

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

*Bearing in mind* the conclusions and the recommendations of the Third International Colloquium on the Europe/Africa Permanent Fixed Link through the Strait of Gibraltar, held at Marrakesh, Morocco, from 16 to 18 May 1990 and attended by distinguished experts in the areas related to the project and by representatives of many international organizations,

*Conscious* of the importance of the issues linked to the project and their repercussions on the promotion of scientific and technological research at the international level,

*Also conscious* of the contribution of the project to the development of transport and to subregional and interregional physical integration,

1. *Welcomes* the cooperation between the Economic Commission for Africa, the Economic Commission for Europe, the Governments of Morocco and Spain and the Transport Study Centre for the Western Mediterranean;

2. *Invites* the States concerned and the competent scientific institutes and institutions to cooperate with the Economic Commission for Africa, the Economic Commission for Europe and the Governments of Morocco and Spain to encourage and facilitate the development of land transport infrastructures linked to the works across the Strait of Gibraltar and cooperation in regard to administrative and customs procedures;

3. *Also invites* the competent agencies of the United Nations system to participate in carrying out the studies relating to the project for the permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretaries of the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe to prepare an evaluation report on the studies relating to the project in the period 1982-1993 for submission to the Economic and Social Council at its regular session of 1993;

5. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General to allocate as far as possible sufficient resources to the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe, within existing priorities, for the preparation of the above-mentioned evaluation report.

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## **1991/75. Phase II of the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific, 1985-1994**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Noting* resolution 47/10 of 10 April 1991 of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific on phase II of the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific, 1985-1994,<sup>75</sup>

<sup>75</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1991, Supplement No. 14 (E/1991/35), chap. IV.*

*Also noting* resolution 170 (XV) of 18 May 1989 of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia on activities of the Transport and Communications Decade in Western Asia (1985-1994),<sup>76</sup>

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 39/227 of 18 December 1984, in which the Assembly proclaimed the period 1985-1994 a Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific, and Economic and Social Council resolution 1984/78 of 27 July 1984 on the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific, 1985-1994,

*Recalling also* the section of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s concerning the improvement of transport and communications infrastructure,<sup>77</sup>

*Recalling further* its resolution 1983/69 of 29 July 1983,

*Recognizing* the critical role of transport and communications in economic development and the importance, therefore, of the improvement and growth of transport and communications infrastructure and services in a manner commensurate with the expected growth of all sectors of the economy generating the demand for transport and communications,

*Recalling* the report of the Secretary-General concerning progress made in the implementation of Council resolution 1984/78,<sup>78</sup>

1. *Endorses* resolution 47/10 of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, with a view to:

(a) Raising the transport and communications infrastructural facilities and services of developing member and associate member Governments to a level commensurate with their development objectives and priorities, giving particular attention to the special needs of the least developed, land-locked and island developing countries of the region;

(b) Encouraging the active participation of existing subregional groupings of the region in formulating and implementing the activities for the Decade within their respective subregions in coordination with the regional secretariat;

(c) Associating national institutions concerned with transport and communications in the implementation of the activities for the Decade;

(d) Promoting the active involvement of commercial sectors in the implementation of the activities for the Decade;

2. *Recommends* that the General Assembly change the period of the second quinquennium of the Decade to 1992-1996 to coincide with the period of the medium-term plan, namely 1992-1997, so that adequate prepara-

<sup>76</sup> *Ibid.*, 1989, Supplement No. 17 (E/1989/36), chap. III.

<sup>77</sup> *Report of the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Paris, 3-14 September 1990 (A/CONF.147/18), part one, paras. 107-113.*

<sup>78</sup> E/1990/57.