Draft resolution on the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning

The Conference of Ministers,

Taking into account the challenges ahead in the context of successful achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the first decade of Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want, of the African Union, and the imperative to build stronger and more resilient economies whose performance will benefit all, leaving no one behind,

Recalling article IV, paragraph 3, of the updated statute of the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning, by which the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development is required to appoint the 10 members of the Governing Council of the Institute, who will serve as representatives of African Governments on three-year terms, with eligibility of reappointment for one additional term only,

Recognizing the central role of development planning in meeting the development priorities of Africa, particularly in the context of COVID-19 and to support resilient recovery and effective implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063,

Taking note also of the decision of the Governing Council of the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning at its fifty-sixth meeting, held in Dakar in March 2018, and reaffirmed during its fifty-seventh and fifty-eighth meetings, held in June 2019 and December 2020, respectively, recommending an increase in the regular United Nations grant to the Institute, from $1.3 million to $2.6 million per annum,

Recalling resolution 956 (LI) of the fifty-first meeting of the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, held in Addis Ababa in May 2018, requesting the General Assembly to increase the regular grant in support of the Institute’s programme, and noting that the recommendation is yet to be affected,
Aware of the current financial challenges facing the United Nations, but cognizant of the great importance of capacity-building to achieving the goals and aspirations of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 for African countries, as evidenced by the rapidly increasing demands by African member States for capacity-building support from the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning,

Commending the successful efforts being made by the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning to recover contribution arrears from member States,

Recognizing with appreciation the example being set by several African member States through the partial or full settlement of their contribution arrears to the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning,

1. Endorses the reconstituted membership of the Governing Council of the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning;

2. Reiterates its call to the Economic Commission for Africa, in collaboration with the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning, to take all steps necessary to request the General Assembly to increase the regular grant in support of the Institute’s programme;

3. Reiterates its call to member States for more regular payment of assessed annual contributions and the settlement of arrears to the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning.