

Having reviewed the preamble, the section on peace, security and population, and the other sections of the recommendations for the further implementation of the World Population Plan of Action adopted by the International Conference on Population,²⁸ at which it was reaffirmed that the principles and objectives of the World Population Plan of Action remained fully valid and that creating conditions for international peace and security was of great importance for the achievement of the goals of population policies and economic and social development and at which emphasis was placed on a number of issues in the field of population that should continue to be included in the work programme, as appropriate,

Reaffirming the important role of the Population Commission as the advisory body of the Economic and Social Council on population matters,

Taking note of the report of the Population Commission on its twenty-fourth session²⁹ and the views expressed therein on the progress made in implementing the work programme for the biennium 1986-1987 and the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the progress made in implementing the work programme for the biennium 1986-1987 and the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to formulate the medium-term plan for the period 1990-1995 taking into account, as appropriate, the views expressed at the twenty-fourth session of the Population Commission and, *inter alia*, the guidelines for the work programmes of the United Nations Secretariat contained in paragraphs 3 and 4 below;

3. *Also requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue vigorously the monitoring of world population trends and policies and to prepare the review and appraisal of the World Population Plan of Action;

(b) To continue the work programmes on the following:

- (i) Socio-economic development and population;
- (ii) Interrelationships between the status and role of women and population;
- (iii) Population policies, including the Sixth Population Policy Inquiry among Governments;
- (iv) Analytical studies with respect to demographic target-setting;
- (v) Estimates and projections of population;
- (vi) Mortality analysis;
- (vii) Fertility and family planning;
- (viii) Urbanization and internal and international migration;

²⁸ *Report of the International Conference on Population, 1984, Mexico City, 6-14 August 1984* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.84.XIII.8 and corrigenda), chap. I, sect. B.

²⁹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1987, Supplement No. 3 (E/1987/16).*

(ix) Consequences of changes in population and household structure;

(x) Development of the Population Information Network (POPIN), including information services on available software;

(c) To continue to work closely with Member States, other organizations of the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, as appropriate, in the implementation of programmes;

4. *Further requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue and to strengthen interdisciplinary technical co-operation activities in the field of population in the following areas:

- (i) Training in demography and population-and-development matters, including short-term specialized training, particularly in the use of microcomputer programs;
- (ii) Evaluation and analysis of basic population data, particularly with respect to the 1990 round of population censuses, use of computer programs, and dissemination of data and their utilization in national development planning;
- (iii) Formulation of population policy and its integration in development planning, especially through the strengthening of national institutional mechanisms for research, in-service training and documentation;

(b) To continue to analyse, evaluate and publish studies on experience with technical co-operation activities in population;

5. *Re-emphasizes* the importance of maintaining the scope, effectiveness and efficiency of the global population programme and of continuing to strengthen co-ordination and collaboration among the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs, the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development, the regional commissions, the United Nations Fund for Population Activities and other organizations of the United Nations system in the planning and execution of their population programmes, as well as the need for organizations of the United Nations system to strengthen collaboration and co-ordination, as appropriate, with other intergovernmental, non-governmental and national organizations concerned.

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1987/72. Follow-up to the recommendations of the International Conference on Population

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 39/228 of 18 December 1984,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolutions 3 (III) of 3 October 1946, 1985/4 and 1985/5 of 28 May 1985 and 1986/7 of 21 May 1986,

Having considered the report of the Population Commission on its twenty-fourth session³⁰ and the reports of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations system in the field of population³¹ and on the monitoring of multilateral population assistance,³²

Reaffirming the need to bring about a co-ordinated, effective and efficient strategy for the United Nations and the United Nations system in addressing population issues,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986 on the review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, on a regular basis, reports on the activities of the United Nations system in the field of population, on the work of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in the implementation of the World Population Plan of Action³³ and on the monitoring of multilateral population assistance;

2. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities to continue to submit to the Population Commission, on a regular basis, reports on the activities of the Fund;

3. *Invites* the Population Commission to review those reports, within its competence, and to transmit its views to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular sessions;

4. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in order to enhance the coherence and harmonization of populations activities in the United Nations system and increase the effectiveness of the work of organizations and bodies of the United Nations system in the field of population, to take the necessary steps to enable the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to review on a regular basis population activities and programmes within the United Nations system;

5. *Invites* the Secretary-General, with a view to securing balanced representation in the Population Commission of the various areas of technical and substantive expertise in the fields of population studies and population assistance, to consult with the Governments of the States members of the Commission, in conformity with paragraph 3 of Council resolution 3 (III) and the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council,³⁴ before representatives are finally nominated by those Governments and confirmed by the Council.

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³⁰ *Ibid.*

³¹ E/1987/4.

³² E/1987/5.

³³ *Report of the International Conference on Population, 1984, Mexico City, 6-14 August 1984* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.84.XIII.8 and corrigenda), chap. I, sect. B.

³⁴ E/5975/Rev.1 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.83.I.10).

1987/73. Assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Somalia

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 41/192 of 8 December 1986 on special programmes of economic assistance,

Deeply concerned that drought is again threatening life and causing serious loss of livestock and property in Somalia,

Bearing in mind that the Government of Somalia estimates that 1.6 million people, including 700,000 children, are affected by the drought and that 800 people have died,

Noting that on 29 April 1987 the Government of Somalia appealed for emergency assistance and has taken steps to co-ordinate, together with the United Nations and the donor community, the relief efforts, including the establishment on 30 April 1987 of a drought action committee,

Aware of the relief needs as set out in the information report of 5 May 1987 of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator,

1. *Commends* the strenuous efforts of the Government of Somalia to alleviate the hardship suffered by the victims of the drought;

2. *Requests* Member States, non-governmental organizations and organizations of the United Nations system to participate in the concerted effort to alleviate the adverse effects of the drought on the population of Somalia;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1988 on the progress achieved in the implementation of the present resolution.

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1987/74. Assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon

The Economic and Social Council,

Referring to General Assembly resolution 41/196 of 8 December 1986 and earlier resolutions of the General Assembly on international assistance for the reconstruction of Lebanon, by which the Assembly requested the specialized agencies and other organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to expand and intensify their programmes of assistance in response to the needs of Lebanon,

Recognizing that the present situation in Lebanon, owing to the events that have occurred in that country, the paralysis of economic activities and the increase in the expenses of the State coinciding with the alarming fall in national income, requires emergency assistance,