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CHAPTER XXXVII

ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

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1. The Economic and Social Council held its second regular session of 1980 from 3 to 25 July 1980 at the United Nations Office at Geneva.

#### BUREAU OF THE COUNCIL

(Item 2 of the agenda for the second regular session of 1980)

2. At the 28th meeting, on 7 July 1980, the Council elected Mr. Ronald G. Mapp (Barbados) Vice-President in place of Mr. Enrique Jorge Ros (Argentina) who had resigned (see E/1980/SR.28). Mr. Paul John Firmino Lusaka (Zambia) served as Chairman of the First (Economic) Committee and Mr. Mapp as Chairman of the Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee. Mr. Mohan Prasad Lohani (Nepal) and Mr. Zoran Lazarević (Yugoslavia) served as Vice-Chairmen of the First (Economic) Committee. Mr. Declan P. O'Donovan (Ireland) and Mr. E. F. Allison (Nigeria) were elected Vice-Chairmen of the Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee (see E/1980/C.3/SR.1 and 3).

#### PROGRAMME OF WORK AND AGENDA

(Item 2 of the agenda for the second regular session of 1980)

##### Provisional agenda for the second regular session of 1980

3. At the 24th meeting, on 3 July 1980, the Council considered and adopted the provisional agenda for the second regular session of 1980 (E/1980/100). <sup>1/</sup> For its consideration of the provisional agenda, the Council had before it a note by the Secretariat containing a report on the state of preparedness of documentation for the session (E/1980/100/Add.1), submitted in accordance with Council resolution 1979/69 of 2 August 1979, which was subsequently endorsed by the General Assembly in resolution 34/50 of 23 November 1979.

##### Organization of work of the resumed second regular session of 1980

4. At the 45th meeting, on 25 July, the Council considered the organization of work of the resumed second regular session of 1980. For its consideration of the question, the Council had before it a note by the Secretariat (E/1980/L.58) setting forth in detail, inter alia, the items on its agenda which would be taken up at its resumed second regular session.

5. At the same meeting, the Council decided to authorize the Secretary-General to transmit to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session a number of reports scheduled for submission to the Council at the resumed second regular session

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<sup>1/</sup> The agenda, as adopted, will be reproduced in annex I to the printed version of the report, which will be issued as Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/35/3/Rev.1).

on the usual understanding, as reflected in Council decisions 1978/61 of 3 August 1978 and 1979/87 of 3 August 1979, that the President, at the request of a member of the Council or of the Secretary-General, might invite the Council to consider any of the reports at the resumed second regular session of 1980. See the annex below, Council decision 1980/187.

6. At the same meeting, after hearing a statement by the representative of the United States of America, the Council agreed that the report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its sixth session 2/ should be brought to the attention of the Council at the resumed second regular session of 1980.

DOCUMENTATION REQUESTED IN DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL  
UNDER ITEMS OF ITS AGENDA

(Item 2 of the agenda for the second regular session of 1980)

7. At the 45th meeting, on 25 July, in accordance with paragraph 2 (d) of Council resolution 1979/41 of 10 May 1979, the Council considered a note by the Secretariat containing a consolidated list of the documentation requested in decisions of the Council under items of its agenda (E/1980/L.57), the purpose of which was to allow a final review of those requests to be made, so that the legislative authority for the production of such documentation might be established.

COMPOSITION OF THE BUREAU OF THE WORLD CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED  
NATIONS DECADE FOR WOMEN: EQUALITY, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

(Item 2 of the agenda for the second regular session of 1980)

8. At the 24th meeting, on 3 July, the Council had before it a note by the President (E/1980/87) on action taken by the Bureau of the Council pursuant to Council decision 1980/147 of 2 May 1980.

9. At the same meeting, the Council took note of the note by the President. See the annex below, Council decision 1980/150.

PARTICIPATION OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN THE WORK  
OF THE COUNCIL

(Item 2 of the agenda for the second regular session of 1980)

10. At the 29th meeting, on 8 July, the Council had before it a note by the Bureau (E/1980/86) recommending that under the terms of rule 79 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council, the African Regional Centre for Technology should be designated to participate on a continuing basis, without the

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2/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1980, Supplement  
No. 10 (E/1980/40).

right to vote, in the deliberations of the Council on questions within the scope of the activities of that organization. 3/

11. At the same meeting, the Council decided to approve the recommendation of the Bureau. See the annex below, Council decision 1980/151.

SIXTH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON CRIME PREVENTION  
AND CONTROL

(Item 2 of the agenda for the second regular session of 1980)

12. At the 23rd meeting of the Council, on 2 May 1980, the Governemnt of Venezuela orally extended an offer to act as host to the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control at its sixth session, to be held at Caracas in September 1980, immediately after the conclusion of the Sixth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, scheduled to be held at Caracas from 25 August to 5 September. The invitation by the Government of Venezuela was confirmed on 16 May 1980 in a letter addressed to the Secretary-General.

13. At the 36th meeting, on 11 July, the Council had before it a note by the Secretariat (E/1980/L.43 and Corr.1), in paragraph 7 of which it was suggested that the provisional agenda for the sixth session of the Committee might be shortened and that the duration of the session might then be reduced to five days. In the same paragraph, the Secretariat submitted for the consideration of the Council the provisional agenda for the sixth session of the Committee.

14. Also at the 36th meeting, the Council decided to accept the offer of the Government of Venezuela to act as host to the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control at its sixth session from 8 to 12 September 1980, and approved the provisional agenda for that session (E/1980/L.43 and Corr.1, para.7). See the annex below, Council decision 1980/152.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE AD HOC GROUP OF EXPERTS ON  
INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN TAX MATTERS

(Item 2 of the agenda for the second regular session of 1980)

15. At its 39th meeting, on 18 July, the Council considered the report of the Secretary-General on the question of the increase in the membership of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Co-operation in Tax Matters (E/1980/83), prepared in response to Council resolution 1980/13 of 28 April 1980.

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3/ The list of intergovernmental organizations designated by the Council under rule 79 of the rules of procedure for participation in the deliberations of the Council on questions within the scope of their activities, will appear in an annex to the printed version of the present report, which will be issued as Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/35/3/Rev.1).

16. Statements were made by the Assistant Secretary-General for Development Research and Policy Analysis and the representative of Japan.

17. The Council then decided to increase the membership of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Co-operation in Tax Matters from 20 to 25. See the annex below, Council decision 1980/155.

#### CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

(Item 2 of the agenda for the second regular session of 1980)

18. By its decision 1979/81 of 3 August 1979, the Council had approved the calendar of conferences and meetings for 1980 and 1981. 4/ The calendar was subsequently amended by Council decisions 1980/113 and 1980/148.

19. The calendar was further amended at the Council's second regular session of 1980 (see E/1980/L.41 and Add.1). 5/ See the annex below, Council decision 1980/157.

#### REVIEW OF THE ECONOMIC SITUATION IN DJIBOUTI, EQUATORIAL GUINEA, GUINEA-BISSAU, SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE, SEYCHELLES AND TONGA WITH A VIEW TO THE INCLUSION OF THOSE COUNTRIES IN THE LIST OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

(Item 2 of the agenda for the second regular session of 1980)

20. At the 44th meeting, on 24 July, the representative of the United Republic of Tanzania, acting on behalf of Bangladesh, 6/ China, Djibouti, 6/ Ethiopia, Iraq, Jordan, Nigeria, Senegal, Somalia, 6/ the Sudan, 6/ and the United Republic of Tanzania, introduced a draft decision (E/1980/L.49/Rev.2) entitled "Review of the economic situation in Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles and Tonga, with a view to their inclusion in the list of least developed countries". He orally revised the draft decision by adding the words "related to the criteria" at the end of subparagraph (c).

21. The Assistant Secretary-General for Development Research and Policy Analysis made a statement, after which the Secretary of the Council read a statement of the programme budget implications of the draft decision.

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4/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/34/3/Rev.1), annex III.

5/ The calendar of conferences and meetings for 1981 will be reproduced in annex III of the printed version of the report, which will be issued as Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/35/3/Rev.1).

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

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22. Statements were made by the representative of Turkey, the observer for Uganda (who joined in sponsoring the draft decision), 6/ the observers for Somalia and Djibouti, and the representatives of Sweden and Spain (see E/1980/SR.44).

23. At the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft decision, as orally revised. See the annex below, Council decision 1980/161.

24. The representative of Australia made a statement (see E/1980/SR.44).

PROGRAMME BUDGET IMPLICATIONS OF ACTIONS  
BY THE COUNCIL

(Item 2 of the agenda for the second regular session of 1980)

25. In accordance with rule 31 of its rules of procedure, the Council, during the first and second regular sessions of 1980, received separate statements concerning the programme budget implications of draft resolutions and draft decisions involving expenditure before the adoption of the resolutions and decisions concerned. The Council also received a report of the Secretary-General (E/1980/109) containing a summary of estimates of the programme budget implications of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Council during the first and second regular sessions of 1980.

26. At the 45th meeting, on 25 July 1980, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General (E/1980/109). See Council decision 1980/186.

27. After the decision was taken, the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics made a statement (see E/1980/SR.45).

ANNEX

Decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council  
under agenda item 2 a/

Decision 1980/150. Composition of the Bureau of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace

At its 24th plenary meeting, on 3 July 1980, the Council took note of the note by the President of the Economic and Social Council b/ concerning the composition of the Bureau of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace.

Decision 1980/151. Participation of intergovernmental organizations in the work of the Council

At its 29th plenary meeting, on 8 July 1980, the Council decided that, under the terms of rule 79 of its rules of procedure, the African Regional Centre for Technology should be designated to participate on a continuing basis, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Council on questions within the scope of the activities of the Centre.

Decision 1980/152. Sixth session of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control

At its 36th plenary meeting, on 11 July 1980, the Council decided to accept the invitation of the Government of Venezuela to hold the sixth session of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control at Caracas from 8 to 12 September 1980, c/ and to approve the provisional agenda for that session. d/

Decision 1980/155. Membership of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Co-operation in Tax Matters

At its 39th plenary meeting, on 18 July 1980, the Council decided to increase the membership of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Co-operation in Tax Matters from twenty to twenty-five. e/

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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/ E/1980/87.

c/ See E/1980/L.43 and Corr.1.

d/ Ibid., para. 7.

e/ See E/1980/83.

Decision 1980/157. Calendar of conferences and meetings

At its 43rd plenary meeting, on 23 July 1980, the Council approved the following changes in the calendar of conferences and meetings for 1980 and 1981: f/

(a) The Working Group on Development Priorities and Policy Needs of Africa of the Committee for Development Planning will meet at Addis Ababa from 29 September to 3 October 1980;

(b) The Working Group on Development Priorities and Policy Needs of South and East Asia of the Committee for Development Planning will meet in Bangkok from 20 to 24 October 1980;

(c) The twenty-first session of the Statistical Commission will be held at Headquarters from 12 to 21 January 1981 (instead of from 17 to 26 February 1981).

Decision 1980/161. Review of the economic situation in Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles and Tonga with a view to the inclusion of those countries in the list of the least developed countries

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

(a) Took note of resolution 8 (III) of 16 February 1980, adopted by the Intergovernmental Group on the Least Developed Countries; g/

(b) Decided to request the Committee for Development Planning to expedite the review of the economic situation of Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, Tonga and certain newly independent developing countries, with a view to their inclusion in the list of the least developed countries, and to make recommendations concerning those countries to the Council at its first regular session of 1981;

(c) Decided further to request the General Assembly, at its thirty-fifth session, to authorize the Council to consider the recommendations of the Committee for Development Planning on the above-mentioned countries at its first regular session of 1981 and to adopt an updated list of the least developed countries on the basis of existing criteria and the most recent data relating to those criteria.

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f/ See E/1980/L.41 and Add.1.

g/ See Official Records of the Trade and Development Board, Eleventh Special Session, Annexes, agenda item 2, document TD/B/787, annex I.



Decision 1980/186. Summary of estimates of programme budget implications of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Council during its first and second regular sessions of 1980

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 25 July 1980, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General containing the summary of estimates of programme budget implications of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Council during its first and second regular sessions of 1980. h/

Decision 1980/187. Transmittal of reports to the General Assembly for consideration

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 25 July 1980, the Council:

(a) Expressed its agreement with the suggestion contained in the note by the Secretariat on the organization of the work of the resumed second regular session of 1980 of the Council; i/

(b) Decided to authorize the Secretary-General to transmit directly to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session:

- (i) The report of the Trade and Development Board; j/
- (ii) The report of the Human Rights Committee on the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights; k/
- (iii) The report of the Council of the United Nations University; l/
- (iv) The report of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy on its first and second sessions. m/

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h/ E/1980/109.

i/ See E/1980/L.58, para. 3.

j/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/35/15).

k/ Ibid., Supplement No. 40 (A/35/40).

l/ Ibid., Supplement No. 31 (A/35/31).

m/ Ibid., Supplement No. 43 (A/35/43).