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RESOLUTION 2

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON POPULAR PARTICIPATION
IN THE RECOVERY AND DEVELOPMENT PROCESS IN AFRICA
POPULAR PARTICIPATION DAY IN AFRICA

The Conference:

Recognizing that without popular participation there can be no true and lasting development for Africa,

Rejoicing that this Conference coincided with the release of Nelson Mandela on 11 February 1990 who sacrificed his freedom for his belief in the right of the people to decide their own future,

Recognizing that Governments, agencies of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations are giving increased importance to the role of participation as a means to and an end of development,

Affirming the need to acknowledge the efforts and sacrifices of grass-roots and people's organizations to make popular participation a reality,

Resolves that henceforth the eleventh day of February each year should be proclaimed Popular Participation Day in Africa,

Recommends that the Executive Secretary of ECA should bring this resolution before the forthcoming meeting of the ECA Conference of Ministers in May 1990 and thereafter to the General Assembly of the United Nations at its Forty-fifth Session as well as to the Fifty-second Session of the Council of Ministers of the OAU and the Twenty-sixth Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the OAU.