

(b) To ensure that the necessary financial and budgetary arrangements are made to continue the organization of the international programme of assistance to Equatorial Guinea and the mobilization of assistance;

(c) To keep the situation in Equatorial Guinea under constant review, to maintain close contact with Member States, regional and other intergovernmental organizations, the specialized agencies and the international financial institutions concerned and to apprise the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1981, of the status of the special economic assistance programme for Equatorial Guinea;

(d) To arrange for a review of the economic situation of Equatorial Guinea and the progress made in organizing and implementing the special economic assistance programme for that country in time for the matter to be considered by the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session.

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35/106. Review of the economic situation of Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, Tonga and newly independent developing countries with a view to their inclusion in the list of the least developed countries²²⁴

The General Assembly,

Recalling Economic and Social Council decision 1980/161 of 24 July 1980, in which the Council 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 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 session of 1981,

1. *Decides* to authorize the Economic and Social Council to consider, at its first regular session of 1981, the recommendations of the Committee for Development Planning on the above-mentioned countries and, accordingly, to add any of these countries to the list of the least developed countries on the basis of existing criteria and the most recent data relating to the above-mentioned countries;

2. *Decides* that this exercise should be without prejudice to any future over-all review of the list of the least developed countries which may be authorized at a later date by the General Assembly in accordance with established procedures.

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35/107. Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971, by which it established the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, and its resolution 3243 (XXIX) of 29 November 1974 on the strengthening of that Office,

Recalling also section II, paragraph 14, of its resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975, and its resolution 33/22 of 29 November 1978,

Reaffirming that it is necessary to ensure a continued sound financial basis for the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, as recognized by the General Assembly in its resolution 31/173 of 21 December 1976,

Bearing in mind that the timely receipt and distribution of information about the responses of donors is essential for the execution of the mandate of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator²³⁰ and of the statement made by the Co-ordinator before the Second Committee on 3 November 1980;²³¹

2. *Commends* the activities of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator which have contributed to the easing of the consequences of natural disasters;

3. *Calls upon* Governments and international organizations to co-operate with the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator by providing timely information on the nature and extent of their current and intended contributions to disaster-afflicted countries;

4. *Decides* to maintain for a further two-year period, as from 1 January 1982, the trust fund established pursuant to its resolution 3243 (XXIX) of 29 November 1974, modified under its resolutions 3440 (XXX) of 9 December 1975 and 3532 (XXX) of 17 December 1975 and its decision 33/429 of 19 December 1978, in order to ensure that the financial resources available to the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator remain adequate to meet the tasks entrusted to that Office;

5. *Urges* all Governments to contribute to the trust fund of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator;

6. *Decides* to review at its thirty-sixth session the mandate of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator.

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35/108. Transport and Communications Decade in Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 34/15 of 9 November 1979 on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/61 of 3 August 1979 on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,

Recalling further resolution 341 (XIV), adopted on 27 March 1979 by the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa,²³² in which the Conference urged member States to give high priority to the development of transport and communications,

Noting resolution CM/Res.738 (XXXIII), adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of

²³⁰ A/35/228.

²³¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Second Committee, 36th meeting, paras. 6-17.*

²³² See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1979, Supplement No. 15 (F/1979/50), part two, sect. D.*

African Unity at its thirty-third ordinary session, held at Monrovia from 6 to 20 July 1979.²³³

Further noting the results of the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning, held at Addis Ababa from 9 to 12 May 1979, in particular the adoption of the global strategy for the implementation of the programme for the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa and the programme of action for the first phase (1980-1983) of the Decade,²³⁴

Considering that the programme for the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa forms a whole and includes national, regional and subregional projects, which should be fully implemented within the period envisaged, so as to enable an integrated transport and communications network to be established in Africa, and that the proposed World Communications Year could provide further impetus to activities in the communications sector,

Taking into account the difficult problems faced by the land-locked African countries and the need to respond more effectively to their financial requirements in the field of transport and communications,

Further taking into account the encouraging results of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa, convened on 20 November 1979 by the Secretary-General, during which a general consensus emerged among funding agencies on the financing, essentially on a bilateral basis, of the projects included in the programme for the first phase of the Decade,

Noting with satisfaction the progress report of the Secretary-General submitted in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/160 of 19 December 1977,²³⁵

1. *Expresses its thanks* to the Secretary-General for having organized the United Nations Pledging Conference for the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa for the purpose of mobilizing additional resources for the implementation of the programme for the Decade;

2. *Notes with appreciation* that the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, at its twenty-seventh session, authorized the Administrator of the Programme to approve commitments for technical co-operation projects up to the amount of \$20 million in respect of the Decade during the third programming cycle, 1982-1986;²³⁶

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Economic Commission for Africa for the work accomplished since March 1977 and for the positive and effective co-operation of the Organization of African Unity, the specialized agencies and African intergovernmental organizations in their collaboration with the Commission in the preparation of the programme for the first phase of the Decade;

4. *Reiterates* its appeal to States members of the Economic Commission for Africa to give the highest priority to the transport and communications projects adopted for and included in the programme for the first phase of the Decade and therefore to include these projects in their development plans;

5. *Requests* African States to take the initiative of submitting to the various sources of finance requests for the financing of the projects adopted for the first phase and to use the required resources for that purpose;

6. *Also requests* African States both to allocate from their own national resources a part of the budget for the implementation of the programme for the Decade and to assign a part of the resources derived from outside aid to the implementation of the specific studies contained in the programme for the first phase;

7. *Notes with satisfaction* that the High-level Meeting on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, held at Geneva from 26 May to 2 June 1980, considered possibilities of inter-regional activities in technical co-operation among developing countries in support of the objectives of the Decade;²³⁷

8. *Appeals* to African States to provide the Economic Commission for Africa, in a manner which it shall determine, with the necessary information on the progress made in implementing the projects in the programme for the Decade, so that the Commission will be able to perform effectively the role assigned to it in the global strategy for the implementation of the programme for the Decade;

9. *Also appeals* to the funding agencies and the various financing institutions to consider, with the Economic Commission for Africa, the possible ways of financing those projects of the Decade which are not national in character;

10. *Calls upon* the African States, the funding agencies and the various sources of finance for this purpose to involve, as appropriate, the Economic Commission for Africa in the different phases of the negotiations on the financing of the projects;

11. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Governments, international financial institutions and United Nations agencies that have contributed financial and technical assistance for the implementation of the programme for the Decade and invites them to continue to provide such assistance;

12. *Invites* all Governments in a position to do so to provide financial and technical resources for the implementation of the programme for the Decade;

13. *Requests* the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to continue his efforts for the successful implementation of the programme for the first phase of the Decade by ensuring the necessary co-ordination between funding agencies and African countries for the programme, particularly for regional and subregional projects, and national projects with a regional or subregional impact;

14. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to organize as quickly as possible, with groups of donor countries and the financing institutions and with the participation of Governments, United Nations institutions and African intergovernmental organizations, either consultative technical meetings based on the various types of programmes for the Decade or consultative technical meetings based on groups of African countries or African subregions, for the purpose of finding the additional financial resources necessary to implement those projects for the Decade that are regional and multinational in character and of carrying out urgently the

²³³ See A/34/552, annex I.

²³⁴ See E/1979/77, part six, resolutions ECA/UNTACDA/Res.79/1 and 3.

²³⁵ A/35/334.

²³⁶ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1980, Supplement No. 12 (E/1980/42/Rev.1), chap. XI, decision 80/30, para. 13 (a).*

²³⁷ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 39 (A/35/39 and Corr.1), annex I, decision 1/2, para. 6.*

specific studies contained in the programme for the first phase that must be followed by concrete action not later than during the second phase;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the Economic Commission for Africa with the financial means and resources necessary to enable it effectively to fulfil its role as the lead agency for the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa and to submit to the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1981, a progress report on the implementation of the programme for the Decade;

16. *Requests* the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to continue to submit progress reports on the implementation of the programme for the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa and to participate actively in the proposed World Communications Year, with a view to providing special impetus to development in Africa.

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35/109. World Communications Year

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 32/160 of 19 December 1977 on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa, in which it requested the Secretary-General, in consultation with the International Telecommunication Union and other specialized agencies concerned, to propose for consideration, as appropriate, one year during the Decade as a World Communications Year, in view of the importance of transport and communications to other regions of the world,

Noting Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/69 of 25 July 1980, in which the Council recommended 1983 as an appropriate year for the celebration of World Communications Year, provided that the arrangements necessary for its financing had been made, based on the principle of voluntary contributions,

1. *Endorses* the arrangements made by the Economic and Social Council concerning the programmes, organization, co-ordination and mobilization of resources to meet the requirements for a World Communications Year, as outlined in Council resolution 1980/69;

2. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to make appropriate proposals to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session, following its evaluation of the report on the state of preparations for the World Communications Year, in particular on the financial resources that will be available and on programmes that may be of interest to the international community, particularly the developing countries.

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35/110. Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Arab territories

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 34/136 of 14 December 1979,

Bearing in mind the relevant principles of international law and the provisions of the international con-

ventions and regulations, in particular Convention IV of The Hague of 1907,²³⁸ and the fourth Geneva Convention of 12 August 1949,²³⁹ concerning the obligations and responsibilities of the occupying Power,

Recalling its previous resolutions on permanent sovereignty over natural resources, particularly their provisions supporting resolutely the efforts of the developing countries and the peoples of territories under colonial and racial domination and foreign occupation in their struggle to regain effective control over their natural and all other resources, wealth and economic activities,

Bearing in mind the pertinent provisions of its 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, and 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,

Recalling further its resolutions 3175 (XXVIII) of 17 December 1973, 3336 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, 3516 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, 31/186 of 21 December 1976 and 32/161 of 19 December 1977 on permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Arab territories,

Referring to the note by the Secretary-General²⁴⁰ concerning the report on permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Arab territories requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 34/136,

1. *Emphasizes* the right of the Arab States and peoples whose territories are under Israeli occupation to full and effective permanent sovereignty and control over their natural and all other resources, wealth and economic activities;

2. *Reaffirms* that all measures undertaken by Israel to exploit the human, natural and all other resources, wealth and economic activities in the occupied Arab territories are illegal and calls upon Israel to desist immediately from such measures;

3. *Further reaffirms* the right of the Arab States and peoples subjected to Israeli aggression and occupation to the restitution of, and full compensation for, the exploitation, depletion and loss of and damages to their natural, human and all other resources, wealth and economic activities, and calls upon Israel to meet their just claims;

4. *Calls upon* all States to support and assist the Arab States and peoples in the exercise of their above-mentioned rights;

5. *Calls upon* all States, international organizations, specialized agencies, investment corporations and all other institutions not to recognize, or co-operate with or assist in any manner in, any measures undertaken by Israel to exploit the resources of the occupied territories or to effect any changes in the demographic composition, geographic character or institutional structure of those territories;

6. *Regrets* the failure to prepare a report for submission to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session in accordance with Assembly resolution 34/136;

²³⁸ Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, *The Hague Conventions and Declarations of 1899 and 1907* (New York, Oxford University Press, 1915), p. 100.

²³⁹ United Nations *Treaty Series*, vol. 75, No. 973, p. 287.

²⁴⁰ A/35/514.