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1. The fifth meeting of the Council of Ministers of the Lusaka-based MULPOC which convened in Lusaka (Zambia) from 23 to 25 March 1982 adopted the following recommendations regarding the Eastern and Southern African Mineral Resources Development Centre with head-quarters in Dodoma, the United Republic of Tanzania:
 - (a) that each Minister of Economic Planning/Development of the countries of the subregion brief their respective national Ministers responsible for mineral resources development regarding the state of the Dodoma Centre;
 - (b) that in the case of a country of the subregion which has either not acceded to the agreement establishing the centre or not paid subscriptions to the institution, the Minister of Economic Planning/Development and his/her counterpart in the sector of mineral resources development would endeavour to speed up action at the national level to effect the active participation of their country in the centre;
 - (c) that all the countries of the subregion should encourage and support the participation of the Directors of their Geological Survey or their equivalents in the meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee of the centre planned to be convened in Dar es Salaam early May 1982;
 - (d) that all the Ministers responsible for mineral resources development in the subregion seriously consider their active participation in the meeting of the Governing Council of the centre scheduled to take place in Dar es Salaam during May 1982 immediately after the meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee;
 - (e) that the MULPOC Council of Ministers would establish a Ministerial Committee to investigate the problems of this institution with a view to recommending solutions to the next Council of Ministers;
 - (f) that the ECA Secretariat should draw the attention of its next Conference of Ministers to the problems facing subregional and regional institutions.

2. With regard to recommendations 1 (a) and (b) above which were for implementation at the national level, the secretariat would wish to invite responses from the member States delegations present at this meeting on measures taken at the national level towards the implementation of these recommendations. To date the countries of the subregion which have acceded to the agreement establishing the Centre and/or paid subscriptions to the institution include the Comoros, Ethiopia, Mozambique, Uganda and the United Republic of Tanzania.

3. As concerns the implementation of recommendations 1 (c) and (d) above, only six countries of the subregion sent delegations to the Technical Advisory Committee and the Governing Council meetings organized by the Centre in Dar es Salaam (Tanzania) during early May 1982. The countries which participated in these meetings were Ethiopia, Mozambique, Somalia, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia.
4. During the time of preparing this document (December 1982), the ECA Executive Secretary and the Chairman of the fifth Council of Ministers of the Lusaka-based MULPOC (the Minister of the National Commission for Development Planning of Zambia) were having consultations with a view to the implementation of recommendation 1 (e) above. It is hoped that should all arrangements anticipated in the implementation of this recommendations materialise before mid-January 1983, a report to that effect will be submitted to the Sixth Lusaka MULPOC's Organs in February 1983.
5. A separate report concerning the activities of the Eastern and Southern Africa Mineral Resources Development Centre will be submitted to the sixth meetings of the Organs of the Lusaka-based MULPOC by a representative of the Centre.
6. On its part, and as requested by the fifth Council of Ministers of the Lusaka-based MULPOC, the ECA Secretariat has continued to draw the attention of member States concerning the problems facing sub-regional and regional institutions at most ECA Policy Organs, but the Secretariat regrets to report the progress in the solution of these problems by member States has so far been disappointingly slow. It is hoped that the report cited under 3 above will propose recommendations to be implemented by member States with a view to solving the problems of membership, subscriptions, participation in the work programme etc. of the Eastern and Southern African Mineral Resources Development Centre.