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1. The strategic base of ECA's activities on behalf of the least developed countries is set out in the Revised Framework of Principles for the Implementation of the New International Economic Order in Africa, E/CN.14/ECO/90/Rev. 3 which was replaced by the Development Strategy for Africa for the Third Development Decade as adopted by the Conference of Ministers at its fifth meeting held in Rabat during March 1979 in resolution 332(XIV). The broad objectives of the Strategy are:

- (a) The establishment of self-sustaining, internally located processes of development and economic growth at the national and/or multinational level;
- (b) Subregional and regional collective self-reliance;
- (c) Development of human resources to ensure their greater participation in the development process;
- (d) Broad-based participation in the development process concurrent and consistent with the equitable distribution of the gains of socio-economic development;
- (e) Acceleration of the industrialization process on the continent in the context of the social and economic environment of each country and not as a simple importation of foreign industrialization patterns.

2. The programme of work and priorities for the least developed countries for the biennium 1980-1981 is a sub-programme of the programme of work of the Socio-Economic Research and Planning Division which was approved by the Conference of Ministers at its fifth meeting held in Rabat during March 1979 and which appears as programme 9.240 in pages 15-22 of document E/CN.14/707/Rev.1 - E/CN.14/TECO/Rev. 1 entitled Programme of Work and Priorities for 1980-1981.

3. Programme 9.240 is divided into the following sub-programmes: (a) 9.241 - Development Trends, Requirements and Possibilities; (b) 9.242 - Planning and Projections; (c) 9.243 - Socio-economic Research; 9.244 - Least developed and land-locked African countries, and (d) 9.245 - Fiscal, monetary and financial issues at the national level.

4. In respect of the African least developed countries, the activities of ECA are of two types: (a) those activities specifically designed for the least developed countries alone and (b) those activities which are carried out within the framework of the programmes and projects designed for member States as a whole. Activities in respect of the least developed countries appear under different programmes. They have all been assembled under one heading - sub-programme 9.244 - in pages 18-21 of the above mentioned document. Projects of the Socio-Economic Research and Planning Division pertaining to the least developed countries are listed here by project number and title. Projects

falling under other sectoral programmes are listed by number only. For details of the latter projects, reference should be made to the appropriate programmes in other parts of the document.

5. In the light of its deliberations on the requirements of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the least developed countries, the Conference may wish to make appropriate recommendations on the programme of work for the consideration of the Conference of Ministers at its sixth meeting to be held from April 1980.

6. The Conference may also wish to make recommendations on strengthening the machinery for establishing priorities for the least developed countries and for co-ordinating and monitoring the activities on their behalf. In this regard, the Conference may wish to explore the desirability or otherwise of institutionalizing the Conference on the Problems and Prospects of the African Least Developed Countries, as a periodic high-level meeting which should report regularly to the Conference of Ministers. In view of the heavy and continuous technical work and monitoring activities that are required in connexion with the development problems of these countries during the Third United Nations Development Decade, the Conference may also wish to examine the desirability or otherwise of establishing an adequately staffed unit within the ECA secretariat to be responsible, in close collaboration with the other substantive divisions, for the necessary technical and monitoring work. Such a unit will also service the Conference on the Problems and Prospects of the African Least Developed Countries and all other Commissions' meetings connected with the problems of African Least Developed Countries.

7. For easy cross reference to projects falling under the different sectoral programmes of ECA Annex I is attached. The page numbering refers to documents E/CN.14/707/Rev.1, E/CN.14/TECO/41/Rev.1 dated 16 November 1979 submitted to this Conference.

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Origin: General Assembly resolutions 2626(XXV), 3201(S-VI) and 3202(S-VI); Commission resolutions 218(X), 256(XII) and 319(XIII); Declaration on Industrialization in Africa; Principles and guidelines for co-operation and development, adopted by the Second Conference of African Ministers of Industry in December 1973; Lima Declaration and Plan of Action on Industrial Development and Co-operation, adopted by the Second General Conference of UNIDO in March 1975; Agreed conclusions of the third and fourth Conference of African Ministers of Industry held in December 1975 and November 1977 respectively; Revised framework of Principles for the implementation of the New International Economic Order in Africa 1976-1981-1986 adopted by the ECA Conference of Ministers in 1977 and approved by the fourteenth Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of States and Government of the Organization of African Unity in 1977.

Project aim: To assist African policy makers and those involved in industrialization in identifying the characteristics of existing basic industries in African countries; in formulating sectoral plans, policies, strategies, targets, programmes and projects; in identifying linkages within the sectors and with other sectors of the economy; in organizing industrial training programmes, workshops and seminars; in the promotion of establishment-strengthening of supporting institutions and services; and in the development of a core of basic industries.

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