

1993/66. Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling resolution 710 (XXVI) of 12 May 1991 of the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa,¹⁶⁹ in which the Conference of Ministers adopted the programme for the Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,

Recalling also its resolution 1991/83 of 26 July 1991, in which it requested the General Assembly formally to launch the Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,

Referring to General Assembly decision 46/456 of 20 December 1991, in which the Assembly approved the programme for the Second Decade, including the provision of resources for its implementation,

Referring also to resolutions 91/84 of 8 February 1991¹⁷⁰ and 93/89 of 12 March 1993¹⁷¹ of the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning,

Having considered the report of the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and

Planning on its ninth meeting, held in Addis Ababa on 12 and 13 March 1993,¹⁷¹

Bearing in mind that the first mid-term evaluation and review of the programme for the Second Decade is scheduled to take place in 1994,

Noting that new projects are to be prepared for inclusion in the programme in 1995,

Recognizing the importance of resource mobilization and other promotional activities for the successful implementation of the programme for the Second Decade and the new projects at the national, subregional and regional levels,

Noting with appreciation the immense support that the United Nations Development Programme has provided for the preparation and launching of the programme for the Second Decade,

1. *Requests* the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to consider favourably and to continue to finance activities in support of the implementation of the programme for the Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa during the fifth programming cycle of the United Nations Development Programme;

2. *Appeals* to individual African and international financial institutions to increase their support for and facilitate the financing of projects and activities of the programme for the Second Decade;

3. *Appeals* to African member States to ensure and actively pursue the implementation of the new projects to be included in the programme for the Decade;

4. *Calls upon* the member institutions of the Resource Mobilization Committee for the Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa, especially the African Development Bank as Chairman of the Committee, to carry out resource mobilization and promotional activities to enhance the successful implementation of the programme;

5. *Requests* the Economic Commission for Africa, in its capacity as lead agency, together with all the relevant mechanisms of the Second Transport and Communications Decade:

(a) To carry out in 1994 the first mid-term evaluation of the programme for the Second Decade, as stipulated in the implementation strategy;

(b) To revise the objectives and strategy of the programme for the Second Decade in the light of changed circumstances, if need be, in consultation with member States;

(c) To assist member States and African intergovernmental organizations to prepare and screen new projects for inclusion in the programme in 1995 as stipulated in the programme implementation plan,¹⁷² in consultation with member States;

(d) To organize two regional workshops on the Second Decade to disseminate the strategy and promote the objectives of the Second Decade in Africa;

6. *Requests* the General Assembly to provide the Economic Commission for Africa, in its capacity as lead agency for the Second Decade, with adequate resources, allocated within the regular budget, to enable it to carry out effectively and efficiently the activities listed in paragraphs 5 (a) to (d) above;

7. *Requests* the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to report to the Conference of Ministers at its twentieth meeting on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

*46th plenary meeting
30 July 1993*