of increasing intra-African trade, other forms of economic co-operation and contacts between African countries,

Noting that the Trans-African Highway project is of a multinational character and therefore requires multinational machinery for its implementation,

Further noting the interest of developed countries in the implementation of this project for the benefit of the African peoples,

1. Requests the Executive Secretary in agreement with the Governments of Cameroon, the Central African Republic, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya, Nigeria and Uganda, to consider the establishment of a committee to study the feasibility of the route and the improvements and modifications that would have to be made in existing segments of the highway in question and the construction of additional linking segments;

2. Calls upon the United Nations Development Programme, the African Development Bank, and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development to study what forms of assistance they can provide for the implementation of the project and to consider the possibility of creating flows of trade among the countries traversed by the said highway;

3. Requests the Executive Secretary to help in the formation of the Trans-African Highway Committee and to take all appropriate steps to interest investors with a view to mobilizing financial and technical resources in industrialized countries and to securing the necessary international assistance for this purpose.