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CODATA,

RECOGNISING that modern information and communications technologies are revolutionising the conduct of research, education, and training by providing a rapid and effective means for

- communicating among people,
- discovering, accessing, and sharing data and information,
- accessing the vast world-wide archives of research information, teaching resources, and publications that exist,
- obtaining computational services, including data processing, visualization, and analysis,
- transmitting observational data,
- participating in international, regional, national, and institutional scientific and educational efforts,

NOTES that the scientific, economic, and societal benefits that flow from the above capabilities are only available to communities that have an efficient cyber-infrastructure and good Internet connectivity,

REGRETS that many African scientists and educators, particularly in Universities, do not have adequate access to the Internet, and that the digital divide between Africa and rest of the world is growing,

RECOMMENDS that all efforts be made, both in Africa and within the international scientific community, to improve Internet performance and access in African scientific, technical, and educational institutions.