

17. *Requests* the President of the Economic and Social Council to continue consultations on these matters with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and the Chairman of the Special Committee against *Apartheid* and to report thereon to the Council;

18. *Requests* the Secretary-General to follow the implementation of the present resolution and to report thereon to the Council at its second regular session of 1987;

19. *Decides* to keep these questions under continuous review.

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22 July 1986*

#### **1986/49. Assistance to the Palestinian people**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 40/170 of 17 December 1985,

*Recalling also* Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/57 of 27 July 1985,

*Recalling further* the Programme of Action for the Achievement of Palestinian Rights, adopted by the International Conference on the Question of Palestine,<sup>12</sup>

*Noting* that the programme of economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people requested in General Assembly resolution 38/145 of 19 December 1983 has not been prepared,

*Noting* the increasing need to provide economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people;<sup>13</sup>

2. *Notes* the meeting on assistance to the Palestinian people held at Geneva on 2 July 1986 in response to General Assembly resolution 40/170;

3. *Expresses its thanks* to the Secretary-General for convening the meeting on assistance to the Palestinian people;

4. *Regards* such a meeting as a valuable opportunity to assess progress in economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people and to explore ways and means of enhancing such assistance;

5. *Urges* the international community, the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to disburse their aid or any other form of assistance to the occupied Palestinian territories only for the benefit of the Palestinian people

and in a manner which will not serve to prolong the Israeli occupation;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To prepare without further delay the programme of economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people requested in General Assembly resolution 38/145;

(b) To convene in 1987 a meeting of the relevant programmes, organizations, agencies, funds and organs of the United Nations system to consider economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people;

(c) To invite the Palestine Liberation Organization, the Arab host countries and relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to participate in the meeting;

7. *Requests* the international community, the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to sustain and increase their assistance to the Palestinian people in co-operation with the Palestine Liberation Organization;

8. *Also requests* that United Nations assistance to the Palestinians in the Arab host countries should be rendered in co-operation with the Palestine Liberation Organization and with the consent of the Arab host Government concerned;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-second session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

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22 July 1986*

#### **1986/50. Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the report of the Chairmen of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on the twenty-first series of Joint Meetings of the two Committees,<sup>14</sup>

1. *Notes* the progress made at the twenty-first series of Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination in establishing a useful and constructive dialogue between the two Committees;

2. *Stresses* that further improvements are needed for the Joint Meetings to accomplish their objectives,

3. *Takes note* of the report of the Chairmen of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on the twenty-first series of Joint Meetings of the two Committees, which includes the conclusions reached by the Chairmen and the views expressed on the preparedness

<sup>12</sup> Report of the International Conference on the Question of Palestine, Geneva, 29 August-7 September 1983 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.83.I.21), chap. I, sect. B.

<sup>13</sup> A/41/319-E/1986/72 and Corr.1.

<sup>14</sup> E/1986/113.

of the United Nations system for emergency situations and its co-ordination aspects and links to longer-term development;

4. *Decides*, as agreed by the members of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, that the topic for the twenty-second series of Joint Meetings of the two Committees shall be "Co-ordination of the activities of the United Nations system in human resources development and its contribution to meeting the economic and social objectives of the developing countries".

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**1986/51. Report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the work of its twenty-sixth session**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the work of its twenty-sixth session,<sup>15</sup>

**I**

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the work of its twenty-sixth session and endorses the conclusions and recommendations contained therein;

2. *Emphasizes once again* the importance of the programming and co-ordinating functions carried out by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination as the main subsidiary organ of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly for planning, programming and co-ordination;

**II**

**IMPROVEMENT OF THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME AND CO-ORDINATION UNDER ITS MANDATE**

1. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the improvement of its work under its mandate;<sup>16</sup>

2. *Welcomes*, in particular, the recommendations relating to the review of the medium-term plan and the programme budget, convinced that their implementation will contribute to the effectiveness and efficiency of the United Nations;

3. *Reiterates* the importance of setting priorities in the plans and programmes of the United Nations in accordance with the Regulations Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation,<sup>17</sup> endorses the recommendations of the

<sup>15</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/41/38 and Corr.2).*

<sup>16</sup> *Ibid.*, paras. 25-55.

<sup>17</sup> General Assembly resolution 37/234, annex.

Committee on priority setting, and urges the Committee to continue to improve priority setting in the United Nations in accordance with its role, as set out in its mandate;

4. *Endorses*, in particular, the recommendations of the Committee on general and specific measures to improve the relevance and effectiveness of co-ordination within the United Nations system, on the implementation of the conclusions reached by the Committee upon consideration of analyses of the state of co-ordination in given areas, and on better integration of planning, programming and co-ordination;

5. *Stresses* the importance of an adequate mechanism to ensure that the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee are systematically followed up by the appropriate sectoral, functional and regional intergovernmental bodies and, in that context, requests the Secretary-General to implement fully the measures referred to in paragraph 48 of the report of the Committee;

**III**

**PROPOSED REVISIONS AND ADDENDUM  
TO THE MEDIUM-TERM PLAN  
FOR THE PERIOD 1984-1989**

1. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination<sup>18</sup> on the proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989;<sup>19</sup>

2. *Notes with satisfaction* the addition to the medium-term plan of chapter 31, containing a new major programme on programme planning and co-ordination,<sup>20</sup> as revised by the Committee;<sup>21</sup>

3. *Reiterates* that the medium-term plan should continue to serve as the framework for the formulation of biennial programme budgets;

**IV**

**STATEMENTS OF PROGRAMME BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

1. *Notes* that rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council<sup>22</sup> provides that the Secretary-General shall prepare and provide to the Council an estimate of the programme budget implications of implementing any proposal involving the expenditure of United Nations funds;

2. *Welcomes* the recommendation of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination that the Economic and Social Council, starting with its first regular session of 1987, should, for a trial period of two years, be provided with statements of programme budget implications.

<sup>18</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/41/38 and Corr.2), paras. 117-152.*

<sup>19</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 6 (A/41/6).

<sup>20</sup> *Ibid.*, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 6C (A/37/6: Add.3).

<sup>21</sup> *Ibid.*, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/41/38 and Corr.2), para. 114.

<sup>22</sup> E/5715/Rev.1 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.83.1.9).