

Taking into consideration the need for improved integration of the potential and capacity of technical co-operation among developing countries in operational activities for development of the United Nations system in the framework of country programming,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries on its fifth session⁶³ and endorses the decisions contained in the report;

2. *Urges* all organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to participate actively, within their respective fields of competence, in supporting the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries and to inform the Special Unit for Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries of the United Nations Development Programme of their activities in this regard so that complete information on the effectiveness of all the functions of the United Nations development system in support of technical co-operation among developing countries will be available to the High-level Committee at its sixth session, which will take place ten years after the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action.

*37th plenary meeting
9 July 1987*

1987/89. Enlargement of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 1166 (XII) of 26 November 1957, in which the Assembly provided for the establishment of an Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, as well as Assembly resolutions 1958 (XVIII) of 12 December 1963 and 2294 (XXII) of 11 December 1967, in which it provided for subsequent increases in the membership of the Executive Committee,

Noting the note verbale dated 26 May 1987 from the Permanent Representative of Somalia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General⁶⁴ regarding the enlargement of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,

1. *Recommends* the General Assembly to take a decision at its forty-second session on the question of enlarging the membership of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees from forty-one to forty-three;

2. *Recommends* the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for

Refugees to consider ways and means of improving the possibilities for observers to participate effectively in its work.

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1987/90. Food and agricultural problems

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, 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation, 35/56 of 5 December 1980, the annex to which contains the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, 39/174 of 17 December 1984 and 40/205 of 17 December 1985 on the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries and 41/191 of 8 December 1986 on food and agricultural problems,

Reaffirming the Universal Declaration on the Eradication of Hunger and Malnutrition adopted by the World Food Conference,⁶⁵

Stressing the imperative need to keep food and agricultural issues at the centre of global attention,

Reaffirming the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990,⁶⁶ in which the African countries and the international community committed themselves, *inter alia*, to giving priority attention and increased resources to the rehabilitation and development of food and agriculture in Africa,

Reaffirming that the right to food is a universal human right which should be guaranteed to all people and, in that context, believing in the general principle that food should not be used as an instrument of political pressure, either at the national or at the international level,

Reaffirming also that the maintenance of peace and security and the strengthening of international co-operation in food and agriculture are important for improved economic conditions and enhanced food security,

Reaffirming that for most developing countries self-reliance in food and agriculture constitutes an important objective,

Recognizing the urgent need for substantial progress in stimulating food production in developing countries, and that the international agricultural commodity

⁶³ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 39 (A/42/39).*

⁶⁴ E/1987/105.

⁶⁵ *Report of the World Food Conference, Rome, 5-16 November 1974* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.II.A.3), chap. I.

⁶⁶ General Assembly resolution S-13/2, annex.