THE PLANNING COMMISSION ACT, 1972

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An Act to Establish a Planning Commission

[...... AUGUST, 1972]

ENACTED by the Parliament of the United Republic of Tanzania.

1. This Act may be cited as the Planning Commission Act, 1972.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—
   "Commission" means the Planning Commission established by section 3;
   "Chairman" means the Chairman of the Planning Commission;
   "working party" means a working party of the Commission established in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

3.—(1) There is hereby established a Commission to be known as the Planning Commission.
   (2) The functions of the Commission shall be—
      (a) to participate in the formulation of plans for economic, commercial, industrial and social development of the United Republic;
      (b) to consider plans for national development submitted to it by the various working parties and to make such recommendations thereon as the Commission may consider fit;
      (c) to carry out such other functions in relation to development planning as the President may direct.

4.—(1) All persons who are, for the time being, Members of the National Assembly shall be members of the Planning Commission.
   (2) The President shall, from amongst the members of the Commission, appoint a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman of the Commission.
   (3) The Chairman or, in the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman shall preside over the meetings of the Commission.
(4) The President shall designate a Ministry which shall provide secretarial services to the Commission, and the Principal Secretary of the Ministry so designated shall be the Secretary of the Commission.

5.—(1) At any meeting of the Commission not less than one-third of the number of members for the time being in office shall constitute a quorum.

(2) Subject to the provisions of subsection (1) and of such rules as the Chairman may make in that behalf, the Commission shall have power to regulate its own procedure.

6.—(1) The Chairman shall, from time to time, set up working parties which shall perform such functions as may be assigned to them by the Commission.

(2) Each working party shall consist of such number of members as the Chairman may direct.

(3) Appointment of members of a working party shall be made by the Chairman:

Provided that—
(a) not less than one-half of the total number of members shall be appointed from amongst the members of the Commission;
(b) the remaining members shall be appointed from amongst persons who possess the necessary skill and knowledge to enable them to make useful contribution to the deliberations of the working party.

(4) Subject to its terms of reference, every working party shall have the power to regulate its own procedure.

7.—(1) A decision of the majority of members present and voting at a meeting of the Commission shall be deemed to be a decision of the Commission.

(2) Every decision of the Commission shall be communicated to the Government and the Party.

Passed in the National Assembly on the twenty-fourth day of July, 1972.

Clerk of the National Assembly