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269(XII). Integration of African women in national development

The Conference of Ministers.

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 3010 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972 and 3342 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, the recommendations 1/ of the Regional Conference on Education, Vocational Training and Work Opportunities for Girls and Women in Africa held at Rabat in May 1971 and those 2/ of the Regional Seminar for Africa on the Integration of Women in Development, with Special Reference to Population Factors held at Addis Ababa in June 1974,

1. Endorses General Assembly resolution 3275 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974 on International Women's Year;
2. Invites member States to observe the Year by intensifying their efforts to achieve the full integration of women in the total development effort of African countries;
3. Urges the Governments of member States to pay special attention, in their national development plans, to the potential of women as essential human resources for the development effort by providing them, especially in rural areas, with appropriate education and training with emphasis on labour-saving technologies and income-generating activities; by appointing women to positions at the policy-making level; by increasing the number of women in the wage employment sector; and by encouraging the participation of women in all sectors of national life;
4. Invites member States which have not already done so to establish national commissions or women's bureaux, or similar Government machinery, to assure the integration of women in national development, as recommended by the Regional Conference on Education, Vocational Training and Work Opportunities for Girls and Women in Africa;

1/ E/CN.14/SW/36.

2/ See ST/ESA/SER.B/6 and Add.1.

5. Endorses the Commission's plan for the establishment of an African Training and Research Centre for Women to be inaugurated during International Women's Year as one of the Commission's major activities for the Year;

6. Recommends that the Governments of member States should extend their full co-operation and support to the work of the Centre;

7. Urges the Executive Secretary to show his concern for the progress and advancement of women by making a special effort to increase significantly the number of women among the professional staff of the Commission's secretariat.

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