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CHAPTER III

REGIONAL CO-OPERATION

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1. The Economic and Social Council considered the question of regional co-operation at its second regular session of 1980 under agenda item 6.

2. For its consideration of the item, the Council had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Committee on Programme and Co-ordination on its twentieth session, 1/ chapter VI and chapter X, section E;

(b) Summary of the economic and social survey of Asia and the Pacific, 1979: recent economic developments, 1978-1979 (E/1980/33);

(c) Summary of the survey of economic and social conditions in Africa, 1978-1979 (E/1980/56);

(d) Summary of recent economic developments in the ECE region (E/1980/62);

(e) Summary of economic and social developments in the ECWA region, 1979 (E/1980/66);

(f) Report entitled "Evolution of the Latin American economy in 1979" (E/1980/71);

(g) Report of the Secretary-General on regional co-operation (E/1980/72 and Add.1 and Add.2/Rev.1), which contained four draft decisions and one draft resolution recommended for adoption by the Council.

3. At its 23rd meeting, on 2 May 1980, the Council allocated the item to the First (Economic) Committee, which considered it at the 13th to 15th, 18th and 20th meetings, on 14, 15, 17 and 18 July 1980. For the report of the Committee on this item, see document E/1980/90.

ACTION BY THE FIRST (ECONOMIC) COMMITTEE

Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee of the Economic Commission for Latin America

4. At the 18th meeting, the Committee considered a draft resolution entitled "Economic Commission for Latin America: Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee", which was sponsored by the Bahamas, Barbados, Jamaica, 2/ and Trinidad and Tobago and orally revised. 3/ Cuba and Mexico subsequently joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution. 4/

5. At the 20th meeting, the draft resolution was amended orally. 3/

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/35/38).

2/ In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

3/ For particulars of the revision and/or amendments, see the report of the Committee on this item (E/1980/90).

4/ The programme budget implications of the revised draft resolution were circulated under the symbol E/1980/C.1/L.19.

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the revised draft resolution, as orally amended, and submitted it to the Council as draft resolution I. For action by the Council, see paragraph 13 (a) below.

Annual report of the Economic Commission for Europe

7. At the 20th meeting, the Committee adopted a draft decision entitled "Report of the Economic Commission for Europe" and submitted it to the Council as draft decision I. For action by the Council, see paragraph 13 (c) below.

Annual report of the Economic Commission for Africa

8. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted a draft decision entitled "Report of the Economic Commission for Africa" and submitted it to the Council as draft decision II. For action by the Council, see paragraph 13 (c) below.

Relocation of the offices of the Economic
Commission for Western Asia to Baghdad

9. Also at the 20th meeting, the Committee adopted a draft resolution entitled "Relocation of the offices of the Economic Commission for Western Asia to Baghdad" and submitted it to the Council as draft resolution II. For action by the Council, see paragraph 13 (b) below.

Report of the Economic Commission for Western Asia

10. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted a draft decision entitled "Report of the Economic Commission for Western Asia" and submitted it to the Council as draft decision III. For action by the Council, see paragraph 13 (c) below.

Annual report of the Economic and Social Commission for
Asia and the Pacific

11. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted a draft decision entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific" and submitted it to the Council as draft decision IV. For action by the Council, see paragraph 13 (c) below.

Regional co-operation

12. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted a decision in which the Council would take note of the report of the Secretary-General on regional co-operation (E/1980/72 and Add.1 and Add.2/Rev.1) and submitted the recommendation to the Council as draft decision V. For action by the Council, see paragraph 13 (c) below.

ACTION BY THE COUNCIL

13. At the 4th meeting, on 24 July 1980, the Council considered the draft resolutions and draft decisions recommended by the Committee in its report (E/1980/90, para. 22), and took the following action:

(a) Draft resolution I was adopted, for the final text, see the annex below Council resolution 1980/56;

(b) Draft resolution II was adopted; for the final text, see the annex below, Council resolution 1980/57;

(c) Draft decisions I to V were adopted; for the final texts, see the annex below, Council decisions 1980/164, 1980/165, 1980/166, 1980/167 and 1980/168, respectively.

ANNEX

Resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and
Social Council under agenda item 6 a/

Resolution 1980/56. Caribbean Development and Co-operation
Committee of the Economic Commission
for Latin America

The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing that the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee was created in 1975 by the Economic Commission for Latin America to act as a co-ordinating body for activities relating to development and co-operation and as a consultative organ of the Commission,

Noting that the Committee drew up a work programme, which was endorsed by the Commission at its seventeenth and eighteenth sessions, held at Guatemala City from 25 April to 5 May 1977 and at La Paz, Bolivia from 18 to 26 April 1979, respectively, b/

Considering that the Committee, at its fifth session, held at Kingston, Jamaica from 4 to 10 June 1980, approved a series of urgent projects within the framework of that work programme,

Noting that the States members of the Committee, at its fifth session, considered that the implementation of those priority projects constituted an urgent need requiring supplementary resources for implementation in 1981 which could not have been foreseen at the time of the adoption of the programme budget for the biennium 1980-1981,

Considering the statement made by the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America to the Economic and Social Council on the results of the fifth session of the Committee, c/ and the statements made by some of the States members of the Committee,

1. Takes note of the issues that require attention or are brought to its attention by the Economic Commission for Latin America; d/

2. Notes with appreciation the results of the fifth session of the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee, and commends to the Commission, for consideration at its nineteenth session, the conclusions reached by that Committee,

a/ A compilation of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Council in 1980 will be issued as Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1980, Supplement Nos. 1, 1A and 1B (E/1980/80 and Add.1 and 2).

b/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 11 (E/5945), vol. I, part III, resolution 372 (XVII); and ibid., 1979, Supplement No. 16 (E/1979/51), chap. IV, resolution 399 (XVIII).

c/ See E/1980/SR.35.

d/ See E/1980/72, paras. 24-39 and 95-108, and E/1980/72/Add.2/Rev.1.

3. Notes also that the Committee, at its fifth session, selected, within the framework of the work programme adopted at its first session and endorsed by the Commission at its seventeenth and eighteenth sessions, a limited number of areas and projects to be accorded the highest priority and to be implemented urgently;

4. Further notes that the Committee, at its fifth session, also adopted resolution 2 (V) strengthening its secretariat in order to meet the requirements of development and co-operation in the subregion in accordance with the spirit and objectives of the Committee;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to make appropriate provision for the implementation of the priority projects and for the strengthening of the secretariat of the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee in his supplementary budget estimates for 1981 within the over-all United Nations budget, for consideration by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly in the course of the thirty-fifth session of the Assembly, bearing in mind the view of the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee that the implementation of such projects constitutes an urgent need which could not have been foreseen at the time of the adoption of the programme budget for 1980-1981.

44th plenary meeting
24 July 1980

Resolution 1980/57. Relocation of the offices of the Economic Commission for Western Asia to Baghdad

The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing that the activities of the Economic Commission for Western Asia and its ability to serve the member States depend considerably on the level of competence and performance of the officers and employees of its secretariat,

Realizing fully that the ability of the staff members and experts of the Commission to discharge their responsibilities with the required competence is intimately related to the working and living conditions provided for them by the United Nations,

Recognizing with appreciation the valuable efforts expended by the Executive Secretary of the Commission, his staff and his experts in the discharge of their responsibilities to the Commission,

Expressing its grateful appreciation to the Government of Iraq for all the moral and material support it has provided and continues to provide to the Commission in order to facilitate its work at the permanent headquarters at Baghdad, e/

e/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1980, Supplement No. 9 (E/1980/29), para. 42.

Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to give special consideration to all issues and matters that may affect the competence and efficiency of the staff members of the Economic Commission for Western Asia, in order to provide the secretariat of the Commission with the appropriate means and the favourable working conditions which will enable it to avail itself of the highest standards of competence in rendering its services to the member States of the Commission.

44th plenary meeting
24 July 1980

Decision 1980/164. Annual report of the Economic Commission
for Europe

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 24 July 1980, the Council took note of the report of the Economic Commission for Europe for the period 28 April 1979 to 26 April 1980, f/ of the views expressed during the discussions in the Commission, of the resolution and other decisions adopted by the Commission at its thirty-fifth session, contained in chapters III and IV of that report, and of the Commission's programme of work.

Decision 1980/165. Annual report of the Economic Commission
for Africa

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 24 July 1980, the Council:

(a) Took note of the report of the Economic Commission for Africa for the period 29 March 1979 to 12 April 1980, g/ and of the recommendations and resolutions contained therein.

(b) Decided to amend paragraph 18 of the terms of reference of the Commission h/ by deleting the second sentence of that paragraph, which should accordingly read as follows:

"The Commission shall submit to the Economic and Social Council once a year a full report on its activities and plans, including those of any subsidiary bodies."

f/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1980, Supplement No. 8 (E/1980/28).

g/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1980, Supplement No. 7 (E/1980/27).

h/ Ibid., Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 11 (E/5783), annex III.

Decision 1980/166. Report of the Economic Commission
for Western Asia

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 24 July 1980, the Council:

(a) Took note of the report of the Economic Commission for Western Asia on its seventh session, i/ and of the recommendations and resolutions contained in chapters I and IV thereof;

(b) Decided to endorse the Commission's revised programme of work and priorities for 1980-1981. j/

Decision 1980/167. Annual report of the Economic and Social
Commission for Asia and the Pacific

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 24 July 1980, the Council took note of the report of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific for the period 17 March 1979 to 29 March 1980, k/ of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Commission at its thirty-sixth session, contained in chapters II and III of the report, and of the Commission's revised programme of work and priorities for 1980-1981, contained in chapter IV of the report.

Decision 1980/168. Regional co-operation

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 24 July 1980, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on regional co-operation. l/

i/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1980, Supplement No. 9 (E/1980/29 and Corr.1)

j/ Ibid., para. 92.

k/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1980, Supplement No. 6 (E/1980/26).

l/ E/1980/72 and Add.1 and Add.2/Rev.1.