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PROGRESS REPORT
ON PLEDGES AND CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED
FOR UNITED NATIONS TRUST FUNDS FOR
AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT (UNTFAD)

In recent years, there has been a greater demand by the member States of the Economic Commission for Africa to shift the emphasis of the Commission's work programmes from basic studies and research to operational activities which would intensify co-operative effort for accelerating development at the subregional and other multinational levels, as well as encourage and promote such development programmes and projects at the national level which are likely to stimulate action by African countries towards achieving effective economic and technical co-operation among themselves.

2. Resolutions adopted by the ECA Conference of Ministers and the programmes of work and priorities approved at various sessions of the Commission during the past six years reflect a strong awareness, not only of the need to strengthen economic and technical co-operation among African countries, but also for collective action to be taken in mobilizing the resources required to achieve the objective of making African countries more self-reliant in attaining their development goals.

3. So far, a large proportion of the resource requirements for advancing the development of African countries is still being provided by the developed countries of the world and this source of development assistance is becoming increasingly expensive as a result of world inflationary trends and other factors (political and economic) operating in the developed countries themselves.

4. A significant step in the direction towards self-reliance by African countries was taken by the fourth meeting of the ECA Conference of Ministers at the Thirteenth Session of the Economic Commission for Africa, held in Kinshasa (Zaire) in February/March 1977, during which the Commission adopted resolution 288 (XIII), requesting the Executive Secretary to convene a Pledging Conference of African Government Plenipotentiaries within 60 days following the fourth meeting of the Conference of Ministers in order to review arrangements for voluntary contributions (by member States of the Commission) and to submit a report to the meeting of the Executive Committee immediately following the Conference on the outcome of the Conference of Plenipotentiaries, on the funds received and on the uses to which such funds were being put. A copy of the relevant resolution 288 (XIII) is attached to the Aide Memoire annexed to this document.

5. At the Lagos Pledging Conference held in April 1977, pledges amounting to approximately US\$ 3,800,000 were made by 14 African governments and, since that date, additional pledges have been communicated by other African governments on various occasions. The present position is that out of the 49 member States of ECA, pledges totalling approximately US\$ 5 million have been made by 24 African governments but, so far, only an amount of US\$ 1,634,193 has actually been paid, excluding pledges made in kind by Upper Volta (estimated at US\$ 819,000) and by Zambia (estimated at US\$ 153,000).

6. In view of the important role assigned to the Multinational Programming and Operational Centres (MULPOCs) for co-operative action in promoting and accelerating development at the subregional level in Africa, it is expected that through their active participation in the pledging conferences organized for the mobilization of resources, the member States covered by the various MULPOCs serving the African region will be able to assume responsibility for a significant proportion of the cost of the development programmes and projects established

at the level of the supreme legislative body of their respective intergovernmental organizations. The situation as at 31 December 1978, with regard to the Commission's efforts to mobilize the resources necessary for the execution of the development programmes established by its member States, is far from encouraging. This discouraging state of affairs could be seen from the table furnished below in respect of the countries within each of the various MULPOCs, indicating the pledges made by the African governments concerned, as well as the contributions actually paid by them with regard to their pledges.

A. Countries covered by the Niamey MULPOC (West Africa)

<u>Countries contributing in Cash</u>	<u>Pledges for 1977/78/79 in US dollars</u>	<u>Contribution paid in 1977 in US dollars</u>	<u>Contribution paid in 1978 in US dollars</u>	<u>Unpaid pledges in US dollars</u>
1. Benin	40,000	-	-	40,000
2. Gambia ^{1/}	5,000	-	-	5,000
3. Ghana	50,000	-	50,000	-
4. Liberia	15,000	15,000	-	-
5. Mauritania	10,000	-	-	10,000
6. Nigeria	1,594,896	550,000	535,095	509,801
7. Senegal	150,000	-	52,593	97,407
8. Sierra Leone	40,000	-	-	40,000
Sub-total	1,904,896	565,000	637,688	702,208
<u>Country Contributing in kind</u>				
9. Upper Volta ^{2/}	819,206	-	-	-
Sub-total	2,724,102	565,000	637,688	702,208
B. <u>Countries covered by the Yaounde MULPOC (Central Africa I)</u>				
10. Chad	20,000	-	-	20,000
11. Central African Empire	12,000	-	-	12,000
12. United Republic of Cameroon	40,000	-	-	40,000
Sub-total	72,000	-	-	72,000
Total carried forward	2,796,102	565,000	637,688	774,208

^{1/} The Government of Gambia has informed the ECA secretariat that necessary authorization had been given for payment of its pledged contribution, but the amount has not been received.

^{2/} The contributions in kind made by the Government of Upper Volta is for the provision of buildings, infrastructure and equipment for the Regional Remote Sensing Centre at Ouagadougou and for part of the cost of the operation of the Centre.

C. Countries covered by the Gisenyi MULPOC (Central Africa II)

<u>Countries Contributing in cash</u>	<u>Pledges for 1977/78/79 in US dollars</u>	<u>Contribution Paid in 1977 in US dollars</u>	<u>Contribution paid in 1978 in US dollars</u>	<u>Unpaid pledges in US dollars</u>
Total Brought Forward	2,796,102	565,000	637,688	774,208
13. Burundi	20,000	-	20,000	-
14. Rwanda	15,000	-	15,000	-
15. Zaire	156,976	-	-	156,976
Sub-total	191,976	-	35,000	156,976

D. Countries covered by the Lusaka MULPOC (East and Southern Africa)

16. Ethiopia	73,010	36,505	-	36,505
17. Kenya	59,259	-	-	59,259
18. Mauritius	10,000	-	10,000	-
19. Uganda	10,100	-	-	10,100
20. United Republic of Tanzania	750,000	-	250,000	500,000
Sub-total	902,369	36,505	260,000	605,864
Country Contributing in Kind				
21.. Zambia ^{1/}	153,000	-	-	-
Sub-total	1,055,369	36,505	260,000	605,864

E. Countries covered by the Tangiers MULPOC (North Africa)

22. Algeria ^{2/}	1,000,000	-	-	1,000,000
23. Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	100,000	100,000	-	-
24. Sudan	50,000	-	-	50,000
Sub-total	1,150,000	100,000	-	1,050,000
GRAND TOTAL	5,193,447	701,505	932,688	2,587,048

1/ The Zambian Government contribution in kind is assessed by the Government at US\$ 153,000 in respect of the host facilities it has made available for the Lusaka MULPOC.

2/ The Algerian Government announced two pledges of US\$ 500,000 each; the payment of the second US\$ 500,000 subject to the satisfactory utilization by the ECA secretariat of the first US\$ 500,000. So far the first US\$ 500,000 has not yet been paid.

7. At the Lagos Pledging Conference held in April 1977, it was reported that the estimated resource gap was about US\$ 29,710,000 in respect of the budgetary requirements for the implementation of the Commission's work programme for the biennium 1977-1979, approved by the ECA Conference of Ministers at the Thirteenth Session of the Commission held in Kinshasa (Zaire) in February/March 1977. When the estimated resource gap of US\$ 29,710,000 was calculated shortly before the Lagos Conference, account could not have been taken of additional budgetary requirements resulting from subsequent decisions of the legislative bodies of the various MULPOCs which have established work programmes, covering their respective areas of operation, which require fairly substantial resources for their execution.

8. At the first Pledging Conference of the Plenipotentiaries of African Governments held in Lagos (Nigeria) in April 1977, it was agreed that "such Pledging Conferences shall be held once in every two years during the biennial sessions of the ECA Conference of Ministers, following approval of the Commission's Programme of Work and Priorities by the Conference of Ministers". The 21st Anniversary of the Economic Commission for Africa and the Fifth Meeting of the ECA Conference of Ministers will be held in Rabat (Morocco) from 20 to 28 March 1979 and, in accordance with the decision taken at the Lagos Pledging Conference in April 1977, the next Pledging Conference of Plenipotentiaries of African Governments will be held in Rabat on 29 and 30 March 1979.

9. It is imperative, therefore, that if meaningful efforts are to be made to implement the programme of work and priorities established by the intergovernmental organizations responsible for the activities of the various MULPOCs in the Africa region, the African Governments concerned will need to give a more practical demonstration of the Commission's policy of collective self-reliance by participating effectively at the next Pledging Conference to be held in Rabat in March 1979, and designating their Plenipotentiaries with the necessary credentials and full powers to pledge their Governments' contributions at that Conference. It is also essential that outstanding pledges should be honoured as a matter of extreme urgency. It is accordingly hoped that the governments concerned will arrange to effect payments before the next Pledging Conference in Rabat on 29 and 30 March 1979.

10. Annexed to this document is a copy of an Aide Memoire on the United Nations Trust Fund for African Development (UNTFAD) which was established in June 1976, in consultation with United Nations Headquarters, for the purpose of mobilizing the financial resources required for the implementation of the work programmes approved by the legislative bodies of the intergovernmental organizations of the member States of the Economic Commission for Africa.

AIIDE MEMOIRE ON THE UNITED NATIONS TRUST FUND
FOR AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT (UNITFAD)

ESTABLISHMENT AND OBJECTIVE

The United Nations Trust Fund for African Development was established in June 1976, following consultations between the ECA secretariat and United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The objective in establishing the Fund is to provide a means whereby contributions could be made by donor governments or organisations to assist the ECA secretariat in the implementation of economic and social development programmes for the benefit of African countries, individually and collectively.

NEGOTIATION OF AGREEMENT PROVIDING FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATIONS OF ECA'S PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES

The ECA secretariat and the donor government or organisation concerned may conduct, if necessary, negotiations regarding ECA's programme activities for which the government or organisation is prepared to provide financial assistance. For this purpose a model agreement has been formulated by United Nations Headquarters which is intended to ensure not only uniformity in the basic conditions under which voluntary contributions are made to the United Nations secretariat and its regional commissions, but also to safeguard the rules and regulations established by the General Assembly of the United Nations for the receipt and use of voluntary contributions provided on bilateral technical co-operation arrangements negotiated between donor governments or organisations and the United Nations. A copy of the model Basic Agreement is attached to this Aide Memoire as Annex I.

METHOD OF DEPOSITING CONTRIBUTIONS BY DONOR GOVERNMENTS OR ORGANISATIONS

On the basis of the agreement concluded between prospective donor governments or organisations and the ECA secretariat, arrangement will be made for the financial contributions provided by the prospective donor to be deposited, either in whole or by installments, in the appropriate account established for the United Nations Trust Fund for African Development. In this connection, it should be noted that the Fund is maintained at United Nations Headquarters solely for the use of the ECA secretariat in accomplishing the objectives for which contributions to the Fund are made. The account maintained by ECA in respect of these contributions is as follows:

ECA Account No 015 - 001601

Chemical Bank

United Nations Branch

New York, N.Y. 10017

USA

PURPOSES FOR WHICH CONTRIBUTIONS ARE USED

Contributions made by donor governments or organisations to the United Nations Trust Fund for African Development are used to meet the costs of implementing the particular programme activities for which such contributions are provided, and disbursements out of the Fund are normally incurred for the following purposes:

(i) Expert's or Technician's Costs: Consisting of the salaries, allowances and other personal emoluments in respect of project personnel, consultants and advisers whose services may be secured for the execution of short-term duration projects (i.e. 1 year or under), medium-term projects (i.e. between 1 and 5 years) or long-term projects (i.e. over 5 years). In this connection the Government may, if mutually agreed by the parties of the Basic Agreement, assist the United Nations to identify qualified persons for recruitment. In no case however will expert's or technician's services financed under the Fund be provided to fill ECA regular budget posts which, normally, should be filled by staff members of the United Nations.

(ii) Servicing and Insurance Costs: Consisting of administrative services and other supporting costs, and necessary insurance coverage in accordance with United Nations rules and regulations.

(iii) International and Intra-African Travel Costs: Consisting of the international travelling expenses of a project personnel, consultant or adviser from his home-country to his duty station in Africa and return, and his intra-African travelling and subsistence expenses during official missions.

(iv) Manpower Training Costs: Consisting of the costs of institutional or in-service-training schemes in selected fields for Africans from various African countries.

(v) Equipment Costs: Consisting of the costs of expendable and non-expendable supplies and equipment.

(vi) Supplementary and other Essential Costs: Consisting of the costs of organising and convening workshops, seminars, conferences, in respect of matters relating to the formulation, implementation, review and evaluation of specific programmes and projects.

CONTRIBUTIONS DERIVED FROM THE PLEDGING CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN
GOVERNMENT PLENIPOTENTIARIES

At the Thirteenth session of the Economic Commission for Africa held in Kinshasa from 24 February to 3 March 1977, the Conference of Ministers considered a recommendation of the Fifteenth meeting of the Executive Committee held in Algiers in October 1976, dealing with the Mobilisation of Resources for the Implementation of ECA's Medium-term

Plan for the Programming Cycles 1976-1981 and 1982-1986. In resolution 288(XIII) adopted by the ECA Conference of Ministers, the Executive Secretary of the Commission is requested to "convene a conference of plenipotentiaries of member States within 60 days following the fourth meeting of the Conference of Ministers in order to review arrangements for such voluntary contributions and to submit a report to the meeting of the Executive Committee, immediately following the Conference, on the outcome of the meeting of plenipotentiaries on the funds received and on the uses to which such funds are being put". At Annex II is a copy of the relevant resolution 288(XIII).

At the first Pledging Conference of the Plenipotentiaries of African Governments held in Lagos (Nigeria) in April 1977, it was agreed that "such Pledging Conferences shall be held once in every two years during the biennial sessions of the ECA Conference of Ministers, following approval of the Commission's Programme of Work and Priorities by the Conference of Ministers."

Financial contributions received from African governments and organisations as well as contributions made to the Fund by non-African governments and organisations, on bilateral technical co-operation arrangements with the ECA secretariat, will be deposited in the United Nations Trust Fund for African Development in accordance with special arrangements to be negotiated with the donor governments or organisations concerned. In this connection, please refer to Annex III containing the Rules of Procedure of the Pledging Conference of African Government Plenipotentiaries.

AGREEMENT COVERING GRANT MADE BY
THE GOVERNMENT OF _____
TO THE UNITED NATIONS FOR THE USE OF
THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA
(UNITED NATIONS TRUST FUND FOR AFRICAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT)

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into on the day of
19... by and between the Government of
acting through.....
(hereinafter referred to as "the Government") and the United Nations, acting
through the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (hereinafter referred
to as "ECA").

WITNESSETH THAT:

1. WHEREAS the Government and ECA are mutually interested in assisting African countries in their efforts to accelerate economic and social progress throughout the continent of Africa;
2. WHEREAS ECA has identified areas of assistance which are compatible with the above objective particularly for programmes which will benefit the majority of people in African countries;
3. WHEREAS the Government desires to assist ECA in implementing such programmes through contributions to the United Nations Trust Fund for African Economic and Social Development (hereinafter referred to as "the Development Fund").

NOW THEREFORE, the parties to this Agreement hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I - PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT

1. The purpose of this Agreement is to set forth agreed provisions that will apply to grants made by the Government for the benefit of member States of ECA during the term and within the scope of this Agreement.
2. It is the Government's intention to provide to ECA, for purposes and within the scope of this Agreement over a period of years from the date thereof, subject to the availability of funds and other considerations exclusively within the discretion of the Government, a grant amounting to

Such grant shall be considered to be a contribution to the Development Fund and shall be administered in accordance with the financial rules and regulations of the United Nations. The schedule of payments will be formalized through an exchange of letters between the Government and ECA.

ARTICLE II - TERM OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement comes into effect as from the day of
and expires on the day of 19

ARTICLE III - SCOPE OF GRANT PROGRAMME AND PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Except as both parties may otherwise agree the grant provided under this Agreement shall be limited to the provision of assistance for the general implementation of the approved Programme of Work and Priorities of ECA or of specific elements thereof.

ARTICLE IV - PURPOSES FOR WHICH GRANTS SHALL BE USED

1. Except as both parties may otherwise agree, financial contributions which may be provided through the Government's assistance hereunder will be limited to the following:

- (i) Expert's or Technician's Costs: Consisting of the salaries, allowances and other personal emoluments in respect of project personnel, consultants and advisers whose services may be secured for the execution of short-term duration projects (i.e. 1 year or under), medium-term projects (i.e. between 1 and 5 years) or long-term projects (i.e. over 5 years). In this connection, the Government may, if mutually agreed by the parties to this Agreement, assist the United Nations to identify qualified persons for recruitment. In no case however will such personnel have the status of regular members of the United Nations secretariat subject to the Staff Rules in the 100 series.
- (ii) Servicing and Insurance Costs: Consisting of administrative services and other supporting costs, and necessary insurance coverage in accordance with United Nations rules and regulations.

(iii) International and Intra-African Travel Costs: Consisting of the international travelling expenses of a project personnel, consultant or adviser from his home-country to his duty station in Africa and return, and his intra-African travelling and subsistence expenses during official missions.

(iv) Manpower Training Costs: Consisting of the costs of institutional or in-service training schemes in selected fields for Africans from various African countries.

(v) Equipment Costs: Consisting of the costs of expendable and non-expendable supplies and equipment.

(vi) Supplementary and Other Essential Costs: Consisting of the costs of organizing and convening workshops, seminars, conferences in respect of matters relating to the formulation, implementation, review and evaluation of specific programmes and projects.

2. Subject to United Nations procedures regarding trust funds, ECA may submit programmes and project proposals pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement.

3. ECA agrees to endeavour to enlist the co-operation of other donor governments or organizations to make contributions to the Development Fund under a similar grant agreement to provide resources for the implementation of programmes and projects designed to promote African economic and social development.

ARTICLE V - CONSULTATION AND CO-ORDINATION

The parties to this Agreement shall consult with each other at the request of either party concerning the operation of this Agreement.

ARTICLE VI - RELEASE OF FUNDS

Funds may be made available to ECA upon such terms as may be mutually agreed upon in writing by and between the parties to this Agreement.

ARTICLE VII - SPECIAL PROVISIONS

1. The ECA secretariat shall submit annually to all member States of ECA a narrative report describing the up-to-date progress made in each of the programmes and projects to which the Governments' funds were applied, including where applicable support from other sources. The first of such reports shall be submitted within twelve months of the effective date of this Agreement.
2. Each of the parties hereto shall have the right at all reasonable times to observe operations carried out under this Agreement.
3. Financial records, including documentation to support entries on accounting records and to substantiate charges for programmes and projects for which the Governments' funds are provided, shall be kept in accordance with United Nations accounting rules and regulations.
4. Either party may terminate this Agreement by giving the other party thirty (30) days written notice of intention to terminate it. Funds contributed by the Government and still held by ECA, on termination of this Agreement, may be utilized to meet expenditures necessary in the liquidation of arrangements entered into by ECA pursuant to this Agreement, provided such arrangements were entered into prior to termination of this Agreement. Such expenditures shall be kept to the minimum. A complete statement of such expenditures shall be furnished to the Government and if additional contributions are required to meet such expenditures, they shall be provided by the Government.
5. No member of the Government shall be admitted to any share or part of this Agreement or to any benefit that may arise therefrom, unless the parties to this Agreement agree in writing that exceptional circumstances exist whereby a contract can be entered into with a department or servant of the Government, in accordance with United Nations rules and regulations, to provide goods or services to ECA for which remuneration or compensation is to be made out of any part of the funds provided by the Government under this Agreement.
6. This Agreement shall be amended by the parties hereto and any such amendment shall be signed only by the parties or their authorized representatives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Government of.....
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and the United Nations, acting through the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, have caused this Agreement to be executed.

FOR THE UNITED NATIONS

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF.....
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Sgd. by:..... Sgd. by:.....

ADEBAYO ADEDEJI

Title: EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
UNITED NATIONS
ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA

Title:

Date:..... Date:

288 (XIII). Mobilization of resources for the implementation of the medium term plans of the Economic Commission for Africa, 1976-1981 and 1982-1986

The Conference of Ministers,

Mindful of Commission resolutions 207 (IX) of 14 February 1969, 221 (X) of 13 February 1971 and 256 (XII) of 28 February 1975, and Economic and Social Council resolution 2043 (LXI) of 5 August 1976,

Noting with satisfaction the work undertaken by the Executive Committee and the secretariat in consultation with the States members of the Commission in preparing a "Revised framework of principles for the implementation of the new international economic order in Africa, 1976-1981-1986", 1/

Noting also the medium-term plan for 1976-1981, formulated by the secretariat on the basis of the "Revised framework of principles for the implementation of the new international economic order in Africa" and approved by the Executive Committee at its fourteenth meeting held in June 1976,

Commending the revised programme of work and priorities for 1978 and 1979, 2/

Affirming the determination of the States members of the Commission to establish the conditions and machinery for, and to accelerate the process of, self-sustaining growth and diversification of production on the basis of an increasing measure of national and collective self-reliance with the object of effectively reducing unemployment and mass poverty,

Recognizing that the implementation of the medium-term plan 3/ and the work programmes require resources over and above those likely to be provided from within the United Nations system,

Endorsing the establishment of a United Nations Trust Fund for African Development,

Appreciative of the bilateral contributions made to the resources of the Commission by donor Governments and organizations outside the African region,

Welcoming the initiative taken by the President of the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa and the Executive Secretary of the Commission in establishing working arrangements for effective co-operation between the Bank and the Commission in providing financial and other resources for the implementation of development programmes and projects within the African region in the spirit of Afro-Arab co-operation,

1/ E/CN.14/ECO/90/Rev.3.

2/ See part IV.

3/ E/CN.14/TECO/31/Rev.2 and Rev.2/Corr.1.

Welcoming also the offer made by the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to provide host facilities for the proposed Pledging Conference of African Government Plenipotentiaries to mobilize resources for the implementation of the work programmes of the Commission,

1. Urges member States to contribute substantial additional resources required for the implementation of the Commission's medium-term plan and work programmes in a manner which will enable the secretariat to execute the medium-term plan and work programmes efficiently and without delay.

2. Calls upon States members of the Commission to make their contributions in cash or in kind, as well as through technical assistance arrangements;

3. Requests the Executive Secretary to convene a Pledging Conference of African Government Plenipotentiaries within 60 days following the fourth meeting of the Conference of Ministers in order to review arrangements for such voluntary contributions and to submit a report to a meeting of the Executive Committee immediately following the Conference on the outcome of the Conference of Plenipotentiaries, on the funds received and on the uses to which such funds are being put;

4. Further requests the Executive Secretary to ensure that, to the maximum extent possible, experts recruited on the basis of part of the additional resources mobilized by member States should be selected from African countries;

5. Invites the Executive Committee to give the Executive Secretary every assistance possible in his efforts to mobilize the resources required from States members of the Commission;

6. Urges donor Governments and organizations, in providing development assistance, to co-operate in ensuring that African developing countries benefit from the best and most economical arrangements for aid and to ensure that, as far as is practicable, such aid is not tied to the provision of expertise from the donor Government or organization concerned;

7. Invites the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa, in the spirit of Afro-Arab co-operation, to give every material assistance required to the secretariat of the Commission in the implementation of the Commission's programme of work and priorities;

8. Further requests the Executive Secretary to negotiate all necessary arrangements with the appropriate authorities of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to secure the required host facilities for the proposed Conference of Plenipotentiaries, to be held in Lagos from 26 April to 1 May 1977;

9. Invites the Executive Secretary to pursue his efforts to secure additional bilateral contributions from non-African donor countries.

ANNEX III

RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE CONFERENCE

SECTION 1

EligibilityRule I

The Governments of member States of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa shall be eligible to full membership of the Pledging Conference and African or African-associated Finance Institutions established to promote economic and social development in the Africa region shall be eligible to membership as Associate Members of the Conference.

SECTION 2

Representation and submission of credentialsRule II

The Government of each member State participating in the Pledging Conference shall designate a person of ministerial rank or other high-level official as its representative with full powers to make commitments in regard to the pledging of contributions which that Government deems fit to donate towards the accomplishment of the main objectives for which such contributions are intended. An African or African-associated Finance Institution shall similarly designate a high-level official as its representative at the Pledging Conference.

Rule III

The Plenipotentiary designated to represent each participating Government or Finance Institution, alternate representatives and other members of the Government's or Institution's delegation to the Pledging Conference shall be required to submit their credentials to the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa or his accredited representative within a reasonable time before the opening of the Conference, or at the earliest possible opportunity following their arrival to participate in the Conference, provided that no representative of a Government or Finance Institution shall participate in any of the deliberations of the Conference before he has submitted his credentials.

SECTION 3

Election and nomination of officers of the ConferenceRule IV

The Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur shall be elected from among the heads of the Government delegations participating in the Conference. If the Chairman is absent from a meeting or any part thereof, one of the Vice-Chairman shall preside.

Rule V

The officer presiding as Chairman of a meeting or any part thereof shall not be entitled to vote at such a meeting, but may nominate either his alternate or any other member of his Government's delegation to vote at the meeting.

SECTION 4

Functions of the ECA secretariat in respect of the Pledging ConferenceRule VI

The Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa in collaboration with the host Government, shall be responsible for making all the necessary arrangements for the meetings of the Pledging Conference. He shall also organize and make available all such facilities of the ECA secretariat and its staff as may be necessary and practicable for the efficient conduct and administration of the Conference.

SECTION 5

Conference documents, official reports and other recordsRule VII

The secretariat of the Economic Commission for Africa shall be responsible for the preparation and distribution of the relevant conference documents and for the production and distribution of the official records and other records of the Conference, as well as annual reports and statements of account in regard to the implementation of projects and other programme activities for which pledging contributions are provided.

SECTION 6

Voting and conduct of the business of the ConferenceRule VIII

Each participating Government of the member States of the Economic Commission for Africa shall be entitled to only one vote at meetings of the Pledging Conference. African or African-associated Finance Institutions attending the Conference shall participate in its deliberations, but shall not exercise the right to vote.

Rule IX

The representatives of a majority of the member States participating in the Pledging Conference shall constitute a quorum.

Rule X

The representatives of the Governments participating in the Pledging Conference shall determine, at their discretion, the meeting times and other matters not covered by these rules, regarding the conduct of the business of the Conference.

SECTION 7

Invitation and exclusion of the public in respect of meetings of the Conference

Rule XI

Apart from persons or organizations invited to attend the opening session of the Pledging Conference by the Government of the country serving as host of the Conference, the representatives of the participating Governments of the member States of the Economic Commission for Africa shall decide, at their absolute discretion, whether to invite members of the public to attend any of the meetings of the Conference.

SECTION 8

Reference to the rules of procedure of the Economic Commission for Africa

Rule XII

Generally, in the event that the present rules of procedure do not provide for any matter of procedure which may arise for determination at meetings of the Pledging Conference, the rules of procedure of the Economic Commission for Africa shall be adopted, as considered appropriate by the presiding Chairman at the meeting, to deal with such matters.

SECTION 9

Opening of the Pledging

Rule XIII

The Chairman of the Pledging Conference shall make a statement announcing the opening of the pledging session, and shall invite the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to introduce the Programme of Work and Priorities approved at the last session of the Conference of Ministers of ECA and the budgetary implications of such programme.

Rule XIV

The Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa shall make a presentation of the Commission's approved Programme of Work and Priorities and the budgetary requirements, explaining the type and estimated cost of the resources required, the resources already available and the requirements in respect of each of the projects and other programme activities, in their order of priority, for the implementation of which the participating Governments are expected to provide their contributions. In this presentation, the Executive Secretary may be assisted by his advisers in the ECA secretariat.

SECTION 10

Pledging of voluntary contributions by the
Plenipotentiaries of participating Governments
and Finance Institutions

Rule XV

Immediately following the Executive Secretary's presentation of the budgetary implications of the Commission's Programme of Work and Priorities and the deliberations thereon, the Chairman of the Pledging Conference shall invite the Plenipotentiaries of the participating Governments and Finance Institutions to pledge their respective contributions.

Rule XVI

(a) The Plenipotentiary of each participating member State and Finance Institution shall announce his Government's or Institution's contribution, indicating the amount of resources pledged. In addition, Plenipotentiaries may pledge expert services, equipment, or such other resources as may be required for the implementation of a project or other programme activity.

(b) Member States and African and African-associated Finance Institutions which are unable to make a pledge or participate at a Pledging Conference may nevertheless subsequently make pledges and transmit them to the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa as soon as possible after the holding of a Pledging Conference.

SECTION 11

Preparation of records of contributions
pledged by participating Governments

Rule XVII

The ECA secretariat shall prepare an official record of the contributions announced by each Plenipotentiary.

SECTION 12

Arrangements for receiving contributions

Rule XVIII

The Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa shall make all necessary arrangements for receiving various types of contributions from each member State or Finance Institution which has pledged such contributions towards the implementation of the Commission's work programme.

SECTION 13

Arrangements for the deposit of financial contributions in the account of the United Nations Trust Fund for African Development

Rule XIX

The Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa shall negotiate with the appropriate authorities of each member State or Institution which has pledged financial contributions the arrangements whereby such contributions are to be deposited in convertible currency into the account of the United Nations Trust Fund for African Development maintained at United Nations Headquarters.

SECTION 14

Submission of reports and statements of account of contributions

Rule XX

(a) After the close of each United Nations financial year, the ECA secretariat shall submit to the appropriate authorities of all the Governments of the States Members of the Economic Commission for Africa and institutions eligible to make pledges under these Rules, an annual report, together with a statement of account, in regard to the use of the resources pledged for the implementation of the work programmes of the Commission.

(b) Such annual report and statement of accounts shall also be submitted to the Executive Committee of the Economic Commission for Africa.

SECTION 15

Pledging Conference to be held once every two years

Rule XXI

The Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa shall make all necessary arrangements for the convening of a Pledging Conference of Plenipotentiaries of African Governments and African or African-associated Finance Institutions to consider matters relating to their continued support for the implementation of the approved Work Programmes and Priorities of the Commission. Such Pledging Conference shall be held once every two years during the biennial sessions of the ECA Conference of Ministers, following approval of the Commission's Programme of Work and Priorities by the Conference of Ministers.

SECTION 16

Amendment of these Rules of Procedure

Rule XXII

These Rules of Procedure may be amended by a majority of the participating Governments of the States members of the Pledging Conference.