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36. *Ibid.*, page 105.
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DECLARATION OF TRIPOLI ON THE WORLD BANK REPORT ENTITLED «ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA: AN AGENDA FOR ACTION»

We, the African Ministers responsible for economic development and planning, assembled in Tripoli for the eighth meeting of the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa and the seventeenth session of the Commission, having carefully examined the World Bank report entitled «Accelerated development in Sub-Saharan Africa: An Agenda for Action» in the light of the basic guidelines for the achievement of the objectives of self-reliant and self-sustaining development in our respective countries and in the African continent as a whole, conscious of the imperative need to reduce the present extreme dependence of our countries on the export of primary commodities and the import of almost all the strategic inputs required for promoting development and economic growth; and convinced that externally-oriented and primary-commodity-based strategies of development have hitherto not helped and cannot be expected to help our countries in the restructuring of their economies, in initiating the processes of internally-generated self-sustaining and reliant development and economic growth and in reducing progressively and finally eliminating the present burden of external debts.

We declare that the strategy recommended in the World Bank report, which emphasizes export orientation in general and primary commodity export in particular, regards industrialization and economic cooperation and integration in Africa as longer-term issues and completely disregards external factors as being major constraints on Africa's development and economic growth, and which adopts approaches, concepts and

objectives which are divergent from those of the Lagos Plan of Action and the Final Act of Lagos is in fundamental contradiction with the political, economic and social aspirations of Africa;

We further declare our firm commitment to the promotion of multinational, sub-regional and regional economic co-operation as a major instrument for re-structuring the economies of our countries and for the economic integration of our continent;

We accordingly affirm that the goals and objectives defined by African countries for themselves in the Monrovia Strategy, the Lagos Plan of Action and the Final Act of Lagos remain the authentic and authoritative goals and objectives for Africa;

We therefore call upon all States members of the Economic Commission for Africa to continue with the full and effective implementation of the Lagos Plan of Action and the Final Act of Lagos at the national, sub-regional and regional levels;

We hereby urge the international community to provide aid and technical assistance to African countries within the framework of the goals, objectives and philosophy of the Lagos Plan of Action and the Final Act of Lagos,

We mandate the Executive Secretary of the Commission to transmit this Declaration to the President of the African Development Bank for presentation to the Lusaka meeting of the Board of the African Development Bank and to the African Governors of the World Bank before the meeting of the Development Committee of the Bank in Helsinki in May 1982;

Finally, We further mandate the Executive Secretary of the Commission to transmit this Declaration to the Secretary General of the Organization of African Unity for presentation to the forthcoming meeting of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization for necessary action.

Done at TRIPOLI this 30th day of April 1982.