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Niamey, Niger

A. PREPARATION FOR THE 15TH SESSION OF ECA  
AND THE 6TH MEETING OF THE  
CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS

B. PREPARATION FOR THE 1980 ECONOMIC SUMMIT  
OF AFRICAN HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

The purpose of this paper is to inform the meeting and have its comments and suggestions about the subjects to be discussed at the 15th session/6th meeting of the Conference of Ministers of ECA which will be held from 9 to 12 April 1980 in Addis Ababa (Ethiopia). The Conference will be preceded by the first meeting of the Technical Preparatory Committee of the whole set up at the 14th session/5th meeting of the Conference of Ministers of ECA held in Rabat (Morocco), 20-28 March 1979. The Provisional Agenda for these meetings is attached. (see Annex I).

As you know, the conclusions and recommendations of that Conference will be brought to the attention of African Heads of State and Government at their extraordinary Summit devoted to economic problems of the African Continent which will take place in Lagos, pursuant to resolution AHG/Res. 96 (XVI) Rev. 1 (attached) of the Monrovia Summit, July 1979. (see Annex IV).

Attached also: (see Annex II and Annex III).

- The Monrovia Strategy for the Economic Development of Africa (CM/Res. 782 (XXXIII)); and
- The Monrovia Declaration of Commitment, on Guidelines and Measures for National and Collective Self-reliance in Social and Economic Development (AHG.ST.3 (XVI) Rev. 2.

ANNEX I

ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA

First meeting of the Technical  
Preparatory Committee of the  
Whole

Addis Ababa, 3-8 April 1980

Fifteenth session/sixth  
meeting of the Conference  
of Ministers

Addis Ababa, 9-12 April 1980

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Election of Officers
3. Adoption of the Agenda and organization of work
4. Review and appraisal of socio-economic situation in Africa in 1978/1979 and the 1970s and the prospects for the 1980s
5. Appraisal of international economic relations as factors in African development
6. African Development Strategy in the framework of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade:
  - (a) Follow-up action on the decisions of the Conference of Ministers at its fifth session on African Development Strategy in the framework of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade;
  - (b) Translation of the Strategy into operational terms at national, subregional and regional levels:
    - (i) Food and agriculture;
    - (ii) Industry;
    - (iii) Natural resources;
    - (iv) Human resources development, including development of indigenous entrepreneurship;
    - (v) Science and technology for development;
    - (vi) Transport and communications;
    - (vii) Trade and finance (domestic, intra-African and foreign);
    - (viii) Socio-cultural matters;

- (ix) Institutions building for economic and technical co-operation including measures for strengthening existing ones;
  - (x) Environment and development;
  - (xi) Comprehensive New Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries;
  - (xii) Measures for the establishment of an African economic community.
7. Report of the thirty-fourth session of the General Assembly as it affects African socio-economic development.
8. Global preparation for the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade:
- (a) Progress report on the work of the United Nations Preparatory Committee of the Whole for the preparations for the Third United Nations Development Decade;
  - (b) Preparations for the United Nations General Assembly 1980 Special Session on Progress in Implementing the Declaration and Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order.
9. Reports from the subsidiary bodies of the Conference of Ministers:
- (i) Report of the first session of the Joint Conference of African Planners; Statisticians and Demographers;
  - (ii) Report of the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development;
  - (iii) Report of the fifth Conference of African Ministers of Industry;
  - (iv) Report of the Conference of African Ministers of Trade;
  - (v) Report of the second meeting of the United Nations Inter-Agency Working Group on the Integration of Women in Development in Africa;
  - (vi) Report of the second Regional Conference on the Integration of Women in Development.
10. Other matters

11. *Date and place of the next meeting*
12. *consideration of resolutions and adoption of the report:*
  - (a) *Report of the first meeting of the Technical Preparatory Committee of the Whole;*
  - (b) *Consideration of resolutions by the Conference of Ministers;*
  - (c) *Report of the sixth meeting of the Conference of Ministers/fifteenth session of the Commission;*
  - (d) *Decisions and recommendations for consideration by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government at its extraordinary session on economic problems of Africa.*

## ANNEX II

MONROVIA STRATEGY FOR THE  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF AFRICA

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity Meeting in its Thirty-third Ordinary Session in Monrovia, Liberia, from 6 to 20 July, 1979,

Having considered the Interim Report of the Secretary-General on the Development and Economic Integration of Africa [Doc. CM/988 (XXXIII)],

Bearing in mind Resolution CM/ST 12 adopted at the Tenth Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in May 1973, which contains the African Declaration on Co-operation, Development and Economic Independence,

Recalling further the findings of the Eleventh Extraordinary Session of the Council of Ministers held in Kinshasa in December 1976,

Recalling Resolutions CM/Res. 682 (XXXIII), CM/Plen. Res. 11 (XXXII) of the Thirty-Second Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers held in Nairobi from 23 February to 3 March 1979,

Having considered the strategy for African development by the United Nations Third Development Decade recommended by the fifth meeting of the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa in Rabat in March 1979,

Bearing in mind the highly pessimistic projections made by African scholars and experts of the economic future of the continent during the Colloquium on Perspectives of Development and Economic Growth in Africa up to the year 2000 held in Monrovia from 12 to 15 February 1979, under the auspices of the OAU and ECA,

Bearing in mind the inadequate participation of the African region in the formulation and implementation of the First and Second United Nations Development Strategies, as well as the need to prevent the excessive dependence of Africa on other regions, even for food requirements,

Determined to establish development and economic growth in terms of the region's own resources and innate capabilities consistent with its own cultural values, social systems and its dignity.

PART I - DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

1. ENDORSES the development strategy for Africa in the Third Development Decade as prepared by the 5th Meeting of the Conference of Ministers held in Rabat in March 1979 and the 14th Session of the Economic Commission for Africa;
2. RECOMMENDS that the General Assembly of the United Nations, consider this strategy as an integral part of the International Strategy for the Third Development Decade;
3. CALLS UPON THE OAU, the ECA and other regional institutions in collaboration with appropriate international organizations to take vigorous steps to ensure the implementation of the recommendations of the Colloquium on Perspectives of Development and Economic Growth in Africa up to the year 2000;
4. CALLS UPON member States to use the recommendations of the African Development Strategy for the Third Development Decade as a basis for the formulation of their development plans;
5. INVITES the OAU, ECA and other regional and international organizations to give all necessary assistance to member States in the formulation and implementation of such plans;

PART II - AFRICAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY

6. AFFIRMS the establishment of an African Economic Community as an integral part of the African Strategy for Economic Development and Growth;
7. CALLS UPON the OAU in consultation with the ECA and other regional institutions to draw up a programme for the establishment of an African Economic Community, and to this end calls for the convening of:
  - (a) a meeting of governmental experts to study all questions relating to the creation of an African Economic Community;
  - (b) a ministerial meeting of plenipotentiaries to consider and endorse the recommendations of the governmental group of experts; and
  - (c) a meeting of experts to be established by the OAU in co-operation with the ECA to prepare the text of treaty establishing an African Economic Community;

8. REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the OAU to report regularly to the Council of Ministers on the development of this matter;
9. CONGRATULATES the Secretary-General of the OAU and Executive Secretary of ECA for their contributions to the success of the Colloquium;
10. DECIDES to adopt the report of the Monrovia Colloquium and the text relating to the Development Strategy of Africa for the Third Development Decade, and the Declaration of the Commitment of Heads of State and Government;
11. FURTHER DECIDES that, in appreciation of the role that Liberia played in hosting the Colloquium, the development for Africa be called Monrovia Strategy for the Development of Africa and the Declaration of Commitment be called the Monrovia Declaration of Commitment;
12. DECIDES to submit the documents of the Monrovia Colloquium for the approval of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity.



ANNEX III

MONROVIA DECLARATION OF COMMITMENT OF THE HEADS  
OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT, OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN  
UNITY ON GUIDELINES AND MEASURES FOR NATIONAL AND  
COLLECTIVE SELF-RELIANCE IN SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW  
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER

We the Heads of State and Government of the Organisation  
of African Unity;

Recalling our resolution CM/ST.12 (XXI) endorsed by the  
Tenth Ordinary Session of the Organisation of African Unity  
held in Addis Ababa on 25 May 1973 containing the African  
Declaration of Co-operation, Development and Economic  
Independence;

Recalling the recommendations of the 11th Extraordinary  
Session of the Council of Ministers of the OAU on Economic  
Development and co-operation held in Kinshasa in December 1976;

Having taken note of the Interim Report of the Secretary-  
General on Development and Economic Integration of Africa  
contained in Doc CM/983 (XXXIII) including its annex I -  
Colloquium on the prospects for Development and Economic  
Growth in Africa especially to the year 2000 - and annex II  
Development Strategy for Africa for the Third United Nations  
Development Decade;

Aware of the fact that Africa is a vast continent amply  
endowed with natural resources of all kinds, provided with  
a potentially rich human resource base and capable of a  
rapid transformation of its economies and improvement in the  
standards of living of its peoples;

Determined to ensure that our member States individually  
and collectively restructure their economic and social  
strategies and programmes so as to achieve rapid socio-  
economic change and to establish a solid domestic and intra-  
African base for a self-sustaining, self-reliant development  
and economic growth;

Realizing that the political regime which protects basic  
human right and democratic freedom is essential for  
mobilizing the creative initiative of our people for rapid  
economic development including scientific and technological  
innovation;

*Recognising the need to take urgent action to provide the political support necessary for the success of measures to achieve the goals of rapid self-reliance and self-sustaining development and economic growth;*

HEREBY DECLARES AS FOLLOWS:

1. That we commit ourselves individually and collectively on behalf of our governments and peoples to promote the social and economic development and integration of our economies with a view to achieving an increasing measure of self-reliance and self-sustainment;
2. That we commit ourselves individually and collectively on behalf of our governments and peoples to promote the economic integration of the African region in order to facilitate and re-inforce social and economic intercourse;
3. That we commit ourselves individually and collectively, on behalf of our governments and peoples to establish national, subregional and regional institutions which will facilitate the attainment of objectives of self-reliance and self-sustainment;
4. That, more specifically, we commit ourselves individually and collectively on behalf of our governments and peoples to:
  - (a) Give an important place to the field of human resources development by States to eliminate illiteracy;
  - (b) Put science and technology in the service of development by reinforcing autonomous capacity of our countries in this field;
  - (c) Self-sufficiency in food production and supply;
  - (d) Complete implementation of the programme for the United Nations Transport and Communications Decade for Africa;
  - (e) Subregional and regional internally located industrial development;
  - (f) Co-operation in the field of natural resources control, exploration, extraction and use for the development of our economies and for the benefit of our peoples and the setting up of appropriate institutions to achieve these purposes;

- (g) The development of indigenous entrepreneurial, technical manpower and technological capabilities to enable our peoples to assume greater responsibility for the achievement of our individual and collective development goals;
  - (h) Co-operation in the preservation, protection and improvement of the natural environment;
  - (i) Ensure that our development policies reflect adequately our socio-cultural values in order to reinforce our cultural identity;
  - (j) Take into account the dimension of the future in the elaboration of our development plans including studies and measures aimed at achieving the rapid socio-economic transformation of our States.
5. We hold firmly to the view that these commitments will lead to the creation at the national, subregional and regional levels of a dynamic inter-dependent African economy and will thereby pave the way for the eventual establishment of an African Common Market leading to an African Economic Community.
6. Resolving to give special attention to the discussion of economic issues at each annual session of our Assembly, we hereby call on the Administrative Secretary-General, in collaboration with the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, to draw up annually specific programmes and measures for economic co-operation on subregional, regional and continental basis in Africa.

ANNEX IV

RESOLUTION ON HOLDING AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION  
OF THE ASSEMBLY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT  
ON ECONOMIC PROBLEMS OF AFRICA

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity meeting at its Sixteenth Ordinary Session in Monrovia, Liberia, from 17-20 July 1979;

Noting with grave concern that Africa remains the least developed region of the world;

Convinced that the time has come when close attention should be paid to the problems of socio-economic transformation of member States of the Organization with a view to raising the living standard of the peoples of Africa;

Further convinced that the rapid economic development of member States will also enhance their political stability;

Reaffirming the determination of the leaders of Africa, in the present circumstances of world economic system, to achieve the objectives of socio-economic transformation of member States of the Organization, through well-articulated programmes of collective self-reliance;

Recalling resolution CM/ST.12 (XXI) endorsed by the Tenth Ordinary Session of the Organization of African Unity held in Addis Ababa on 25 May 1973 containing the African Declaration of Co-operation, Development and Economic Independence;

Considering the necessity of translating the "Monrovia Strategy for Economic Development for Africa" into reality;

1. DECIDES to hold an Extraordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government in Nigeria before the next Ordinary Session of the Summit or as soon as possible thereafter, devoted exclusively to the consideration of the economic problems facing Africa;
2. DIRECTS The Administrative Secretary-General of the Organization, in close co-operation with the Executive Secretary of the UN Economic Commission for Africa and the Ministers of member States responsible for Economic Development, to prepare the grounds for the proposed Extraordinary Session so as to facilitate a fruitful discussion of the economic problems of Africa by the Heads of State and government. .