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1981/85. Target for World Food Programme pledges for the period 1983-1984

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the sixth annual report of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes,¹

Noting the comments of the Committee concerning the minimum target for voluntary contributions to the World Food Programme for the period 1983-1984,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 2462 (XXIII) of 20 December 1968 and 2682 (XXV) of 11 December 1970

on multilateral food aid, which recognized the experience gained by the Programme in that field,

1. *Submits* to the General Assembly for consideration and approval the draft resolution annexed to the present resolution;

2. *Urges* States Members of the United Nations and members and associate members of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to undertake the necessary preparations for the announcement of pledges at the Tenth Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme.

*43rd plenary meeting
2 November 1981*

¹ E/1981/84.

ANNEX

Draft resolution recommended to the General Assembly on the target for World Food Programme pledges for the period 1983-1984

The General Assembly,

Recalling the provision of paragraph 1 of its resolution 2095 (XX) of 20 December 1965 to the effect that the World Food Programme is to be reviewed before each pledging conference,

Recalling also the provision of paragraph 4 of its resolution 34/108 of 14 December 1979 specifying that, subject to the review of the Programme provided for in resolution 2095 (XX), the next pledging conference should be convened at the latest early in 1982, at which time Governments should be invited to pledge contributions for 1983 and 1984, with a view to reaching such a target as may then be recommended by the General Assembly and the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations,

Recalling further the recommendation contained in paragraph 90 of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade² that the resources of the World Food Programme should be augmented and that every effort should be made to reach the target agreed upon for each biennium during the Decade for the regular resources of the Programme,

Noting that the review of the Programme was undertaken by the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes at its eleventh session and by the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1981,

Having considered Economic and Social Council resolution 1981/85 of 2 November 1981 and the recommendations of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes contained in its sixth annual report,³

Recognizing the value of multilateral food aid as furnished by the World Food Programme since its inception and the necessity for continuing its action both as a form of capital investment in economic and social development projects and as a means of meeting emergency food needs,

1. Establishes for the two years 1983 and 1984 a target for voluntary contributions of \$1,200 million, of which not less than one third should be in cash and/or services in the aggregate;

2. Urges States Members of the United Nations and members and associate members of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to make every effort to ensure the full attainment of the target;

3. Requests the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, to convene a pledging conference for this purpose at United Nations Headquarters early in 1982;

4. Decides that, subject to the review provided for in its resolution 2095 (XX), the subsequent pledging conference, at which Governments should be invited to pledge contributions for the biennium 1985-1986 with a view to reaching such a target as may then be recommended by the General Assembly and the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, should be convened at the latest early in 1984.

1981/86. Activities of transnational corporations in southern Africa and their collaboration with the racist minority régime in that area

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Recalling also General Assembly resolutions 35/206 F of 16 December 1980, entitled "Role of transnational corporations in South Africa", 35/227 A of 6 March 1981, entitled

"Situation in Namibia resulting from the illegal occupation of the Territory by South Africa", and 35/227 B of 6 March 1981, entitled "Intensification and co-ordination of United Nations action in support of Namibia", and the Special Declaration on Namibia adopted at the International Conference on Sanctions against South Africa, held in Paris from 20 to 27 May 1981,⁴

Reaffirming the resolutions adopted by the Commission on Transnational Corporations at its previous sessions on the activities of transnational corporations in southern Africa and their collaboration with the racist minority régime in that area,⁵

Having considered the report of the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations entitled "Transnational corporations in southern Africa: update on financial activities and employment practices",⁶

Considering the internationally documented fact that the employment practices of transnational corporations in southern Africa have brought no positive contribution to the improvement of the situation of the majority populations in that area,

Considering also that the operations of transnational corporations in the industrial and technological development of South Africa contribute to the survival of the racist minority régime and the continued illegal occupation of Namibia,

Considering further that the role of transnational corporations in critical sectors of South Africa's economy undermines the sustained efforts of the international community directed against the policy of *apartheid* and the continued illegal occupation of Namibia,

Concerned that some governments of home countries of transnational corporations operating in southern Africa have not taken effective measures at the national level which respond directly to the concerns of the international community to prevent collaboration by transnational corporations with the racist minority régime in southern Africa,

Affirming the need for action at the international level by intergovernmental as well as non-governmental organizations in order to complement national measures,

1. Notes with satisfaction the report of the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations entitled "Transnational corporations in southern Africa: update on financial activities and employment practices";

2. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretariat for the efforts made by it to publicize in home countries of transnational corporations information on the activities of transnational corporations in southern Africa;

3. Reaffirms the legitimate struggle of the people of South Africa and Namibia towards self-determination and independence, including their right to armed struggle;

4. Commends those non-governmental organizations which have made efforts to combat *apartheid* and, in particular, to stop bank loans and capital transfers to South Africa and calls upon such organizations to intensify their useful efforts in these areas;

5. Welcomes as a positive step the policies of some Governments to bring about an end to the activities of their transnational corporations in southern Africa;

⁴ See A/36/319-S/14531, annex II.

⁵ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 5 (E/5986)*, para. 14, *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 12 (E/1978/52 and Corr.1-3)*, para. 1, and *ibid.*, 1980, *Supplement No. 10 (E/1980/40/Rev.1)*, para. 1.

⁶ E/C.10/83 and Corr.1 and 2.

² General Assembly resolution 35/56, annex.

³ See E/1981/84.

6. *Condemns* the racist minority régime in South Africa for its perpetuation of the inhuman system of *apartheid* and the illegal occupation of Namibia;

7. *Condemns* those transnational corporations which collaborate with the racist minority régime in southern Africa, and calls upon all transnational corporations to respect the various United Nations resolutions concerning southern Africa;

8. *Condemns* the actions of those home countries of transnational corporations designed to promote and perpetuate investments by their transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia in contravention of United Nations resolutions;

9. *Calls upon* all home countries of transnational corporations to take effective measures to terminate the collaboration of their transnational corporations with the racist minority régime in southern Africa, to prevent further new investments and reinvestments and to bring about an immediate withdrawal of all existing investments in Namibia;

10. *Calls upon* all those countries concerned to re-examine their relations with the transnational corporations operating in their territories which collaborate with the racist minority régime in southern Africa;

11. *Calls upon* all anti-*apartheid* movements, religious institutions and bodies, trade unions, universities and other institutions which are shareholders of transnational corporations operating in South Africa and Namibia to contribute to the efforts of the international community to eradicate *apartheid* by withdrawing their shareholdings in such transnational corporations;

12. *Urges* all transnational corporations to comply fully with the relevant United Nations resolutions by terminating all further investments in South Africa and Namibia and by ending their collaboration with the racist minority régime;

13. *Reaffirms* Security Council resolution 301 (1971) of 20 October 1971 calling upon all States to abstain from entering into economic relations with South Africa in respect of Namibia and declaring that rights, titles or contracts granted to individuals or corporations by South Africa after the termination of the mandate are not subject to protection or espousal by their home States against the claims of a future lawful government of Namibia;

14. *Reaffirms* that the code of conduct on transnational corporations should include effective measures against the collaboration of transnational corporations with the racist minority régime in southern Africa;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To intensify the useful work of the Secretariat in the collection and dissemination of information on the activities of transnational corporations in southern Africa;

(b) To make arrangements for the organization of public hearings, at an appropriate time, to be conducted by the Commission on Transnational Corporations of an *ad hoc* body, with the assistance of the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations, on the activities of transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia;

(c) To disseminate the text of the present resolution as widely as possible, particularly to anti-*apartheid* movements, religious institutions and bodies, trade unions, universities and other institutions and transnational corporations operating in South Africa and Namibia, and to seek their reaction and follow-up action thereon;

(d) To report to the Commission on Transnational Corporations at its eighth session on the measures taken in pursuance of the present resolution;

(e) To prepare a report on the policies and practices of transnational corporations regarding their activities in South Africa and Namibia for the Commission on Transnational Corporations at its ninth session, and to include as an annex to that report a list of transnational corporations which continue to operate in strategic sectors, including military and nuclear sectors, of the southern African economy in violation of United Nations resolutions, as well as those transnational corporations which have taken measures to terminate their activities in such sectors.

43rd plenary meeting
2 November 1981

1981/87. Convening of an International Conference on Population in 1984

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3344 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974 on the World Population Conference,

Recalling also Council resolution 1979/32 of 9 May 1979 on the strengthening of actions concerned with the fulfilment of the World Population Plan of Action,⁷

Taking note of the report of the Population Commission on its twenty-first session,⁸ in which it recommended the convening of a new population conference,

Urging States participating in the conference to involve high-level policy-makers and experts in population and related fields,

Noting with appreciation the policies and programmes adopted by many States, United Nations bodies and non-governmental organizations pursuant to the provisions of the World Population Plan of Action,

Concerned at the magnitude and urgency of the tasks still remaining for the more effective implementation of the World Population Plan of Action at the national, regional and global levels,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980, the annex to which contains the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, in which the Assembly stated, *inter alia*, that the implementation of the World Population Plan of Action should be strengthened during the 1980s and that the international community should increase the level of population assistance in support thereof,

Having regard to General Assembly resolutions 35/5 of 20 October 1980 and 35/10 C of 3 November 1980,

1. *Decides* to convene in 1984, under the auspices of the United Nations, an International Conference on Population open to all States as full members and to the specialized agencies, bearing in mind that it should be conducted with the utmost economy in size, duration and other cost factors and the need to utilize extrabudgetary resources for its financing to the maximum extent possible;

2. *Decides* that the Conference shall be devoted to the discussion of selected issues of the highest priority, giving full recognition to the relationships between population and social and economic development with the aim of contributing to the process of review and appraisal of the World Population Plan of Action and to its further implementation;

⁷ *Report of the United Nations World Population Conference, Bucharest, 19-30 August 1974* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.XIII.3), chap. I.

⁸ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement No. 3* (E/1981/13 and Corr.1).

3. *Decides further* that the Conference shall work within the framework of the existing World Population Plan of Action, the principles and objectives of which continue to be fully valid;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the substantive contribution to the Conference of the regional commissions, specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system and other international organizations, as appropriate;

5. *Decides* to designate the Population Commission, meeting in open-ended session, with the participation of any other State, as the intergovernmental preparatory committee for the Conference, and for this purpose decides that rule 11 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council and rule 1 (d) of the rules governing payment of travel expenses and subsistence allowances in respect of members of organs or subsidiary organs of the United Nations shall be waived;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to appoint the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities to serve as the Secretary-General of the Conference, and the Director of the Population Division of the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs to serve as the Deputy Secretary-General;

7. *Recommends* that the personnel to be utilized in the preparations for the Conference should be drawn mainly from the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs, which will be responsible for the co-ordination of

the substantive aspects of the preparations, including the review and appraisal of the World Population Plan of Action;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure a significant contribution by the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development to the Conference and to take full account of experience gained through technical cooperation activities in assisting in the implementation of the World Population Plan of Action;

9. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities to seek financial support from external sources for the Conference and to report thereon on a regular basis to the Economic and Social Council;

10. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to convene a maximum of four small expert groups, or to call upon individual experts in the preparatory work for the Conference, up to a maximum of forty-five experts in all, excluding experts from the secretariats of the regional commissions, taking fully into account the need to ensure a full range of scientific disciplines and the principle of equitable geographical distribution;

11. *Requests* the Conference to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session through the Economic and Social Council.

*45th plenary meeting
25 November 1981*

DECISIONS

1981/193. Transmittal of reports to the General Assembly for consideration

At its 42nd plenary meeting, on 21 October 1981, the Council decided to authorize the Secretary-General to transmit directly to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session:

(a) The report of the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development on its resumed second session and on its third and resumed third sessions;⁹

(b) The report of the Trade and Development Board;¹⁰

(c) The report of the Human Rights Committee on the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights;¹¹

(d) The report of the Council of the United Nations University.¹²

1981/194. Addition of an item to the agenda for the seventh session of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control

At its 42nd plenary meeting, on 21 October 1981, the Council, pursuant to paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 35/172 of 15 December 1980, decided to add the item entitled "Arbitrary or summary executions" to the agenda for the seventh session of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control.

⁹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 37 (A/36/37).*

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 15 (A/36/15).

¹¹ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 40 (A/36/40).

¹² *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 31 (A/36/31).

1981/195. Nomination of members of the World Food Council

At its 42nd plenary meeting, on 21 October 1981, the Council decided to nominate the following States for election by the General Assembly, at its thirty-sixth session, to membership in the World Food Council for a three-year term:

(a) *African States* (three vacancies): Botswana, Gambia and United Republic of Tanzania;

(b) *Asian States* (three vacancies): China, India and Thailand;

(c) *Latin American States* (two vacancies): Chile, Colombia, Mexico and Uruguay;

(d) *Socialist States of Eastern Europe* (one vacancy): Yugoslavia;

(e) *Western European and other States* (three vacancies): Canada, Greece and United States of America.

1981/196. Elections to subsidiary and related bodies of the Council

At its 42nd and 44th plenary meetings, on 21 October and 2 November 1981, the Council took the following action with respect to vacancies on several of its subsidiary and related bodies:

COMMISSION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

At its 42nd plenary meeting, the Council elected Jordan to fill a vacant seat allocated to Asian States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1982.

At its 44th plenary meeting, the Council elected Romania to fill a vacant seat allocated to Eastern European States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1982.

COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS

At its 42nd plenary meeting, the Council postponed to its organizational session for 1982 the election of:

(a) One member from Asian States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1984;

(b) Two members from Asian States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1983;

(c) One member from Asian States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1982.

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

At the same meeting, the Council postponed to the organizational session for 1982 the election of:

(a) Two members from Asian States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1984;

(b) Two members from Asian States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1982.

COMMITTEE ON FOOD AID POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES

At the same meeting, the Council elected Somalia to fill a vacant seat allocated to African States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1982.

AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS ON INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS OF ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING

At the same meeting, the Council postponed to the organizational session for 1982 the election of two members from Eastern European States.

1981/197. Strengthening the co-ordination of information systems

At its 43rd plenary meeting, on 2 November 1981, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the co-ordination of information systems, submitted in accordance with a decision taken by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination,¹³ in pursuance of Council resolution 1981/63 of 23 July 1981.

1981/198. Calendar of meetings of the Commission on Transnational Corporations and its subsidiary bodies for 1982

At its 43rd plenary meeting, on 2 November 1981, the Council, having accepted with appreciation the offer of the

Government of the Philippines to act as host to the Commission on Transnational Corporations at its eighth session decided:

(a) That the eighth session of the Commission be held at Manila from 30 August to 10 September 1982 instead of from 12 to 21 May 1982 at United Nations Headquarters as was previously scheduled;

(b) To authorize the Intergovernmental Working Group on a Code of Conduct to hold three more sessions before the eighth session of the Commission;

(c) To authorize the *Ad Hoc* Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting to hold two more sessions in 1982, with the objective of submitting its final recommendations to the Commission on Transnational Corporations at its eighth session.

1981/199. Provisional agenda for the eighth session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations

At its 43rd plenary meeting, on 2 November 1981, the Council approved the provisional agenda and documentation for the eighth session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations set out below:

1. *Recent developments related to transnational corporations and international economic relations.*

Documentation:

Report of the Secretariat.

2. *Report on the activities of the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations:*

(a) *Activities of the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations:*

(b) *Financial implications of the programme elements of the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations.*

Documentation:

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations;

Reports on the activities of the joint units;

Note on the financial implications of the programme elements of the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations.

3. *Work related to the formulation of a code of conduct.*

Documentation:

Report of the Intergovernmental Working Group on a Code of Conduct.

4. *Comprehensive information system.*

Documentation:

Report on the comprehensive information system.

5. *International standards of accounting and reporting.*

Documentation:

Report of the *Ad Hoc* Intergovernmental Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting.

6. *Technical co-operation.*

Documentation:

Report on the programme of technical co-operation on matters related to transnational corporations;

Financial implications of the technical co-operation programme of the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations.

7. *Studies on the effects of the operations and practices of transnational corporations:*

(a) *Activities of transnational corporations in southern Africa and their collaboration with the racist minority régime in that area:*

¹³ See Administrative Committee on Co-ordination decision 1981/16, subpara. (e).

- (b) *The role of transnational corporations in transborder data flows and their impact on home and host countries, particularly on developing countries;*
- (c) *Other studies;*
- (d) *Review of ongoing and future research.*

Documentation:

Report on measures taken pursuant to the resolution recommended by the Commission at its seventh session for adoption by the Council [(a)];

Report on transnational corporations and transborder data flows [(b)];

International financial transfers and transnational banks: their role and impact, in particular in developing countries [(c)];

Transnational corporations in the shipping industry: the case of bauxite [(c)];

Measures taken by Governments to strengthen their negotiating capacity: multinational corporations and joint ventures in Latin America [(c)];

Report on ongoing and future research [(d)].

8. *Work related to the definition of transnational corporations.*

Documentation:

Report of the Intergovernmental Working Group on a Code of Conduct.

9. *Question of expert advisers.*

Documentation:

Note by the Secretariat.

1981/200. Examination of long-term trends in economic development

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 2 November 1981, the Council decided:

(a) To take note of the note by the Secretary-General containing the preliminary draft of an over-all socio-economic perspective of the world economy to the year 2000¹⁴ and of the indication therein that consultations with the regional commissions and organizations of the United Nations concerned, as called for in General Assembly resolution 34/57 of 29 November 1979, were in progress;

(b) To invite the Secretary-General, taking into account the views expressed by delegations at the resumed second regular session of 1981,¹⁵ to proceed with the preparation of a revised report on the preliminary draft perspective, incorporating the conclusions of the interorganizational consultations under way, with a view to synthesizing the findings of other organizations of the United Nations system on long-term social and economic trends;

(c) To consider that report at its second regular session of 1982;

(d) To recommend to the General Assembly that it should defer for one year the review specified in paragraph 7 of Assembly resolution 34/57 relating to the progress made in the implementation of that resolution.

1981/201. Summary of estimates of programme budget implications of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Council during its first and second regular sessions of 1981

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 2 November 1981, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General containing the summary of estimates of programme budget

¹⁴ E/1981/113.

¹⁵ See E/1981/SR.44.

implications of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Council during its first and second regular sessions of 1981.¹⁶

1981/202. Appointment of the members of the Preparatory Sub-Committee for the Second World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 25 November 1981, the Council, after hearing a statement by the President concerning the appointment of twenty-three members of the Preparatory Sub-Committee for the Second World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, agreed that, without prejudice to the provisions of Council decision 1981/130 of 6 May 1981, the President would proceed with the appointment of the States so far nominated by the regional groups on the understanding that he would pursue his efforts with a view to completing the membership of the Preparatory Sub-Committee.¹⁷

1981/203. Preparatory Sub-Committee for the Second World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 25 November 1981, the Council decided to invite the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination to designate one of its members to participate, as an observer, in the work of the Preparatory Sub-Committee for the Second World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination.

1981/204. Revitalization of the Economic and Social Council

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 25 November 1981, the Council decided to include the question of the revitalization of the Economic and Social Council in the agenda for its organizational session for 1982.

1981/205. Convening of an International Conference on Population in 1984

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 25 November 1981, the Council decided to request the Population Commission as the preparatory body for the International Conference on Population¹⁸ to make the necessary detailed recommendations to the Council concerning participation in the Conference, taking into account the relevant decisions and resolutions of the General Assembly and established United Nations practice regarding participation in conferences convened by the United Nations.

¹⁶ E/1981/118.

¹⁷ In a letter dated 15 December 1981 (E/1981/120), the President of the Council informed the Secretary-General that he had appointed the following nineteen Member States as members of the Preparatory Sub-Committee: Bulgaria, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Egypt, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, India, Iraq, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Venezuela, Yugoslavia and Zimbabwe.

¹⁸ See Council resolution 1981/87.