

of the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

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30 July 1992*

**1992/43. Strengthening the role of the regional commissions**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 45/264 of 13 May 1991 and 46/235 of 13 April 1992 on the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields, 46/145 of 17 December 1991 on regional economic integration among developing countries, and other relevant Assembly resolutions,

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation,<sup>103</sup> including his views on the role of the regional commissions within the framework of an integrated approach to enhancing the effectiveness of the United Nations system,

*Bearing in mind* that regional economic integration is important in expanding trade and investment, particularly in developing countries, and that regional economic integration has the potential to strengthen global economic and social development,

1. *Urges* the regional commissions to take steps to enable them fully to play their role in assisting their member States, in particular the developing countries, to promote accelerated and sustainable development through an integrated approach;

2. *Recommends* that, when preparing regional technical cooperation programmes, all relevant bodies of the United Nations system dealing with development coordinate their work with the regional commissions with a view to achieving a better and more focused use of available resources, greater coherence of action and, therefore, greater and more concentrated impact;

3. *Also recommends* that the regional commissions participate fully in the programme budget process at United Nations Headquarters;

4. *Urges* that priority setting for programming by the regional commissions should take fully into account the views of member States;

5. *Urges* the regional commissions, at the request of their member States, together with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, and in accordance with the Cartagena Commitment,<sup>104</sup> to contribute to the identification, preparation and implementation of specific projects to facilitate economic integration and to submit them to bilateral donors, regional economic integration organizations, regional development banks and financial institutions for their consideration;

6. *Requests* each regional commission to study the possibility of assisting its member States, as appropriate, to participate fully and effectively at its sessions;

7. *Stresses* the role and important contribution of the regional commissions, within their mandates, in the follow-up and implementation of the decisions adopted by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, in particular those contained in Agenda 21;<sup>105</sup>

8. *Stresses also* the importance of the regional commissions being part of the continued reform process in the

economic and social fields, bearing in mind General Assembly resolutions 45/264 and 46/235;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1993 on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

*42nd plenary meeting  
31 July 1992*

**1992/44. Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (1991-2000)**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 44/237 of 22 December 1989, in which the Assembly proclaimed the period 1991-2000 the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa, and Assembly decision 46/458 of 20 December 1991 on the programme for the Second Decade,

*Recalling also* General Assembly resolution 46/151 of 18 December 1991, in which the Assembly adopted the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, which identifies the Second Decade as a major programme for African regional economic integration,

*Recalling further* its resolution 1991/81 of 26 July 1991 on the Second Decade,

*Stressing* the need to integrate the programme for the Second Decade into the overall framework of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, in particular the commitment of African countries and the international community to promote domestic and foreign direct investment in Africa, as reflected in the relevant paragraphs of the New Agenda,

*Recalling* the relevant provisions of Agenda 21,<sup>105</sup> adopted by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, held at Rio de Janeiro from 3 to 14 June 1992,

*Considering* resolution GC.4/Res.8 of 22 November 1991 of the Fourth General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization,<sup>106</sup> in which the General Conference adopted the programme for the Second Decade as one of the top priority programmes of that organization and recommended its adoption by the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1992,

*Considering also* resolution 739 (XXVII) of 22 April 1992 of the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa,<sup>107</sup> in which the Conference of Ministers adopted the programme for the Second Decade, and decision 1 (XXVII) of 22 April 1992,<sup>108</sup> in which the Conference of Ministers recommended the adoption of the programme by the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1992, and the provision to the Economic Commission for Africa of adequate resources to enable it to support the African countries and subregional organizations in the implementation of their programmes for the Second Decade,

*Cognizant* of the appeal made by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, in resolution CM/Res.1399 (LVI) of 28 June 1992, to the General Assembly to adopt, at its forty-seventh session, the pro-

programme for the Second Decade, and of the endorsement of the programme by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity in its decision AHG/Dec.2 (XXVIII) of 1 July 1992,

1. *Endorses* the programme for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa, including the national, subregional and regional components;<sup>109</sup>

2. *Recommends* that the General Assembly, at its forty-seventh session, adopt the programme for the Second Decade;

3. *Recommends* that the General Assembly adjust the period for the programme for the Second Decade, established in its resolution 44/237, to cover the years 1993-2002;

4. *Notes* the efforts already undertaken in Africa to establish an environment to attract domestic and foreign investment, calls for further efforts in this regard, and urges the international community to take the necessary steps to encourage direct foreign investment and support the policy changes undertaken in African countries;

5. *Recommends also* that the General Assembly urge the African countries, financial institutions and the specialized agencies of the United Nations system to adopt an integrated approach to the implementation of the programme for the Second Decade, taking full account of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s;<sup>110</sup>

6. *Recommends further* that the General Assembly urge the Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa, the institutions and agencies of the United Nations system, the African States and subregional and regional organizations to integrate the relevant provisions of Agenda 21, adopted by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, in the implementation of the Second Decade;

7. *Appeals* to the international community, particularly bilateral and multilateral funding institutions, to increase significantly their contributions to the industrial sector in African countries so as to ensure the successful and sustained implementation of the programme for the Second Decade;

8. *Urges* international financial institutions, in particular the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and the African Development Bank, to ensure full support for the programme for the Second Decade and the effective implementation of that programme at the national and subregional levels;

9. *Reiterates its recommendation* that the General Assembly provide the Economic Commission for Africa with adequate resources to enable it to assist African countries and organizations effectively in the implementation of the programme for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa.

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#### **1992/45. Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1991/74 of 26 July 1991 and other relevant resolutions concerning the Europe-Africa

permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar, and the activities that the Executive Secretaries of the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe were requested to carry out regarding the preparation of 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 substantive session of 1993,

*Conscious* of the contribution of the project to the development of transport and to physical integration at the regional and interregional levels,

*Noting* that its resolution 1991/74 does not impose any financial burden on the budgets of the two Commissions concerned, since the Governments of Morocco and Spain are making available most of the financial resources needed to perform the activities mandated in that resolution,

*Bearing in mind* the necessary involvement of experts from the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe in coordinating the evaluation process requested in Council resolution 1991/74,

*Recalling* that in that resolution it called upon the Secretary-General to allocate as far as possible sufficient resources to the two Commissions, within existing priorities, for the preparation of the above-mentioned evaluation report,

*Noting* that the Secretary-General has not been able to allocate the necessary resources from within existing appropriations,

*Requests* the Secretary-General, taking account of relevant priorities, to provide the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe, within existing resources for the relevant sections of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993, with the necessary budgetary resources to enable them to prepare effectively and efficiently the evaluation report requested by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1991/74.

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#### **1992/46. Admission of Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan as members of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Taking note* of the note by the Secretariat on the admission of new members to the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and amendment of the terms of reference of the Commission,<sup>111</sup>

*Noting* that members of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific have agreed to the inclusion of Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan in the geographical scope of the Commission and their admission as members of the Commission,

1. *Recommends* that Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan be included in the geographical scope of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and be admitted as members of the Commission;

2. *Decides* to amend paragraphs 2 and 3 of the terms of reference of the Commission accordingly.

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