

and to submit it to the General Assembly at its forty-second session, through the Economic and Social Council.

*38th plenary meeting
22 July 1986*

1986/57. Amendment of the terms of reference of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific: admission of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Republic of Palau as associate members of the Commission

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting that the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Republic of Palau have become associate members of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific in accordance with paragraph 5 of the terms of reference of the Commission³⁷, in place of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands,

Decides to amend paragraph 4 of the terms of reference of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific accordingly.

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1986/58. Proposals for updating the programme of work of the Economic Commission for Africa for the biennium 1986-1987 in the light of appropriations approved by the General Assembly and the availability of extrabudgetary resources

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling resolution 554 (XX) of 29 April 1985 of the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa³⁸ on the programme of work and priorities of the Economic Commission for Africa, 1986-1987,

Having examined the proposals for updating the programme budget of the Commission for the biennium 1986-1987,³⁹

Concerned about the declining resources available to the Commission for the effective implementation of its programme of work and activities,

Convinced that the programme of activities of the Commission should reflect available resources,

1. *Decides* to update the programme of work and priorities of the Economic Commission for Africa for the biennium 1986-1987 in accordance with the above-mentioned proposals;

³⁷ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1986, Supplement No. 11 (E/1986/32), annex V.*

³⁸ *See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1985, Supplement No. 15 (E/1985/36), chap. IV.*

³⁹ E/ECA/CM.12/36.

2. *Expresses its gratitude* to the members of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination for their support of the programme of work and priorities of the Commission for the biennium 1986-1987;

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary of the Commission to revise the relevant programmes of the Commission for the biennium 1986-1987 in accordance with the updated programme of work and priorities;

4. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General to take the above-mentioned proposals into account when preparing the report on programme performance for the biennium 1986-1987.

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1986/59. Financial status of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

The Economic and Social Council,

Having examined resolution 149 (XIII) of 24 April 1986 of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia⁴⁰ on the financial status of the Commission,

Having taken note of the concern expressed by the members of the Commission at any measures aimed at curtailing any of the Commission's mandated activities for the biennium 1986-1987 or at restricting the ability of the Commission to supplement the human resources necessary to carry out those activities,

Noting the concern of the members of the Commission, in view of the special and unique situation of the Commission, at the serious shortage of the human resources that are a basic necessity if it is to carry out its mandated programmes and activities, especially since the Commission has already undertaken, in adopting its budget, to cancel 30 subprogrammes because of the lack of financial and human resources,

Calls upon the General Assembly to strengthen the positive and constructive role assumed by the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia in the economic and social development of the region so that it may make a more far-reaching contribution to promoting regional and national development plans and programmes.

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1986/60. Request for the relocation of the headquarters of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

The Economic and Social Council,

Having taken note of resolution 152 (XIII) of 24 April 1986 of the Economic and Social Commission for

⁴⁰ *See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1986, Supplement No. 14 (E/1986/35), chap. IV.*