

*Referring also* to the report of the Secretary-General on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa submitted to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1985 and to the General Assembly at its fortieth session,<sup>47</sup>

*Noting* the annual reports for 1984 and 1985 on the implementation of the programme for the Decade, the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the Decade and the report of the Inter-Agency Co-ordinating Committee on the Regional African Satellite Communications System,

*Appreciating* the efforts made by the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to mobilize resources and to secure international assistance for implementing the second phase of the programme,

*Noting* that financial resources have been allocated by the General Assembly for the activities envisaged in its resolutions 38/150 and 39/230, including studies on harmonization and co-ordination of the various modes of transport and on manpower and training needs in transport and communications,

*Noting with satisfaction* that certain projects related to trans-African axes included in the programme for the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa have been implemented using national resources of African countries members of the Economic Commission for Africa,

1. *Endorses* the report and the resolutions adopted by the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning at its fifth session, held at Harare on 10 and 11 March 1986;<sup>48</sup>

2. *Notes with satisfaction* the achievements by all African countries in the implementation of all the resolutions previously adopted by the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning within the framework of the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa, which achievements shall be included among the accomplishments of the Decade;

3. *Welcomes* the role played by the Inter-Agency Co-ordinating Committee on the Regional African Satellite Communications System, under the Economic Commission for Africa as the lead agency, in co-ordinating activities towards the attainment of the objectives of the Decade;

4. *Appreciates* the continued financial support of Member States for the activities of the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa;

5. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme for his continuing support of the Decade through the financing of the Decade Co-ordination Unit and other Decade activities, and requests him to continue to provide funds to the Commission during the Programme's fourth programming cycle (1987-1991) for the realization of the

<sup>47</sup> A/40/409-E/1985/107.

<sup>48</sup> E/ECA/CM.12/43.

development process which was accepted during the Decade;

6. *Expresses its thanks* to donor countries and financing institutions for the financial assistance provided for the implementation of the programme for the Decade, and urges them to continue and intensify their support for the programme and for the strengthening of the Co-ordinating Committee for the Decade;

7. *Requests* the General Assembly to allocate, within the limits of available resources, the necessary means to enable the Commission:

(a) To carry out an in-depth evaluation of the programme for the Decade in accordance with the recommendations contained in the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the Decade;<sup>49</sup>

(b) To organize and service meetings of the Technical Committee on Air Transport;

8. *Requests* the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to draw the attention of the member States to the recommendations contained in the present resolution, taking into account the views expressed in the Economic and Social Council on the subject, and to report to the Commission as soon as possible on the matter.

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## 1986/63. Industrial Development Decade for Africa

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* resolution 532 (XX) of 29 April 1985 of the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa,<sup>50</sup> in which the Conference of Ministers called, *inter alia*, for the allocation of resources to make it possible to implement the programme for the Industrial Development Decade for Africa,

*Cognizant* of Africa's Priority Programme for Economic Recovery, 1986-1990,<sup>51</sup> adopted at the twenty-first ordinary session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, held at Addis Ababa from 18 to 20 July 1985,

*Conscious* of the fact that the implementation of the programme for the Decade and of the Priority Programme depends upon the availability of adequate resources and the full commitment of Governments at the national, subregional and regional levels, and of the international community,

*Recalling* its resolution 1985/61 of 26 July 1985, in which it called upon the General Assembly to consider the allocation in the programme budget for the bien-

<sup>49</sup> A/40/633, annex.

<sup>50</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1985, Supplement No. 15 (E/1985/36)*, chap. IV.

<sup>51</sup> See A/40/666, annex I, AHG/Decl.1 (XXI).

nium 1986-1987 of \$700,000 to the Economic Commission for Africa, to be absorbed from the \$5 million allocated to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, under Assembly resolution 39/233 of 18 December 1984, for the implementation of the Industrial Development Decade for Africa,

*Mindful* of the fundamentally important linkage between industry and agriculture in Africa's Priority Programme for Economic Recovery, 1986-1990, and of the vital contribution which the implementation of the programme for the Industrial Development Decade for Africa would make to food production and the rehabilitation of agriculture in Africa,

1. *Reiterates* the importance and priority with African countries accord to the industrial sector in view of its fundamental role in the implementation of Africa's Priority Programme for Economic Recovery, 1986-1990, and the full attainment of the objectives of the Lagos Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Monrovia Strategy for the Economic Development of Africa<sup>52</sup> and the Final Act of Lagos;<sup>53</sup>

2. *Commends* the efforts made by African countries and organizations, as well as by the secretariats of the Economic Commission for Africa, the Organization of African Unity and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, towards the implementation of the programme for the Industrial Development Decade for Africa;

3. *Requests* the secretariats of the Economic Commission for Africa and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to increase their assistance to African countries and subregional organizations with a view to promoting subregional industrial co-operation within the framework of the Decade;

4. *Expresses its appreciation* to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization for allocating \$8.6 million to the Decade in its programme budget for 1986-1987;

5. *Urges* the Programme and Budget Committee and the Industrial Development Board of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to increase the allocation for the Decade in the programme budget for 1988-1989 in accordance with the high priority accorded to the programme by that organization;

6. *Requests* that the transformation of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization into a specialized agency should not lead to a reduction of the resources made available for assistance to African countries and organizations within the framework of the programme for the Decade;

7. *Appeals* to the international community, multilateral funding agencies, especially the United Nations Development Programme and the World Bank, and bilateral and investment institutions to increase the flow of investment and technical assistance resources to the industrial sector in Africa to make it possible to im-

plement national and subregional investment and support projects.

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#### 1986/64. Updating of the world survey on the role of women in development

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Considering* that the General Assembly, in its resolution 40/204 of 17 December 1985, invited the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirty-first session to suggest terms of reference for the first update of the *World Survey on the Role of Women in Development*,<sup>54</sup> which is to be submitted to the Assembly at its forty-fourth session, in 1989.

*Emphasizing* the need to update the multidisciplinary and multisectoral survey on the integration of women in development,

*Aware* that the majority of the developing countries are at present suffering from a serious financial, economic and social crisis and that their precarious situation is leading to deterioration in the condition of broad groups of the population, particularly women,

*Bearing in mind* that the problems of the developing countries caused by the critical situation are aggravated by increasing external debt, deterioration in the terms of trade, protectionism, and other measures that affect their exports,

*Conscious* of the urgent need to study and to propose alternative courses of action to face the critical situation at minimum cost to the well-being of women,

*Emphasizing* the interrelationship between the preparations for updating the survey and the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women,<sup>55</sup> including, *inter alia*, the system-wide medium-term plan for women and development,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission on the Status of Women at its 1988 session a first draft of the updated world survey on the role of women in development, taking into account the integrity of the three themes of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women, namely, equality, development and peace;

2. *Recommends* the Secretary-General, in preparing the update of the survey and in linking it closely to the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women:

<sup>54</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No. E.86.IV.3.

<sup>55</sup> *Report of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Nairobi, 15-26 July 1985* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.85.IV.10), chap. I, sect. A.

<sup>52</sup> A/S-11/14, annex I.

<sup>53</sup> *Ibid.*, annex II.