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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS

265 (XII). Use of solar energy in African countries

The Conference of Ministers:

Considering the relative shortage of energy resources in Africa and particularly in the countries of the Sahel,

Considering that the exploitation of existing energy potential, notably from water courses, calls for very large investment, the financing of which demands numerous initiatives on the part of countries without adequate financial resources,

Noting the existence of solar energy and the progress made in experiments carried out in Sahelian Africa, in North Africa and outside Africa to mobilize solar energy to serve development,

Considering that the exploitation of solar energy can contribute to the qualitative and quantitative transformation of the urban and rural economies of the Sahelian areas, in particular through the use of solar-energy pumps for raising water from wells,

Considering the just anxiety of the Sahelian countries to use solar energy for their development, and in view of the progress made by some of those countries in solar energy research and experimentation,

1. Recommends that the Executive Secretary should undertake any action needed to ensure that use is made of the results of solar energy research to benefit the development of African countries, particularly those in the Sahelian zone;

2. Requests the Executive Secretary to do all in his power to provide maximum possible assistance to any African country or group of countries which have undertaken solar energy research, experimentation or exploitation and which request such assistance;

3. Further recommends that the Executive Secretary should support the efforts of existing or future institutions in Africa and should help them to secure the financing required for solar energy research, experimentation or exploitation;

4. Further requests the Executive Secretary to follow closely developments in all matters relating to the use of solar energy in Africa, and to report to it at its forthcoming meetings.

184th meeting,  
28 February 1975.