

4. *Recommends further* that international organizations consider the 1993 System of National Accounts and the concepts therein when they review standards for particular fields of economic statistics and endeavour to achieve consistency with the 1993 System of National Accounts and, when differences remain, explain the rationale for those differences and provide a full reconciliation with the 1993 System of National Accounts to the extent possible;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the members of the Intersecretariat Working Group on National Accounts to proceed with publication of the 1993 System of National Accounts in all six languages of the United Nations as rapidly as possible and to promote its wide dissemination;

6. *Requests* the members of the Intersecretariat Working Group to continue to be involved in coordinating the implementation of the 1993 System of National Accounts;

7. *Requests* Member States and regional and international organizations to support all aspects of the implementation of the 1993 System of National Accounts, namely, basic data development, the issuance of handbooks, guidelines, manuals and special studies, training activities among both users and producers and technical cooperation activities;

8. *Further requests* Member States and regional and international organizations to provide assistance and support in refining and updating the 1993 System of National Accounts in areas identified in the research agenda, including further developmental work on methodologies, research on conceptual enhancements and emerging or unresolved issues, and refinement of current recommendations in the light of experience gained in implementation;

9. *Agrees* that the United Nations regional commissions should play a major role in the implementation of the 1993 System of National Accounts in their respective regions and urges the Secretary-General to coordinate, at a high level, the mobilization of bilateral and multilateral resources for the implementation of the 1993 System of National Accounts, including the necessary support for countries and the regional commissions.

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1993/6. Special session of the Statistical Commission

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting that the Statistical Commission has completed a fundamental review of the structure and operation of the international statistical system⁶ and, as a result, has made recommendations and decisions for strengthening the international statistical system, including the following:

(a) A more active Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination to monitor progress in coordination and cooperation within the international statistical system between sessions of the Statistical Commission;

(b) Strengthened statistical divisions of the United Nations regional commissions and strengthened regional conferences of national chief statisticians in all five regions in terms of their responsibilities for statistical development in their regions;

(c) More effective working relationships between the Subcommittee on Statistical Activities of the Administra-

tive Committee on Coordination and the Statistical Commission and the Working Group;

(d) The establishment of six task forces as mechanisms for developing a more integrated work programme among international organizations in the following subject areas: national accounts, industrial and construction statistics, international trade statistics, finance statistics, price statistics and environment statistics,

Noting also that the Statistical Commission, at its twenty-seventh session, held from 22 February to 3 March 1993,⁶ stressed the importance of implementing the revised System of National Accounts in all parts of the world and unanimously recommended that it be adopted, and endorsing the intention to pursue research into the unresolved issues and to work on future aspects of the accounts,

Aware that the twenty-eighth session of the Commission is scheduled to be held in 1995,

1. *Decides* that a special session of the Commission, of four or five days' duration, shall be held in 1994 for the following purposes:

(a) To review progress made in the implementation of the recommendations and decisions for strengthening the international statistical system in general;

(b) To monitor progress made in implementing the revised System of National Accounts and review plans for the further essential research work already identified;

2. *Also decides* that the provisions of the present resolution should be implemented within the approved budget limit set by the General Assembly for the biennium 1994-1995.

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1993/7. Operational activities for development

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 44/211 of 22 December 1989 and taking note of Assembly resolution 47/199 of 22 December 1992,

Noting with concern that the results of the 1992 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities were well below expected levels and that the current trend of contributions in real terms to funds and programmes, particularly core contributions, is downward,

Reiterating that the fundamental characteristics of the operational activities of the United Nations system should be, *inter alia*, their universal, voluntary and grant nature, neutrality and multilateralism, and that recipient Governments have the primary responsibility for coordinating all types of external assistance,

1. *Takes note* of the progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 47/199,⁷ including the annexes thereto on the country strategy note, national execution and the programme approach;

2. *Urges* the heads of the funds, programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations system to make every effort further to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of their organizations, and to inform their governing bodies of measures taken in this regard in their annual reports;

3. *Urges* developed countries, in particular those countries whose overall performance is not commensurate with their capacity, taking into account established official development assistance targets, including targets established at the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries⁸ and current levels of contribution, to increase their official development assistance substantially, including contributions to the operational activities of the United Nations system;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to seek to ensure that an effective methodology for evaluation of the programme approach, as called for in paragraph 13 of Assembly resolution 47/199, has been developed by June 1994, and to review the progress made by the United Nations system in promoting greater integration of its activities with national development programmes and in providing more coherent United Nations system support, including an assessment of the experience gained in the implementation at the field level of the common United Nations system framework for the programme approach;

5. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to undertake a review of the progress made by the United Nations system in applying national execution at the country level, including an assessment of the experience gained in the implementation at the field level of the common United Nations system guiding principles for national execution, contained in the progress report on the implementation of Assembly resolution 47/199;⁷

6. *Invites* the Secretary-General to provide information on a regular basis to all participating countries regarding the steps being taken in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 9 of Assembly resolution 47/199 dealing with the country strategy note, including information on the forthcoming seminar on this topic, to be held at the International Training Centre of the International Labour Organisation at Turin, Italy;

7. *Emphasizes* the need to take full account of the factors outlined in paragraph 38 of Assembly resolution 47/199 in order to ensure an effectively functioning resident coordinator system, and invites the organs of the United Nations system, at the country level, to contribute, where appropriate, to the provision of the resources necessary to assist the resident coordinator in fulfilling his responsibilities;

8. *Stresses* the importance it attaches to the early and complete implementation of paragraphs 39 to 41 of Assembly resolution 47/199, on the strengthening and support of the resident coordinator system, including paragraphs 39(d) and (g) on widening the pool of qualified development professionals eligible for appointment as United Nations Development Programme resident representatives or resident coordinators and on enhancing the responsibility and authority of the resident coordinator for the planning and coordination of programmes;

9. *Underlines* the importance of making early progress on decentralization and delegation of authority to field offices, including approval authority within approved programmes, in the context of enhanced accountability;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to develop further the work programme for the implementation of Assembly resolution 47/199, contained in annex I to his report,⁷ with a view to setting result-oriented targets;

11. *Stresses* the need for future reports on the implementation of Assembly resolution 47/199 to focus on the

outcome and output of the activities of the United Nations system, in particular at the field level, rather than on the input;

12. *Requests* the United Nations system, including the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development of the Secretariat, to devote sufficient resources to the coordinated and effective implementation of Assembly resolution 47/199, including through temporary secondment of staff from the funds, programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations system;

13. *Decides* to review the implementation of the present resolution at its substantive session of 1994, as part of the review of the implementation of Assembly resolution 47/199 called for in paragraph 54 of that resolution.

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22 July 1993

1993/8. Third decade to combat racism and racial discrimination

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1992/13 of 30 July 1992,

Reaffirming the purpose set forth in the Charter of the United Nations of achieving international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Recalling that in resolution 1992/13, it requested the Secretary-General to prepare a draft programme of action for the third decade to combat racism and racial discrimination and to submit it to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, taking into account, *inter alia*, the elements of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination that had not yet been fully implemented,

Recalling also that the General Assembly, in its resolution 47/77 of 16 December 1992, took note of the report of the Secretary-General⁹ on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade, and requested him to submit to the Assembly, at its forty-eighth session, a new draft programme of action for the third decade,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade,¹⁰

Convinced that it is necessary that the General Assembly proclaim in 1993 a third decade to combat racism and racial discrimination as a means of intensifying national and international efforts in this field,

Taking into account the progress made towards building a democratic and united South Africa not based on racial prejudice,

Emphasizing that it is the responsibility of the Government of South Africa to take all necessary measures to stop immediately the violence in that country and to protect the life and property of all South Africans,

Emphasizing also the need for all parties to cooperate in combating violence and to exercise restraint,

Bearing in mind the Declaration on Apartheid and its Destructive Consequences in Southern Africa, adopted by