

Considering further that the development of each country depends primarily on the mobilization of its resources and that international economic co-operation is a necessary component of that development,

Stating that an examination of the long-term trends in the economic development of individual regions is of great importance for securing a rapid rate of economic development of all countries, in particular of developing countries, and that such an examination will also contribute towards the elimination of the negative phenomena in the economies of those countries and regions,

1. *Recommends* that the regional commissions should prepare studies on the long-term trends in and forecasts of the economic development of their respective regions, taking into account the national development programmes of individual countries of the regions and the particular characteristics and priorities of the regions;

2. *Recommends further* that the regional commissions should include in those studies specific conclusions on trends in the economic development of the regions and on interregional economic co-operation;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare for the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-third session, on the basis of the above-mentioned studies and in consultation with the Committee for Development Planning, a comprehensive report on the long-term trends and forecasts in the economic development of the various regions and their mutual relationship, including methodological guidelines for the further examination of such trends in the regions;

4. *Decides* to consider the subject of long-term trends in the economic development of the regions as a separate item at its thirty-second session;

5. *Invites* Governments of Member States to participate in the implementation of the present resolution.

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3509 (XXX). Tripartite World Conference on Employment, Income Distribution, Social Progress and the International Division of Labour

The General Assembly,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1968 (LIX) of 30 July 1975 concerning the Tripartite World Conference on Employment, Income Distribution, Social Progress and the International Division of Labour, to be held at Geneva in June 1976, and Trade and Development Board decision 134 (XV) of 16 August 1975 concerning the impact on employment of international policy measures in the field of trade and development,⁷⁵

Bearing in mind its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, as well as its resolution 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,

Recalling also its resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975, particularly sections III and IV thereof on science and technology and on industrialization,

⁷⁵ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/10015/Rev.1)*, part three, annex I.

Bearing in mind also that in resolution 3362 (S-VII) Governments are invited to undertake adequate preparations and consultations in view of the importance of the Conference,

Stressing that one of the fundamental objectives of the United Nations is to promote full employment in all countries,

Convinced that efforts to promote full employment should be an integral part of over-all national development policies,

Convinced also that in the field of employment action should be taken at the international level to complement and reinforce measures taken at the national level,

1. *Welcomes* the convening by the International Labour Organisation of the Tripartite World Conference on Employment, Income Distribution, Social Progress and the International Division of Labour in June 1976;

2. *Notes with satisfaction* that the main objectives of the Conference are the promotion of a better understanding of the nature and magnitude of employment problems, the formulation of recommendations for national strategies to cope effectively with these problems and the identification and adoption of concrete proposals for action at the international level;

3. *Endorses* the requests addressed by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1968 (LIX) to the competent bodies of the United Nations and the specialized agencies to give their full co-operation in the preparation of the Conference;

4. *Urges* all States participating in the Conference to be represented at the highest possible level.

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3510 (XXX). Immediate needs resulting from economic emergency situations

The General Assembly,

Considering that economic emergency situations creating widespread disruption affecting all sectors of society have frequently afflicted many parts of the world and require immediate remedial action to offset their far-reaching and devastating economic, social and structural consequences, particularly for the poorest countries and the most vulnerable people in those countries,

Considering further that such action, geared to the immediate needs of the afflicted populations, is necessary to sustain the long-term development process in these countries,

Convinced of the need for the United Nations system to respond to these situations in a comprehensive and co-ordinated manner,

Bearing in mind the relevant principles and recommendations in section X of its resolution 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974,

Taking into account the relevant provisions of resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975, which it decided to examine and adopt at its thirtieth session appropriate measures concerning the economic and structural consequences of natural disasters particularly in the least developed countries,

Considering that the Economic and Social Council in its policy-making role has responsibility for coordinating United Nations action in this field, ta

into account the relevant activities already undertaken by the various organs of the United Nations system,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the appropriate organizations of the United Nations system and with a view to enabling the United Nations system to deal adequately with economic emergency situations and to respond more effectively to the resulting immediate needs of the affected populations in developing countries, to submit proposals to the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-first session, *inter alia*, on:

(a) The elaboration of global criteria for identifying such economic emergency situations;

(b) The possible establishment of procedures for periodically reporting relevant information through resident representatives of the United Nations Development Programme, in consultation with the Governments concerned, to a central focal point, to be established where appropriate, which will process such information;

(c) The possible elaboration of procedures for submission, on the basis of such information, of proposals to the Economic and Social Council for the proclamation, where necessary, of a state of emergency with economic, social and structural consequences;

(d) The strengthening of the co-ordinating mechanism of the United Nations system within its existing financial resources;

2. *Invites* the Economic and Social Council to consider, as a matter of urgency, the above-mentioned proposals by the Secretary-General and to invite the governing bodies of the United Nations agencies concerned to provide it with any comments they may have on this matter.

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3511 (XXX). United Nations Conference on Desertification

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3337 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, in which it decided to initiate concerted international action to combat desertification,

Having considered the progress report of the Secretary-General⁷⁶ and the relevant parts of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its third session⁷⁷ on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 3337 (XXIX),

Noting decision 30 (III) of 30 April 1975 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme,⁷⁸ in which it approved the proposals of the Executive Director of the Programme on measures to be taken in implementation of General Assembly resolution 3337 (XXIX),

Noting also Economic and Social Council resolution 1958 (LIX) of 25 July 1975,

Stressing the need for additional research to clarify a number of fundamental problems of desertification, for the solution of which the requisite scientific knowledge is not yet available to the international community,

⁷⁶ E/5689.

⁷⁷ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/10025)*, chap. III, sect. B.

⁷⁸ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 25 (A/10025), annex I.

Stressing further that the preparation of the United Nations Conference on Desertification should provide the international community with the basis for an action-oriented, comprehensive and co-ordinated plan of action, which should include the building up of indigenous and autonomous science and technology capacity in the areas concerned,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General with the assistance of the competent bodies of the United Nations concerned, particularly the United Nations Environment Programme, to intensify the efforts required to ensure the appropriate preparation, at the technical level, of the United Nations Conference on Desertification;

2. *Reiterates* its request to the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Development Programme to provide the financial and technical assistance necessary to ensure the satisfactory preparation of the Conference, bearing in mind particularly the need to close the gaps in scientific knowledge and technologies in this field;

3. *Requests* the Committee on Science and Technology for Development, with the assistance of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development, to include in its programme of work on arid areas, in pursuance of Economic and Social Council resolution 1898 (LVII) of 1 August 1974, proposals to close the gaps in scientific knowledge and technologies concerning desertification;

4. *Decides* that the cost of the Conference will be borne by the regular budget of the United Nations;

5. *Requests* the United Nations Fund for Population Activities to contribute to the financing of the demographic components of the studies prepared in implementation of General Assembly resolution 3337 (XXIX);

6. *Requests* the executive heads of the specialized agencies to authorize their respective secretariats to provide for their participation in the secretariat of the Conference and in the *ad hoc* interagency task force, in conformity with General Assembly resolution 3337 (XXIX);

7. *Requests* the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme to act as the inter-governmental preparatory body for the Conference and to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session, through the Economic and Social Council, recommendations on the organization of the Conference.

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3512 (XXX). Consideration of the economic and social situation in the Sudano-Sahelian region stricken by drought and measures to be taken for the benefit of that region

The General Assembly,

Recalling the relevant resolutions of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly, particularly Council resolutions 1834 (LVI) of 14 May 1974 and 1874 (LVII) of 16 July 1974, and Assembly resolutions 3054 (XXVIII) of 17 October 1973 and 3253 (XXIX) of 4 December 1974,

Recalling further Economic and Social Council resolution 1918 (LVIII) of 5 May 1975,