

1993/68. African Institute for Economic Development and Planning

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling resolutions 285 (XII) of 28 February 1975,¹⁷⁴ 433 (XVII) of 30 April 1982,¹⁷⁵ 537 (XX) of 29 April 1985,¹⁷⁶ 574 (XXI) of 19 April 1986,¹⁷⁷ 612 (XXII) of 24 April 1987¹⁷⁸ and 622 (XXIII) of 15 April 1988¹⁷⁹ of the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa on the financing and future development of the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning,

Recalling also resolutions 669 (XXIV) of 7 April 1989¹⁸⁰ and 680 (XXV) of 19 May 1990¹⁸¹ of the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa, in which the Conference of Ministers appealed to the General Assembly, as a matter of urgency, to approve the incorporation of four core posts of the Institute into the regular budget,

Bearing in mind resolution 726 (XXVII) of 22 April 1992¹⁶⁶ of the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa on strengthening the Economic Commission for Africa to face Africa's development challenges in the 1990s, in which the Conference of Ministers

expressed gratitude to the General Assembly for providing the Institute with a grant to cover the costs of four Professional posts for the biennium 1992-1993, thus enabling the Institute to contribute to the process of strengthening the operational capacity of the Commission in meeting the challenges facing Africa in the 1990s,

Recalling its resolutions 1985/62 of 26 July 1985 and 1990/72 of 27 July 1990, in which the Council, *inter alia*, recommended the incorporation of four core Professional posts into the United Nations regular budget as a contribution to the long-term financing of the Institute and to enable it to carry out its approved work programme and functions on a continued and sustained basis,

Noting that the Joint Inspection Unit, after a thorough examination of the Institute's situation, had recommended in its 1990 report¹⁸² that eight permanent posts be created in the regular budget to erase annual uncertainty about the Institute's budget and to offset dependency on United Nations Development Programme funding,

Bearing in mind that United Nations Development Programme policy requires that funding of core posts in institutions such as the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning should be discouraged, and that the Programme is currently supporting a preparatory-phase project designed to improve operational capacities for research, short-term training and networking, advisory/consultancy services and management audit,

Commending the increasing efforts of member States to meet their obligations to the Institute on a regular basis by paying their annual assessed contributions,

Noting with appreciation that the resources put at the disposal of the Institute, in the form of a grant for the four Professional posts for the years 1991 to 1993, have been productively used and that recent achievements in revitalizing the Institute and in improving its delivery capacities would not have been realized without those resources,

Noting with interest the increasingly successful attempts to generate independent income by various means and to develop operational projects for possible funding from diversified bilateral and other donor agencies,

Convinced that, with the expansion in the fields of its activities to include subject areas related to development management in general, the Institute will, in future years, play an even more important role in the promotion of the sustained development of Africa,

Considering that the Institute is the only bilingual regional institution of its kind in Africa and that it has an outstanding record of providing training and research services to African countries in the area of economic development and planning,

Considering also that there are increasing demands being made by member States and their intergovernmental organizations for the services of the Institute, particularly for tailor-made training programmes,

Considering further that counterpart United Nations institutions in other regions have benefited from regular budget posts,

Conscious of the urgency of stabilizing the financing of the core posts in the Institute,

1. **Calls upon** the General Assembly, in considering the proposed programme budget for the Economic Commission for Africa for the biennium 1994-1995, to take adequate steps to ensure sufficient staffing at the Profes-

sional level for the Commission to implement its mandates;

2. *Appeals* to all States to provide extrabudgetary resources for programme implementation, as requested in the Institute's component of the proposed programme budget for the Commission for the biennium 1994-1995;

3. *Requests* all States to sustain their support to the Institute through payment of their contributions and increased use of the various types of services it provides;

4. *Urges* the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa and the management of the Institute to continue their efforts to mobilize extrabudgetary and other supplementary resources in order to enable the Institute to implement its expanded programmes.

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30 July 1993*