

of Israel to the Council for temporary admission as a member of the Commission and looked forward to a decision by the Council on the admission of Israel in accordance with its application.<sup>71</sup>

*Decides* to amend paragraph 7 of the terms of reference of the Economic Commission for Europe by adding Israel to the list of members of the Commission in accordance with its request for temporary admission as a member of the Commission, as contained in the letter dated 16 April 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Economic and Social Council.<sup>72</sup>

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### 1991/73. Cooperation in fisheries in Africa

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1990/77 of 27 July 1990,

*Recalling also* General Assembly resolution 45/184 of 21 December 1990, in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit, in close consultation with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, to the Assembly at its forty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council at its regular session of 1992, a report on cooperation in fisheries in Africa, including recommendations for its enhancement,

*Aware* of the importance of regional agreements for the promotion and development of fishery resources,

*Concerned* about the need to encourage these initiatives, which are directed towards attaining food self-sufficiency, improving nutrition, diversifying exports and promoting employment,

*Stressing* the importance of the preservation and conservation of fishery resources through regional cooperation and rational management compatible with the North-South framework of cooperation, which safeguards the interests of both the African countries of the Atlantic region and the developed countries that seek those resources,

*Bearing in mind* the fact that the fisheries sector can foster the development and economic growth of developing countries,

1. *Expresses satisfaction* with the significant progress made by the follow-up committee of the Ministerial Conference on Cooperation in Fisheries among the African States Bordering the Atlantic Ocean;

2. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the convening, under the chairmanship of Senegal, of the second session of the Ministerial Conference on Cooperation in Fisheries among the African States Bordering the Atlantic

<sup>71</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1991, Supplement No. 15 (E/1991/36)*, para. 258.

<sup>72</sup> E/1991/59.

Ocean at Dakar from 1 to 5 July 1991, during which a number of relevant decisions were made and certain programmes prepared;

3. *Welcomes* the adoption by the Conference of a Regional Convention designed to regulate and strengthen cooperation among those States;

4. *Takes note* of the establishment of a secretariat in charge of the follow-up and implementation of that Convention;

5. *Appeals* to the entire international community to follow the rational management of fishery resources, including stock maintenance, in the interest both of the African States bordering the Atlantic Ocean and of the developed countries involved in exploiting those resources;

6. *Requests* the organizations of the United Nations system, donor States and agencies involved in providing assistance and funding to contribute generously, as appropriate, to the implementation of the programmes and projects prepared during the Conference;

7. *Invites* the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, in consultation with the Chairman of the Conference, to submit a report, as appropriate, to the Economic and Social Council on the progress made and the results obtained.

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### 1991/74. Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 1982/57 of 30 July 1982, 1983/62 of 29 July 1983, 1984/75 of 27 July 1984, 1985/70 of 26 July 1985, 1987/69 of 8 July 1987 and 1989/119 of 28 July 1989,

*Bearing in mind* General Assembly resolution 43/179 of 20 December 1988, by which the Assembly declared the period 1991-2000 the Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,

*Also bearing in mind* resolution 912 (1989) adopted on 1 February 1989 by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe<sup>73</sup> regarding measures to encourage the construction of a major traffic artery in south-western Europe and to study thoroughly the possibility of a permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar,

*Taking note* of the conclusions contained in the interim report prepared in compliance with Council resolution 1989/119 by the Executive Secretaries of the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe on the development of the studies relating to the project for a Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar,<sup>74</sup>

<sup>73</sup> See Council of Europe, Parliamentary Assembly, Fortieth Ordinary Session (third part), 30 January-3 February 1989, *Texts Adopted by the Assembly*, Strasbourg, 1989.

<sup>74</sup> E/1991/67, annex