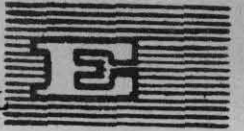


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DEVELOPMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES

Resolution 205(IX) adopted by the Commission at its 153rd plenary meeting on 14 February 1969

The Economic Commission for Africa,

Recognizing the importance of mineral resources in the development of a country's economy,

Appreciating the fact that for inventories of mineral resources to be prepared as a basis for development planning, detailed surveys and investigations will have to be carried out to discover what mineral resources are available and their potentialities;

Noting that a considerable range of modern techniques are available for the carrying out of surveys and investigations and in particular for prospecting for uranium ores which are now in increasing demand,

1. Welcomes the efforts of the secretariat in arranging seminars and conferences on new metals and minerals;

2. Requests:

(a) That the member States, individually or on a multinational basis, should establish institutions for prospecting, evaluating and carrying out necessary investigations on mineral resources in their areas and should take the necessary steps for their development, using available modern techniques;

(b) That the secretariat and UNIDO give the necessary assistance in this regard.