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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS

262(XII). Arrangements to promote the development of trade by African countries and particularly of direct intra-African trade

The Conference of Ministers,

Considering the declaration and programmes of action adopted by the Fourth Conference of Heads of State and Government of Non-aligned Countries ^{1/} and the sixth special session of the United Nations General Assembly,

Considering the Declaration adopted by the tenth session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity,

Considering the decisions of international organizations, including the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, in favour of the expansion of international trade and the economic integration of developing countries,

Recognizing the importance of foreign trade for the economic development of the African continent,

Considering the decision of the Organization of African Unity to promote African trade, in particular direct intra-African trade, notably by means of pan-African fairs,

Having regard to the complementary nature of the resources and output of the various African countries,

Convinced of the need to harmonize the trade policies of all States members of the Organization of African Unity and of the Economic Commission for Africa,

Anxious to eliminate continuing tariff and non-tariff barriers to the development of direct intra-African trade,

1. Requests the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa:
 - (a) To make a global study of the trade policies of member States;
 - (b) To prepare a table of complementarities in the output of African countries;
 - (c) To make proposals aimed at accelerating the growth of intra-African trade using an integrated approach to trade, monetary, financial, transport and telecommunications matters;

2. Requests the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to make an active contribution, in close co-operation with the general secretariat of the Organization of African Unity, to preparations for the Conference of Ministers of Trade of the Organization of African Unity to be held at Algiers in the second quarter of 1975:

3. Requests the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to follow up closely the implementation of the resolution of the Dakar Conference of Developing Countries on Raw Materials ^{2/} concerning the establishment of an international trade organization within the United Nations system;

4. Recommends that all member States of the Economic Commission for Africa should participate effectively in their General Assembly of the Association of African Trade Promotion Organizations to be held at Tangier from 31 March to 4 April 1975 and in the Second Pan-African Trade Fair to be held at Algiers in August/September 1976 under the auspices of the Organization of African Unity.

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