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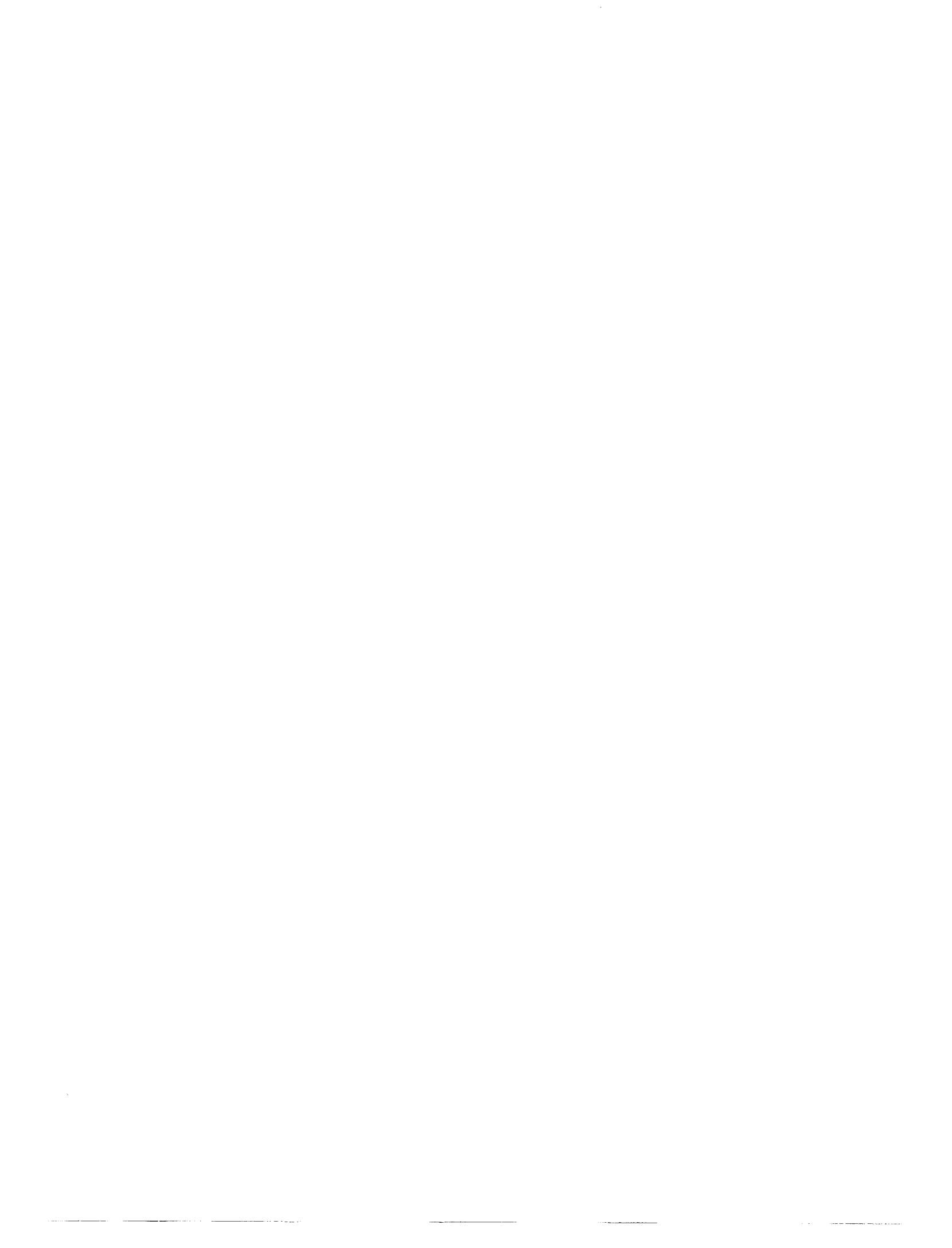
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on 4 July 1979

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1979/46. International co-operation in the field of human settlements

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 32/162 of 19 December 1977 on institutional arrangements for international co-operation in the field of human settlements, and 33/111 of 18 December 1978 on international co-operation in the field of human settlements,

Recalling also General Assembly 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, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Believing that human settlements issues constitute an integral and vital aspect of national social and economic development,

Convinced of the need to reinforce human settlements activities at the national, regional and international levels,

Considering that the strengthening of measures and objectives in relation to human settlements should form part of the new international development strategy,

Having considered the report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the work of its second session,¹

1. Takes note of the report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the work of its second session;

2. Reiterates the need for the speedy and full implementation of General Assembly resolution 32/162;

3. Endorses the resolutions and decisions of the Commission on Human Settlements as contained in annex I to its report, in particular resolution 2/1 on the 1980-1981 work programme, and the proposed criteria for the implementation of the programme, annexed to that resolution;

4. Recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the draft resolutions proposed in Commission resolutions 2/3, 2/4 and 2/6, contained in annex I to that report;

5. Decides to transmit to the General Assembly, for consideration at its thirty-fourth session, the report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the work of its second session.

*36th plenary meeting
27 July 1979*

1979/47. Public accounting and auditing for national development

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 32/179 of 19 December 1977 and 33/144 of 20 December 1978 and Council resolution 1978/60 of 3 August 1978 on the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of the developing countries,

Recalling also Council resolution 1978/6 of 4 May 1978 on public administration and finance for development in the 1980s,

1. Recognizes the necessary and important role of public accounting and auditing in the effective management of national development plans and programmes, and in promoting international economic co-operation;

¹ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth session, Supplement No. 8 (A/34/8).

2. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To convene a workshop on public accounting and auditing to review generally accepted accounting principles and modern auditing techniques particularly suitable for the needs of developing countries;

(b) To study, in the light of the results of the workshop mentioned above, the feasibility of organizing, as required, training activities at the national, regional and interregional levels, in order to support national efforts to improve the accounting and auditing systems of those countries;

3. Requests the United Nations Development Programme and other competent organizations in the United Nations system to give, within the context of national development priorities, due consideration to technical co-operation projects in public accounting and auditing.

*37th plenary meeting
31 July 1979*

1979/48. Role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1978/60 of 3 August 1978 and 1978/75 of 8 November 1978,

Further recalling General Assembly resolution 33/144 of 20 December 1978, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, requested the Secretary-General to proceed with the implementation of Assembly resolution 32/179 of 19 December 1977, taking specially into account the role of the public sector in promoting the secure economic and social development of developing countries and bearing also in mind the evaluation of activities in public administration and finance,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries² and of the comments made in the Council during its second regular session of 1979,

Bearing in mind that every State has the sovereign and inalienable right to choose its economic and social system in accordance with the will of its people, without outside interference,

1. Recommends that the Secretary-General's report on the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries be transmitted to the General Assembly, in accordance with Assembly resolution 32/179;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a further progress report to the Council at its second regular session of 1981;

3. Requests the Secretary-General, in preparing the next report, to give consideration to changes occurring in the over-all roles and modalities of the public sector as a result of new perceptions and priorities regarding development, including the implementation of the international development strategy for the 1980s and the experience of different countries;

4. Further recommends that the General Assembly should review at its thirty-fourth session the report mentioned in paragraph 1 above, in order to determine which aspects of the role of the public sector require further in-depth study, as indicated in that report;

² E/1979/66.

5. *Invites* the appropriate organizations within the United Nations system to give due attention in their studies to the relevant aspects of the role of the public sector in promoting the economic and social development of the developing countries.

*37th plenary meeting
31 July 1979*

1979/49. Interrelationship between population, resources, environment and development

The Economic and Social Council,

Conscious of the importance of the interrelationships between population, resources, environment and development, and of the research hitherto carried out within the United Nations system,

Recognizing the need to stimulate research and general discussion on the interrelationships between population, resources, environment and development outside the United Nations system, through the broad dissemination of reports and studies carried out in the United Nations system on those interrelationships and through other appropriate activities such as international seminars and symposia and research co-operation between developed and developing countries,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3345 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974,

Recalling also its decision 1978/51 of 1 August 1978, and taking into account its resolution 1979/56,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on the study of interrelationships between population, resources, environment and development;³

2. *Urges* Governments of Member States and the United Nations bodies concerned to make full use of the available knowledge concerning such interrelationships in all their development activities;

3. *Requests* that, as part of the research activities within the organizations of the system, multidisciplinary studies, including comparative national and regional studies, of the interrelationships between population, resources, environment and development should be undertaken, and requests the Secretary-General to report on the result of these activities on a system-wide basis;

4. *Decides* that, in the preparation of the report called for in paragraph 3 above, which is to be submitted to the Council at its second regular session of 1981, account should be taken of pertinent activities undertaken also outside the United Nations system, and of the views of executive bodies of agencies and programmes concerned.

*38th plenary meeting
1 August 1979*

1979/50. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

The Economic and Social Council,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General⁴ and the report of the President of the Economic

and Social Council⁵ concerning the item entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations",

Having heard the statement of the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,⁶

Recalling General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and all other resolutions adopted by United Nations bodies on this subject, including in particular General Assembly resolution 33/41 of 13 December 1978 and Council resolution 1978/38 of 21 July 1978,

Reaffirming the responsibility of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to take all effective measures, within their respective spheres of competence, to ensure the full and speedy implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and other relevant resolutions of United Nations bodies, particularly in the provision of moral and material assistance, on a priority basis, to the peoples of the colonial territories and their national liberation movements,

Deeply conscious of the continuing critical need of the peoples of Zimbabwe and Namibia for concrete assistance from the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations in their struggle for liberation from colonial rule,

Noting with concern that, although progress has been maintained through the continuing efforts of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in the extension of assistance to refugees from Zimbabwe and Namibia, the action taken hitherto by the organizations and agencies concerned in the provision of assistance to the peoples of those territories through their national liberation movements is still far from adequate to meet the urgent and growing needs of the peoples concerned,

Noting with satisfaction the intensified efforts of the United Nations Development Programme in the extension of assistance to the national liberation movements concerned and commending the initiative taken by that organization in establishing channels for closer, periodic contacts and consultations between the specialized agencies and United Nations institutions and the Organization of African Unity and the national liberation movements of Zimbabwe and Namibia in the formulation of assistance programmes,

Noting also the support given by the organizations within the United Nations system to the implementation of the Nationhood Programme for Namibia, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/9 A of 4 November 1977,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the President of the Economic and Social Council and endorses the observations and suggestions contained therein;

2. *Reaffirms* that the recognition by the General Assembly, the Security Council and other United Nations organs of the legitimacy of the struggle of colonial peoples to exercise their right to self-determination and independence entails, as a corollary, the extension by the United Nations system of organizations of all the

³ E/1979/75.

⁴ A/34/208 and Add.1 and 2.

⁵ E/1979/83.

⁶ See E/1979/C.3/SR.1.

necessary moral and material assistance to the peoples of the colonial territories and their national liberation movements;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those specialized agencies and organizations within the United Nations system which have continued to co-operate in varying degrees with the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity in the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and other relevant resolutions of United Nations bodies, and urges all the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to accelerate the full and speedy implementation of the relevant provisions of those resolutions;

4. *Urges* the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, in the light of the intensification of the liberation struggle in Zimbabwe and Namibia, to do everything possible as a matter of urgency to render, in consultation with the Organization of African Unity, increased assistance to the peoples of those territories and their national liberation movements in their struggle for liberation;

5. *Urges further* those specialized agencies and organizations within the United Nations system which have not already done so to include in the agenda of the regular meetings of their governing bodies a separate item on the progress made by those organizations in their implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and other relevant resolutions of United Nations bodies;

6. *Requests* the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council, to continue to take all necessary measures to withhold any financial, economic, technical or other assistance to the Government of South Africa and the illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia, to discontinue all support to them until they restore to the peoples of Zimbabwe and Namibia their inalienable right to self-determination and independence, and to refrain from taking any action which might imply recognition of, or support for, the illegal domination of the territories by those régimes;

7. *Notes with satisfaction* the arrangements made by several specialized agencies and United Nations institutions which enable representatives of the national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity to participate fully as observers in the proceedings relating to matters concerning their respective countries, and calls upon those international institutions which have not yet done so to follow this example and make the necessary arrangements without delay;

8. *Recommends* that all Governments should intensify their efforts in the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system of which they are members to ensure the full and effective implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and other relevant resolutions of United Nations bodies and, in that connexion, should accord priority to the question of providing assistance on an emergency basis to the peoples of the colonial territories and to their national liberation movements;

9. *Urges* the executive heads of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, having regard to the recommendations

contained in paragraphs 4 and 5 above, to formulate, with the active co-operation of the Organization of African Unity, and to submit, as a matter of priority, to their governing and legislative organs, concrete proposals for the full implementation of the relevant United Nations decisions, in particular specific programmes of assistance to the peoples of the colonial territories and their national liberation movements;

10. *Draws the attention* of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to the present resolution and to the discussions on the subject at the second regular session of 1979 of the Council;

11. *Requests* the President of the Economic and Social Council to continue consultations on this matter with the Chairman of the Special Committee and to report thereon to the Council;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General, through the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, to follow the implementation of the present resolution, to ensure that the relevant activities of the specialized agencies and the organizations within the United Nations system are effectively co-ordinated and to report thereon to the Council;

13. *Decides* to keep this question under continuous review.

*39th plenary meeting
2 August 1979*

1979/51. Implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, particularly Assembly resolution 33/133 of 19 December 1978 and Council resolution 1978/37 of 21 July 1978,

Recalling further decision 79/20 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme⁷ on the subject,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region,⁸

1. *Takes note* with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region;

2. *Expresses its profound gratitude* to the Governments, United Nations agencies, intergovernmental organizations, private organizations and individuals that have contributed to the implementation of the recovery, rehabilitation and development programmes in the Sahel;

3. *Urges* all Governments, United Nations bodies, intergovernmental organizations, private organizations and individuals to intensify their assistance, either bilaterally or through the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in response to requests from the Governments of the Sudano-Sahelian countries and from the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel;

⁷ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1979, Supplement No. 10 (E/1979/40)*, chap. XXI.

⁸ DP/394.

4. *Requests* the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office to undertake the necessary consultations with the specialized agencies and other organizations and programmes of the United Nations system concerned, in order to ensure fully the effectiveness of the contributions of the United Nations system to the implementation of the recovery, rehabilitation and development programmes in the Sahel and to increase the capacity of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office to respond adequately to further requests formulated by the member States of the Permanent Inter-State Committee.

*39th plenary meeting
2 August 1979*

1979/52. Role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries

The Economic and Social Council,

Referring to General Assembly resolution 33/135 of 19 December 1978 on the role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries and to decision 79/13 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on the implementation of that resolution,⁹

Taking note of the progress report prepared by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries,¹⁰

Taking into account the suggestions made by the Administrator in his progress report,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to proceed with the further implementation of General Assembly resolution 33/135, taking into account the comments and suggestions made by delegations during the Council's second regular session of 1979;

2. *Invites* the specialized agencies and other organizations concerned to contribute, on the basis of their experience, to the realization of the objectives set forth by the Assembly in resolution 33/135;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, while preparing the study requested by the Assembly in resolution 33/135, to take account of the national experience acquired in all countries in the training of qualified national personnel;

4. *Recommends* that Member States take into account the urgent need for qualified national personnel in implementing or participating in the activities aimed at the expansion of technical co-operation among developing countries;

5. *Invites* Governments of developing countries, as appropriate, to establish national systems of training qualified national personnel;

6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to submit the full report requested in General Assembly resolution 33/135 to the Assembly at its thirty-fifth session through the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its twenty-

seventh session and the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1980.

*39th plenary meeting
2 August 1979*

1979/53. United Nations Children's Fund

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its session held at Mexico City from 21 May to 1 June 1979,¹¹

Noting with satisfaction that many developing countries participating in the International Year of the Child are preparing to meet more fully the needs of their children, in certain instances planning country coverage in essential basic services, with an emphasis on primary health care, a clean water supply and primary education,

Bearing in mind that to reach the goals that developing countries are setting for themselves in order to improve the situation of their children a significant increase in external assistance will be required in the years following the International Year of the Child, in pursuit of one of the objectives of the new international economic order,

Aware that the new and enlarged programmes of developing countries benefiting their children offer greater opportunity for effective co-operation with the Fund, provided that the level of its revenue rises,

Noting with approval the activities of the Fund as reflected in the report of the Executive Board, especially the programmes assisted, the adoption of a medium-term work plan and efforts to improve co-ordination and strengthen collaboration with organizations of the United Nations system and other sources of aid,

Noting also with approval the conclusion reached by the Executive Board that the Fund should continue as the lead agency for children within the United Nations system,¹²

1. *Endorses* the conclusions contained in the report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund;

2. *Endorses in particular* the joint efforts of the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Health Organization in co-operating with the developing countries to integrate primary health-care policies, in harmony with the Fund's approach to basic services for children, in national strategies, plans of action and programmes;

3. *Appeals* to all Governments to increase their contributions to the Fund in relation to their capacity, so that it may reach the revenue target of \$290 million for 1981, as projected at the session of the Executive Board,¹³ and meet the rapidly increasing needs of children in developing countries, particularly in view of the expected magnitude of the tasks that will follow the International Year of the Child.

*39th plenary meeting
2 August 1979*

1979/54. Industrial development co-operation

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI)

⁹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1979, Supplement No. 10 (E/1979/40)*, chap. XXI.

¹⁰ DP/409; transmitted to the Economic and Social Council by a note by the Secretary-General (E/1979/80).

¹¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1979, Supplement No. 11 (E/1979/41)*.

¹² *Ibid.*, para. 74.

¹³ *Ibid.*, para. 183.

and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action of the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Recalling also the Lima Declaration and Plan of Action on Industrial Development and Co-operation¹⁴ adopted at the Second General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, which laid down the main measures and principles for industrial development and co-operation within the framework for the establishment of a new international economic order,

Conscious of the role of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, as the central coordinating organ within the United Nations system for the promotion of industrial development co-operation, in the promotion of the fulfilment of the measures and the attainment of the targets contained in the Lima Declaration and Plan of Action,

Stressing the need to accelerate the implementation of the agreed measures for the achievement of industrial development co-operation, particularly those contained in the Lima Declaration and Plan of Action,

Recalling also General Assembly resolutions 33/77 and 33/78 of 15 December 1978 on the Third General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and industrial development co-operation, respectively,

Having considered the report of the Industrial Development Board on the work of its thirteenth session,¹⁵

Taking note of the statements made in this connexion by the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization at the Council's second regular session of 1979,¹⁶

1. *Invites* all States which have not yet done so to take early steps to sign and ratify, accept or approve the Constitution of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization,¹⁷ adopted on 8 April 1979 at the second session of the United Nations Conference on the Establishment of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization as a Specialized Agency;

2. *Stresses* the need for the active participation of the Governments of all Member States in the Third General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, to be held at New Delhi in 1980 to review the progress in the implementation of the Lima Declaration and Plan of Action on Industrial Development and Co-operation and to adopt appropriate policies and concrete programmes for the development of a strategy for further industrialization as an essential element of the development process in the 1980s and beyond;

3. *Appreciates* the support given to the United Nations Industrial Development Fund by a number of contributors, but urges all countries, in particular the developed countries, to contribute to the Fund or to raise their contributions, taking into account the need for the maximum flexibility, with a view to reaching

¹⁴ See United Nations Industrial Development Organization, publication No. PI/38.

¹⁵ ID/B/232; reproduced in *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/34/16)*.

¹⁶ See E/1979/SR.29 and E/1979/C.1/SR.10.

¹⁷ A/CONF.90/19.

the agreed desirable funding level of \$50 million annually;

4. *Endorses* the decision taken by the Industrial Development Board at its thirteenth session with regard to the system of consultations and its programme for the biennium 1980-1981, as contained in paragraph 84 of the report of the Board, and accordingly requests the General Assembly to provide adequate resources for the system of consultations in the programme budget for the biennium 1980-1981, within the over-all budgetary resources of the United Nations as determined by the Assembly at its thirty-fourth session;

5. *Further endorses* the recommendation made by the Industrial Development Board at its thirteenth session with regard to the Industrial and Technological Information Bank, including in particular the establishment of that Information Bank as an on-going activity of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, and the expansion of its activities to include sectors and topics covered by the system of consultations, as well as those chosen for the International Forum on Appropriate Industrial Technology,¹⁸ and accordingly requests the General Assembly to provide the appropriate resources in the programme budget for the biennium 1980-1981;

6. *Expresses its appreciation* of the report on Senior Industrial Development Field Advisers¹⁹ and urges the early implementation of the recommendations contained therein, in the light of the review to be carried out jointly by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the United Nations Development Programme;

7. *Emphasizes* the importance of maintaining the particular momentum, quality and growth of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization's programme of technical assistance recorded in the past four years and accordingly recommends to the General Assembly that adequate resources be provided in the programme budget for the biennium 1980-1981, within the over-all budgetary resources of the United Nations as determined by the Assembly at its thirty-fourth session.

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1979/55. Target for World Food Programme pledges for the period 1981-1982

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the fourth annual report of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes,²⁰

Noting the comments of the Committee concerning the minimum target for voluntary contributions to the World Food Programme for the period 1981-1982,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 2462 (XXIII) of 20 December 1968 and 2682 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 on multilateral food aid, which recognized the experience gained by the Programme in that field,

1. *Submits* to the General Assembly for consideration and approval the draft resolution annexed to the present resolution;

2. *Urges* States Members of the United Nations and members and associate members of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to under-

¹⁸ ID/B/232, para. 153.

¹⁹ ID/B/228. See also ID/B/232, paras. 56-66.

²⁰ WFP/CFA; 7/20.

take the necessary preparations for the announcement of pledges at the Ninth Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme.

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ANNEX

The General Assembly,

Recalling the provision in its resolution 2095 (XX) of 20 December 1965, entitled "Continuation of the World Food Programme", to the effect that the World Food Programme is to be reviewed before each pledging conference,

Recalling also the provision in paragraph 4 of its resolution 32/112 of 15 December 1977 specifying that, subject to the review of the Programme provided for in resolution 2095 (XX), the next pledging conference should be convened at the latest early in 1980, at which time Governments should be invited to pledge contributions for 1981 and 1982, with a view to reaching such a target as may then be recommended by the General Assembly and the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations,

Noting that the review of the Programme was undertaken by the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes at its seventh session and by the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1979,

Having considered Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/55 and the recommendations of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes contained in its fourth annual report,

Recognizing the value of multilateral food aid as furnished by the World Food Programme since its inception and the necessity for its action being continued, both as a form of capital investment and as a means of meeting emergency food needs,

1. Establishes for the two years 1981 and 1982 a minimum target for voluntary contributions of \$1,000 million, of which not less than one third should be in cash and/or services in aggregate, and expresses the hope that the resources will be augmented by substantial additional contributions from other sources, in recognition of the prospective volume of sound project requests and the capacity of the Programme to operate at a higher level;

2. Urges States Members of the United Nations and members and associate members of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to make every effort to ensure the full attainment of the target and to surpass it appropriately in the event of major increases in costs of commodities and transportation, or in food aid requirements, occurring before or during the biennium 1981-1982;

3. Requests the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to convene a pledging conference for this purpose at United Nations Headquarters early in 1980;

4. Decides that, subject to the review provided for in its resolution 2095 (XX), the subsequent pledging conference, at which Governments should be invited to pledge contributions for 1983 and 1984, with a view to reaching such a target as may then be recommended by the General Assembly and the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, should be convened at the latest early in 1982.

1979/56. International co-operation on the environment

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the work of its seventh session,²¹

1. Takes note of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on

²¹ UNEP/GC.7/19; reproduced in *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/34/25)*.

its seventh session and transmits it to the General Assembly for consideration;

2. Welcomes the activities of the United Nations Environment Programme, and in particular those relating to its contribution to the new international development strategy, the development of a system-wide, medium-term environment programme, environmental assessment, the studies and efforts aimed at the actual integration of environmental factors in the development process, and the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;²²

3. Welcomes the important role played by the United Nations Environment Programme in regard to research on the interrelation of population, resources, environment and development, and invites the views of the Governing Council of the Programme on action taken pursuant to General Assembly resolution 3345 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974;

4. Welcomes decision 7/1 of the Governing Council, in section II of which it draws the attention of the regional commissions to the advantage of setting up, if they have not done so already, intergovernmental regional environmental committees of the regional commissions,²³ and in this context welcomes also the contribution of the Programme to and its active participation in the high-level meeting on the protection of the environment, to be held within the framework of the Economic Commission for Europe in 1979;²⁴

5. Reiterates its appeal to all Governments to contribute urgently and generously to the Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme, bearing in mind decision 7/14 of the Governing Council,²⁵ so as to meet the approved target.

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1979/57. International Year of the Child

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 33/83 of 15 December 1978, by which it decided to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fourth session an item entitled "International Year of the Child: plans and action to improve the situation of children in the world, particularly in the developing countries", and *inter alia* requested the United Nations Children's Fund to submit a comprehensive, action-oriented report on the project and programmes initiated by Governments and specialized agencies in connexion with the Year,

Recalling also Council resolution 1978/40 of 1 August 1978 on the International Year of the Child,

Having considered the progress report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund on the International Year of the Child, 1979²⁶ and having heard the report of the Special Representative for the International Year of the Child²⁷ on the progress achieved at the national and international levels in the implementation of the objectives of General Assembly resolution 31/169 of 21 December 1976, proclaiming 1979 the International Year of the Child,

Noting with satisfaction that the Year has already generated widespread interest in all countries in the

²² A/CONF.74/36, chap. I.

²³ See UNEP/GC.7/19, annex I.

²⁴ *Ibid.*, para. 52.

²⁵ *Ibid.*, annex I.

²⁶ E/ICEF/L.1384; transmitted to the Economic and Social Council by a note by the Secretariat (E/1979/88).

²⁷ See E/1979/C.3/SR.3.

objectives of the Year and concern for the problems facing children everywhere, particularly those in developing countries, and that this is leading to meaningful programmes of action at the national level to meet the needs of children,

Mindful of the fact that 1979 is also the twentieth anniversary of the adoption by the United Nations of the Declaration of the Rights of the Child,²⁸

Mindful also of General Assembly resolution 33/166 of 20 December 1978 entitled "Question of a convention on the rights of the child",

Recognizing the vital link between over-all economic and social development and programmes benefiting children,

Realizing the fundamental importance in all countries, both developing and developed, of programmes benefiting children, not only for promoting their well-being and dignity but also as part of broader efforts to accelerate the economic and social development of developing countries and the establishment of the new international economic order,

Aware that the improvement of the situation of children in the developing countries will depend on the general economic and social development of those countries and urging in that connexion that due account be taken of children's needs in the formulation of the new international development strategy,

Convinced that the momentum of activities generated by the Year should be maintained and that the new perspectives it has created should be followed by appropriate action in the years to come,

1. *Expresses its deep appreciation* to the United Nations Children's Fund for the way in which it is discharging its responsibilities as the lead agency and commends the efforts of participating specialized agencies, as well as the contributions made by non-governmental organizations, in particular the membership of the Committee of Non-Governmental Organizations for the International Year of the Child;

2. *Invites* all Governments to participate in the General Assembly debate on the International Year of the Child, bearing in mind its importance and with a view to co-operating in efforts to improve the situation of children, especially in developing countries;

3. *Urges* Governments to include in their national plans and programmes, where appropriate, measures aimed at the improvement of the situation of children;

4. *Requests* that international organizations, in particular those within the United Nations system, continue to co-operate with the United Nations Children's Fund as the lead agency in developing a co-ordinated and interdisciplinary approach to questions concerning the welfare of children;

5. *Recommends* that the General Assembly, in the course of its deliberations, should consider specific ways to ensure adequate follow-up to the International Year of the Child.

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1979/58. Measures to be undertaken in connexion with the earthquake in Montenegro, Yugoslavia

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting the tragic consequences of the severe earth-

²⁸ General Assembly resolution 1386 (XIV) of 20 November 1959.

quake which recently struck the Montenegrin sea coast of Yugoslavia,

1. *Expresses its deep concern and sympathy* to the people of Yugoslavia, and to the people of Montenegro in particular, in this great tragedy, which has caused the loss of many human lives and enormous material destruction that left more than 100,000 of the inhabitants homeless;

2. *Notes with satisfaction* the measures already taken by the peoples and Government of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia to provide immediate relief and to improve living conditions for the victims of the disaster;

3. *Notes with appreciation* the assistance rendered to the people of the stricken area by many nations, the United Nations system of organizations and various non-governmental organizations;

4. *Notes also with appreciation* the role played by the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator in particular in informing the world community about the extent of the damage caused by the earthquake in Montenegro;

5. *Invites* all States to consider whatever further assistance they may be in a position to offer for the reconstruction and development of the stricken area of Montenegro;

6. *Invites also* the governing bodies of the specialized agencies, organs and organizations of the United Nations system to bear in mind the long-term needs for the reconstruction of the stricken area of Montenegro when deciding on the assistance and services to be extended to Member States.

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1979/59. Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971, 3243 (XXIX) of 29 November 1974, 3440 (XXX) of 9 December 1975, 31/173 of 21 December 1976, 32/56 of 8 December 1977 and 33/22 of 29 November 1978, and Council resolution 1978/41 of 1 August 1978,

Reaffirming the co-ordinating role of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator as the focal point in the United Nations system for disaster relief matters, in accordance with the mandate established by the General Assembly in its resolution 2816 (XXVI);

Mindful of the need to ensure a sound and enduring financial basis for the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, in order to facilitate the activities of the core programme and the recruitment and retention of qualified staff,

Recognizing the detrimental effects of natural disasters on the development efforts of the disaster-prone developing countries, particularly the least developed among them, and mindful of the need to take disaster matters into consideration in the preparatory process for the new international development strategy,

Emphasizing once more the need for all involved in relief operations to implement measures to expedite international relief assistance and to remove any obstacles to its delivery,

Noting with satisfaction the annual report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Office of the United

Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator,²⁹ and the oral statements made by the Co-ordinator to the Council at the second regular session of 1979,³⁰

1. *Commends* the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator for his continued efforts on behalf of the victims of disasters;

2. *Welcomes* the decision taken by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its twenty-sixth session in relation to national and regional projects in disaster preparedness and prevention;³¹

3. *Urges* the removal of the obstacles to the recruitment of qualified staff for the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, and the acceleration of such recruitment;

4. *Invites* Governments to contribute to the trust fund for the strengthening of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, established under General Assembly resolution 3243 (XXIX), to the subaccount of the trust fund for technical assistance and to the subaccount for emergency assistance set up in accordance with the terms of General Assembly resolution 3440 (XXX);

5. *Renews* its invitation to Governments, inter-governmental agencies and non-governmental organizations concerned with relief operations to co-operate with the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator in his efforts to ensure the rapid and timely delivery of appropriate international relief, and to consider the adoption of appropriate legislative, administrative or operational measures to remove obstacles and expedite international relief assistance to the victims of disasters;

6. *Invites* the Preparatory Committee for the New International Development Strategy to take into account, in its deliberations, matters concerning disaster relief, preparedness and prevention;

7. *Transmits* the annual report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session.

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3 August 1979*

1979/60. Measures to be taken in consequence of the floods in Jamaica

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that Jamaica has recently suffered the effects of widespread flooding, resulting in loss of lives and considerable damage to the economy of the country,

Expressing its profound sympathy to the Government and people of Jamaica for the loss of life and serious economic damage caused by the floods,

Noting the vigorous efforts made by the Government of Jamaica to relieve the suffering of the victims of the floods, and its declared determination to undertake an extensive rehabilitation and reconstruction programme,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, appealed to the international community to give special attention to natural disasters,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the assistance rendered

to the people of the stricken areas by some Member States, the United Nations system of organizations and various non-governmental organizations;

2. *Notes also* in particular the assistance rendered by the United Nations Development Programme and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the role played by the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, particularly in mobilizing relief assistance from the international community;

3. *Invites* all Member States to intensify their efforts and co-operation, with a view to supporting medium-term and long-term measures instituted by the Government of Jamaica for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the areas affected by the floods;

4. *Invites* governing bodies of specialized agencies, organs and organizations of the United Nations system and international financial institutions to support the efforts of the Government of Jamaica in its rehabilitation and reconstruction programmes within the framework of its development plans.

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1979/61. United Nations Transport and Communications Decade in Africa, 1978-1988

The Economic and Social Council

Recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970 containing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

"Recalling further its resolutions 32/160 of 19 December 1977 and 33/197 of 29 January 1979 on the United Nations Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,

"Noting with satisfaction the initiative of the Organization of African Unity and the Economic Commission for Africa in establishing an integrated African road network and the rationalization of Africa's railway systems and other transport systems in order to facilitate the promotion of multinational economic co-operation in Africa, intra-African trade and the political, social and economic integration of Africa,

"Noting also with satisfaction the work carried out since June 1977,

"Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 2097 (LXIII) of 29 July 1977 on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,

"Taking note of resolution CM/Res.675 (XXXI) on the United Nations Transport and Communications Decade in Africa, adopted at Khartoum in July 1978 by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity,³²

"Taking note also of resolution 341 (XIV) adopted by the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa at the fourteenth session of the Commission, held at Rabat from 20 to 28

²⁹ A/34/190.

³⁰ See E/1979/C.3/SR.6 and 8.

³¹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1979, Supplement No. 10 (E/1979/40), chap. XXI.*

³² See A/33/235 and Corr.1.

March 1979,³³ which urged States members of the Commission to participate effectively in the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications, Information and Planning at Addis Ababa from 9 to 12 May 1979, for the purpose of reviewing and adopting the programme for the first phase of the Decade,

"Noting with satisfaction the progress report submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/160,³⁴ which contains the general strategy and plan of action for the first phase of the Decade,

"1. Takes note of the general strategy for the implementation of the programme for the United Nations Transport and Communications Decade in Africa, as adopted by the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications, Information and Planning held at Addis Ababa from 9 to 12 May 1979;³⁵

"2. Notes that the estimated cost for the implementation of the programme approved by the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications, Information and Planning for the first phase of the Decade, 1980-1983, is approximately \$8,000 million;

"3. Also notes with satisfaction the role of the Economic Commission for Africa as the lead agency for the Decade and the positive co-operation of the Organization of African Unity, the appropriate specialized agencies and the United Nations Development Programme in the implementation of the programme for the Decade;

"4. Requests the Secretary-General to continue his work of organizing a pledging conference of donors, which should take place as soon as possible in the light of the progress achieved in the preparations for the Decade, with a view to mobilizing the financial resources necessary for implementing the programme for the first phase of the Decade;

"5. Invites all Member States to participate positively in the pledging conference referred to in paragraph 4 above and to pledge contributions generously;

"6. Further invites all international multinational and African regional banking and financial institutions to participate positively in the pledging conference referred to in paragraph 4 above and to pledge contributions in a generous scale;

"7. Calls upon all appropriate specialized agencies and United Nations organs to continue to give all material and technical support to the Economic Commission for Africa for the implementation of the approved programme of action for the Decade;

"8. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1980 a report on the outcome of the pledging conference referred to in paragraph 4 above;

"9. Decides to take a decision in the light of the report mentioned in paragraph 8 above, on the convening of a further pledging conference for the purpose of mobilizing additional resources for the implementation of the programme for the Decade;

"10. Requests the Secretary-General to provide the Economic Commission for Africa with the neces-

sary resources, in order to enable it to play fully and effectively its role as lead agency for the Decade."

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1979/62. Amendment of the terms of reference of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific: membership of Fiji and the Solomon Islands, and admission of New Hebrides and Niue as associate members of the Commission

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting that Fiji and the Solomon Islands have become members of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, in accordance with paragraph 3 of the terms of reference of the Commission,

Noting also the recommendation of the Commission, contained in its annual report,³⁶ with regard to the requests of the Governments of France and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and also of New Zealand, that the Anglo-French Condominium of the New Hebrides and Niue respectively should be included in the geographical scope of the Commission and admitted as associate members,

1. Decides that New Hebrides and Niue be admitted as associate members of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific;

2. Further decides that paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of the Commission's terms of reference³⁷ be amended to take account of this admission of associate members and of the admission of Fiji and the Solomon Islands as members.

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1979/63. Report of the Economic Commission for Latin America on its eighteenth session

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Economic Commission for Latin America covering the period from 8 May 1978 to 26 April 1979,³⁸

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the results of the eighteenth session of the Commission, held at La Paz, Bolivia, from 18 to 26 April 1979;

2. Endorses Commission resolution 412 (XVIII), welcoming with satisfaction the application of the Government of Spain for the admission of Spain to full membership of the Commission,³⁹ and accordingly amends paragraph 3 (a) of the Commission's terms of reference⁴⁰ by inserting after the words "the Netherlands" a comma followed by the word "Spain";

3. Expresses its gratitude to the Commission for the steps taken in matters of co-operation between developing countries and between developing regions of different geographical areas.

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³⁶ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1979, Supplement No. 13 (E/1979/48), para. 856.

³⁷ Ibid., 1978, Supplement No. 8 (E/1978/48), annex III.

³⁸ Ibid., 1979, Supplement No. 16 (E/1979/51).

³⁹ Ibid., chap. IV.

⁴⁰ Council resolution 106 (VI) of 25 February and 5 March 1948.

³³ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1979, Supplement No. 15 (E/1979/50), part II, sect. D.

³⁴ E/1979/77.

³⁵ Ibid., part VI, resolution ECA/UNTACDA/Res.79/1.

1979/64. Regional co-operation and development

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly 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, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation and 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970 containing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,

Recalling Council resolution 2043 (LXI) of 5 August 1976 on the strengthening of the regional commissions for regional and interregional co-operation,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system,

Recalling paragraph 26 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197, which states that, in order to enable the regional commissions effectively to discharge their responsibilities, the necessary authority should be delegated to them and adequate budgetary and financial provision should be made for their activities,

Recalling Council resolution 1978/74 of 4 August 1978,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 33/202 of 29 January 1979, particularly section V thereof, in which the General Assembly, *inter alia*, decided that the regional commissions should have the status of executing agencies in their own right in respect of the categories of projects described in and in conformity with paragraph 23 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197,

Convinced of the need for further measures to strengthen the capacity of the regional commissions to promote and support co-operation in their respective regions and to enable them fully to play their role, under the authority of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, as the main economic and social development centres within the United Nations system for their respective regions,

Welcoming the intention of the Secretary-General, as set out in his report on the meetings of the Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions,⁴¹ to approach decentralization as a continuing exercise and as a functional process which should take into full account the distinct mandates and special characteristics of the regional commissions within the over-all structure of the United Nations,

Noting with satisfaction the criteria for decentralization elaborated at the meetings of the Executive Secretaries, as set out in paragraph 26 of that report,

Reiterating the importance of achieving, in the economic and social programmes of the United Nations, complementarity and better co-ordination of the tasks performed at Headquarters and those performed by the secretariats of the regional commissions, as outlined in General Assembly resolution 32/197,

1. Takes note of the progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Economic and

Social Council resolution 1978/74,⁴² the report of the Secretary-General on the meetings of the Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions, and the relevant sections of the first progress report of the Secretary-General for 1979 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system;⁴³

2. Invites the Secretary-General to pursue actively the process of decentralization to the regional commissions on the basis of the relevant provisions of section IV of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 and in the light of the recommendations contained in Council resolution 1978/74 and section V of General Assembly resolution 33/202;

3. Invites the Secretary-General in particular to expedite the decentralization of activities, including the redeployment of the necessary and appropriate resources, in the priority programme areas identified at the meetings of the Executive Secretaries and to report the outcome to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session;

4. Welcomes the intention of the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session a comprehensive statement of the administrative and financial implications of the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 32/197 and 33/202, calling for decentralization and the strengthening of the regional commissions;

5. Welcomes also the consideration being given by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and the regional commissions to measures for enhancing the collective involvement of the developing countries of each region in determining the priorities for intercountry programmes;

6. Invites the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination to undertake at its twentieth session a full review of policy and programme issues relating to the distribution of tasks and responsibilities between the regional commissions and other United Nations units, programmes and organs concerned, in preparation, *inter alia*, for the elaboration of the next programme budget and medium-term plan, and to report thereon to the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly in 1980;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Council at its second regular session of 1980 on measures taken to give effect to the above provisions, and on the following:

(a) The results of consultations on the role of the regional commissions in the determination of priorities for intercountry programmes;

(b) Measures taken to enhance the capacity of the regional commissions to serve as executing agencies for technical co-operation projects, in accordance with paragraph 23 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197;

(c) Steps taken to strengthen the role of the regional commissions in the exercise of team leadership and responsibility for interagency co-ordination and co-operation at the regional level;

(d) Progress made in the rationalization of the structures of the regional commissions;

(e) Measures taken to enhance the role of the

⁴¹ E/1979/76 and Add.1.

⁴² E/1979/32 and Corr.1.

⁴³ E/1979/81.

regional commissions in the strengthening of interregional co-operation.

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1979/65. United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3167 (XXVIII) of 17 December 1973 and Council resolution 1762 (LIV) of 18 May 1973 on the establishment of the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 33/194 of 29 January 1979 on multilateral development assistance for the exploration of natural resources,

Reaffirming the importance of the Fund as an instrument for assisting developing countries in developing their natural resources,

Bearing in mind the need to intensify further the activities of the Fund,

Recalling further Council decision 1978/53 of 2 August 1978, according to which the review specified in paragraph 1 (m) and (p) of Council resolution 1762 (LIV) will take place in 1981,

Noting draft resolution III contained in the report on the work of the Committee on Natural Resources at its sixth session,⁴⁴

Noting further the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the Fund in 1978⁴⁵ and decision 79/26 adopted by the Governing Council of the Programme on 29 June 1979,⁴⁶

1. *Decides* to establish a working group of government experts to review and analyse the activities of the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration, in order to assist the Economic and Social Council in carrying out a comprehensive review of the functions, institutional arrangements and repayment system of the Fund;

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, to appoint the members of the working group, having due regard to the principle of equitable geographical distribution;

3. *Decides* that the report of the working group should be submitted to the Economic and Social Council through the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and the Committee on Natural Resources;

4. *Decides further* that the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme should continue as the governing body of the Fund until the completion of the 1981 review of the Fund's operations.

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1979/66. United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1978/61 of 3 August 1978,

⁴⁴ See E/C.7/112 (transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/1979/69), chap. I.

⁴⁵ DP/368.

⁴⁶ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1979, Supplement No. 10 (E/1979/40)*, chap. XXI.

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 33/148 of 20 December 1978, in which the Assembly decided to convene an international conference on new and renewable sources of energy under the auspices of the United Nations in 1981,

Having noted the progress report of the Secretary-General on preparations for the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy,⁴⁷

Noting the report of the Chairman of the Committee on Natural Resources on the Committee's work at its sixth session,⁴⁸

Welcoming the appointment of Mr. Mohamed Habib Gherab as the Secretary-General of the Conference,

Noting with appreciation the comprehensive statement by the Secretary-General of the Conference,⁴⁹

Emphasizing the importance of the preparations for the Conference at the national, subregional, regional and global levels,

Aware of the importance of developing new and renewable sources of energy in order to meet requirements for continued economic and social development, particularly in the developing countries,

1. *Calls upon* all appropriate organizations, organs and bodies of the United Nations system to extend their fullest support to the preparatory process and to the Conference secretariat;

2. *Recommends* that States should consider designating national focal points which will co-ordinate preparation for the Conference at the national level and provide a link to the Conference secretariat in its preparatory activities;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with Member States, to proceed speedily with the appointment of the technical panels, in accordance with paragraph 9 of General Assembly resolution 33/148;

4. *Recommends* that the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session should designate an intergovernmental preparatory body for the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy which would be open to the participation of all States as full members and would report to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council, taking into account in this connexion the corresponding recommendation contained in the report of the Chairman of the Committee on Natural Resources on the work of its sixth session;⁵⁰

5. *Recommends* that the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session should consider measures to enhance the readiness of developing countries for the Conference;

6. *Recommends* that the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session should consider ways in which, pending the holding of the Conference, the United Nations system could more effectively assist the developing countries in the area of new and renewable sources of energy, including research and information relating to the latest technologies and development in this vital area;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the Conference to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session a comprehensive report on the preparatory process for the Conference, including a detailed

⁴⁷ E/1979/98.

⁴⁸ E/C.7/112; transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/1979/69.

⁴⁹ See E/1979/C.1/SR.18.

⁵⁰ See E/C.7/112, para. 28 and chap. I, draft resolution II.

programme and calendar of proposed activities and of other measures which may be required to meet fully the objectives of Assembly resolution 33/148.

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3 August 1979

1979/67. Institutional arrangements for international co-operation at the regional level in implementation of the Mar del Plata Action Plan

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering the recommendations and resolutions of the United Nations Water Conference constituting the Mar del Plata Action Plan on integrated water resources development and management,⁵¹ which was approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 32/158 of 19 December 1977,

Recalling that the United Nations Water Conference, in its resolution VIII, entitled "Institutional arrangements for international co-operation in the water sector",⁵² recommended that a central role should be played by the Economic and Social Council, the Committee on Natural Resources and the regional commissions in their respective regions in the promotion of intergovernmental co-operation as a follow-up to the implementation of the Action Plan,

Taking into account General Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977, in which the Assembly called upon the regional commissions to exercise team leadership and responsibility for co-ordination and co-operation at the regional level,

Further recalling its resolution 2121 (LXIII) of 4 August 1977, in paragraph 10 of which it requested the regional commissions to strengthen and intensify their responsibilities in the water sector,

Considering also the proposals contained in the reports of the regional meetings held under the auspices of the regional commissions,⁵³ and particularly taking note of the steps taken in establishing intergovernmental machinery in each region with the aim of expediting the implementation of the Mar del Plata Action Plan,

1. *Recommends* that:

(a) In the implementation of the Mar del Plata Action Plan on integrated water resources development and management, the regional activities related to water resources undertaken by the specialized agencies and other organizations should continue to take into account the local needs and requirements of the various countries and regions, as requested;

(b) For this purpose, the activities of these agencies and organizations undertaken on the basis of the respective regional programmes should be co-ordinated at the regional level through existing institutional mechanisms or those to be established for the purpose of strengthening their role in that area, as requested;

(c) Projects forming part of such programmes should be specific and concrete, taking due account of the characteristics of the regions involved, and should be presented for discussion through the mechanisms referred to in subparagraph (b) above, as requested;

2. *Urges* the regional commissions that have not already done so to take the necessary steps to establish

an appropriate intergovernmental mechanism as soon as possible;

3. *Recommends* that the secretariats of the regional commissions should be provided with sufficient manpower and financial resources to enable them to discharge the expanded responsibilities assigned to them by the United Nations Water Conference in relation to the execution of the Mar del Plata Action Plan, including the servicing of their respective bodies dealing with water, and that, should these activities demand additional resources, consideration should be given, *inter alia*, to the redeployment of existing resources;

4. *Recommends further* that, where additional resources are required for the implementation of the Mar del Plata Action Plan at the regional level, the regional commissions should actively explore funding from the regional resources of the United Nations Development Programme for encouraging activities relating to technical co-operation among developing countries;

5. *Invites* Governments of Member States to provide substantive technical and logistic inputs to the work programmes of the bodies in the respective regional commissions that deal with water.

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3 August 1979

1979/68. Institutional arrangements for international co-operation in implementation of the Mar del Plata Action Plan

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 2115 (LXIII) of 4 August 1977, in which it called upon the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and the Environment Co-ordination Board to develop in greater detail the administrative and financial aspects of the proposals contained in their report on current and future activities of the United Nations system in water resources development,⁵⁴

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on institutional arrangements for international co-operation for water development;⁵⁵

2. *Emphasizes* the need for the continuing systematic co-ordination of the water-related activities being carried out by organizations of the United Nations system;

3. *Requests* the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, taking into account the matters raised and discussed during the third special session of the Committee on Natural Resources,⁵⁶ to recast the draft terms of reference of the proposed Interagency Water Resources Board set out in its report⁵⁷ and to resubmit the question to the Committee on Natural Resources at its seventh session in 1981;

4. *Requests* the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, the organizations undertaking water-related activities and, where appropriate, the regional commissions, to make meanwhile the necessary arrangements for intensifying interorganizational co-ordination and co-operation in this programme area and, as a matter of urgency, taking into account the institutional arrangements at their respective levels, to elaborate where ap-

⁵⁴ E/CONF.70/CBP/4 and Add.1 and 2.

⁵⁵ E/C.7/84.

⁵⁶ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1979, Supplement No. 9 (E/1979/39)*.

⁵⁷ E/C.7/84, paras. 33-41.

⁵¹ *Report of the United Nations Water Conference, Mar del Plata, 14-25 March 1977* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.77.II.A.12), chap. I.

⁵² *Ibid.*, p. 78.

⁵³ E/C.7/90-94.

propriate procedures by which the organizations and regional commissions could provide essential support for the periodic intergovernmental review of the Mar del Plata Action Plan;⁵⁸

5. *Recommends* that the necessary co-ordination in this field should be carried out within the existing resources of the United Nations Secretariat and that the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination should discuss interagency co-ordination as required;

6. *Requests* the external organizations carrying out activities at the country level to ensure that these activities shall be fully co-ordinated under the leadership of the resident representatives of the United Nations Development Programme, in consultation with and with the consent of the Governments concerned, in conformity with paragraph 34 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977.

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3 August 1979*

1979/69. Control and limitation of documentation

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking into account General Assembly resolution 33/56 of 14 December 1978,

Recalling Council resolutions 1979/1 of 9 February 1979 and 1979/41 of 10 May 1979, which set out a number of practical measures designed to reduce the volume of documentation, ensure its timely circulation in all the working languages of the Council and improve the format and presentation of Secretariat reports dealing with economic, social and related matters,

Reiterating its deep concern about the large number of documents issued by the Secretariat and being aware of the heavy burden thus placed on the Secretariat and delegations,

Deeply concerned about the increasing delays in the translation of documents by the Secretariat,

Having considered the second note by the Secretariat on the control and limitation of documentation,⁵⁹ prepared in response to Council resolution 1979/41,

Aware of the fact that the Secretary-General has drawn the attention of Member States, in his report on the rationalization of the procedures and organization of the General Assembly,⁶⁰ to the need to enhance the efficient functioning of intergovernmental bodies by reducing, streamlining and improving the documentation submitted to them,

Conscious of the urgent need to adopt additional measures to overcome the serious problems that are being faced in this context by the Council and its subsidiary machinery,

Decides:

(a) To approve the revised guidelines for the format and contents of the reports of the functional commissions and standing committees of the Council set out in the second note by the Secretariat on the control and limitation of documentation,⁶¹ on the understanding that, in conformity with these revised guidelines, the functional commissions and standing committees will be able to introduce specific adjustments in

⁵⁸ *Report of the United Nations Water Conference, Mar del Plata, 14-25 March 1977* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.77.II.A.12), chap. I.

⁵⁹ E/1979/94 and Add.1 and 2.

⁶⁰ A/34/320.

⁶¹ E/1979/94, annex.

their reporting and recording procedures, in the light of their established functions and of the questions dealt with by them;

(b) To discontinue, for an experimental period of two years, the provision of summary records for the following subsidiary bodies of the Council:

Commission on Human Rights

Commission for Social Development

Commission on the Status of Women

Commission on Narcotic Drugs

Economic Commission for Europe

Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

Economic Commission for Latin America

Economic Commission for Africa

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

Committee on Natural Resources

Committee for Programme and Co-ordination

Committee on Science and Technology for Development

Committee on Review and Appraisal

Commission on Transnational Corporations

Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities;

(c) To insist that the Secretariat should circulate the documentation in all the working languages six weeks before the opening of the sessions of the Council and its subsidiary organs;

(d) To request the Secretariat, for the purposes of a stricter application of rule 13 (4) of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council, to inform the Council and its subsidiary bodies, in the relevant annotated agenda, which documents have not been issued in accordance with the six-week rule, with a full explanation of the reasons which prevented their circulation; the reports on meetings concluded twelve weeks or less before the opening of the session of the Council shall be circulated as soon as possible after the conclusion of such meetings and the Council shall be informed at the outset of the session of the dates on which they are scheduled for circulation;

(e) To authorize the President of the Economic and Social Council to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the measures taken in 1979 by the Council in response to Assembly resolution 33/56.

*39th plenary meeting
2 August 1979*

1979/70. Follow-up to and implementation of the Mar del Plata Action Plan

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that the Mar del Plata Action Plan on integrated water resources development and management,⁶² adopted by the United Nations Water Conference, contains recommendations and resolutions dealing with a wide spectrum of subject areas and activities relating to water, including assessment, use and efficiency, environment and health, policy, planning and management, education, training and research, the management of natural hazards, and regional and international co-operation,

Recalling that the Action Plan was approved by the

⁶² *Report of the United Nations Water Conference, Mar del Plata, 14-25 March 1977* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.77.II.A.12), chap. I.

Council in its resolutions 2115 (LXIII) and 2121 (LXIII) of 4 August 1977 and by the General Assembly in its resolution 32/158 of 19 December 1977 and that further recommendations were made by the Council and the Assembly concerning the follow-up to and implementation of the Action Plan, including the desirability of designating national water committees,

Taking note of the following documents and the proposals contained therein: the report on the assessment of water resources, prepared jointly by the World Meteorological Organization and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization;⁶³ the note by the Secretary-General on water policy, planning and management;⁶⁴ the progress report on drinking water supply and sanitation, prepared by the World Health Organization in co-operation with other organizations of the United Nations system;⁶⁵ the progress report on water resources development and management in agriculture, prepared by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;⁶⁶ the preliminary study on industrial water use prepared by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization;⁶⁷ the report of the Secretary-General on financing arrangements for international co-operation in the development of water resources;⁶⁸ the note by the Secretary-General on activities in the field of shared water resources;⁶⁹ the report of the Secretary-General on technical co-operation among developing countries in water resources development;⁷⁰ the note by the Secretary-General on drought loss management;⁷¹ the report on public information, education, training and research, prepared by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization;⁷² the progress report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to and implementation of the decisions of the United Nations Water Conference;⁷³ and the reports on the regional meetings convened by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, the Economic Commission for Latin America, the Economic Commission for Africa, the Economic Commission for Europe and the Economic Commission for Western Asia;⁷⁴

I

POLICY, PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT

1. Urges Governments:

(a) To carry out, in as systematic and co-ordinated a manner as possible, the recommendations contained in section D of the Mar del Plata Action Plan concerning national water policy, institutional arrangements, legislation, public participation and development of appropriate technology;

(b) To exchange experiences and views on their existing and proposed institutional arrangements relating to national water planning and development;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to make proposals to the Economic and Social Council at its first

regular session of 1980, in order to ensure the exchange of information referred to in paragraph 45 (vi) of the Action Plan and paragraph 25 of the progress report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to and implementation of the decisions of the United Nations Water Conference;

3. Further requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the recommendations on policy, planning and management contained in the Action Plan shall receive the necessary attention and support within the framework of technical co-operation activities in this area, and that related supporting activities on desirable national and local institutional arrangements shall be pursued;

II

ASSESSMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

1. Urges Governments to develop and/or intensify national activities in the assessment of water resources, with particular emphasis on data collection and processing methods for the evaluation of hydrological parameters under specific conditions, in particular in developing countries;

2. Decides:

(a) To endorse the strategy, presented in the report on the assessment of water resources, for the implementation of resolution I of the United Nations Water Conference at the regional and international levels, in order to assist developing countries in maintaining and strengthening adequate programmes for the assessment of their water resources;

(b) To request the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the World Meteorological Organization, in co-operation with the regional commissions and other United Nations organizations concerned, to carry out an international project along the lines indicated in their report on the assessment of water resources, with a focus on the national level, designed to provide guidance and practical aid to countries that require assistance in implementing their national plans for water resources assessment;

III

AGRICULTURAL WATER USE

1. Urges Governments:

(a) To formulate measures to establish a reporting mechanism for their agricultural water development programmes in accordance with the Action Programme on Water for Agriculture adopted by the United Nations Water Conference in its resolution III;

(b) To report on a regular basis to the appropriate intergovernmental bodies at the regional and global level on their existing and proposed training and research facilities to serve the needs of current and planned programmes for irrigation, drainage and land and water conservation for agriculture;

2. Requests the appropriate organizations to intensify the execution of the programme of work, and of studies and training programmes on soil-water-plant relationships and irrigation methods and techniques, as well as studies on the institutional and economic obstacles to the increase of the production and productivity of irrigated agriculture;

⁶³ E/C.7/78.

⁶⁴ E/C.7/79.

⁶⁵ E/C.7/80 and Add.1.

⁶⁶ E/C.7/81.

⁶⁷ No symbol.

⁶⁸ E/C.7/83.

⁶⁹ E/C.7/85.

⁷⁰ E/C.7/86.

⁷¹ E/C.7/87.

⁷² E/C.7/88.

⁷³ E/C.7/89.

⁷⁴ E/C.7/90-94.

IV

INDUSTRIAL WATER USE

1. Urges Governments:

(a) To intensify their efforts to economize on water consumption in the industrial sector and to reduce to the maximum extent possible the level of pollution caused by waste waters at the source through the development and application of appropriate technologies for this purpose;

(b) To establish suitable mechanisms for a systematic exchange of experience and the transfer of technological know-how from developed to developing countries, and within the framework of technical co-operation among developing countries;

2. *Recommends* that the Industrial Development Board should examine detailed proposals on industrial water use and treatment practices made by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in the light of the recommendations in paragraph 27 of the Mar del Plata Action Plan;

V

FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS FOR WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

Urges Governments to formulate a steady flow of properly studied project proposals on different aspects of water resources development and management and to ensure that such projects shall be kept under review both in terms of feasibility and the ranking of priorities at the national level;

VI

SHARED WATER RESOURCES

1. *Takes note* of the views expressed during the third special session of the Committee on Natural Resources, so that they can be taken into account by the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session in the follow-up to its resolution 33/87 of 15 December 1978, bearing in mind the importance attached by the Governments concerned to the matter of shared water resources;

2. *Welcomes* the financial support to be provided by the United Nations Development Programme to the meeting of representatives of international river and lake organizations and representatives of interested Governments, which the Secretary-General has planned for 1980;

3. *Invites* participating organizations and Governments to provide active support in the preparatory process, so as to ensure the full success of the meeting;

VII

TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN WATER-RELATED ACTIVITIES

Calls upon Governments to intensify technical co-operation among developing countries in water-related activities and in the implementation of the Mar del Plata Action Plan;

VIII

DROUGHT LOSS MANAGEMENT

1. *Recalls* the recommendations in section E, paragraphs 66-69, of the Mar del Plata Action Plan and in the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;⁷⁵

⁷⁵ A/CONF.74/36, chap. I.

2. *Invites* recipient and donor countries to work together to formulate and implement suitable projects designed to mitigate drought losses and also to combat desertification, taking into account in particular the need to strengthen the technical capacity of affected countries through the development of appropriate training and educational programmes;

IX

PUBLIC INFORMATION, EDUCATION, TRAINING AND RESEARCH

1. *Stresses* the importance of activities in the fields of public information, education, training and research referred to in section F of the Mar del Plata Action Plan, which are a prerequisite for the successful implementation of the Action Plan as a whole;

2. *Urges* all Member States to strengthen their programmes in the above-mentioned fields, taking into account their specific needs, and to encourage the exchange of information on such programmes;

3. *Invites* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and all other organizations of the United Nations system to accord the highest priority within their specific water resources programmes to activities in the field of public information, training and research, with the aim of increasing the capacity of Member States to cope with current and future water problems confronting their economic and social development.

*40th plenary meeting
3 August 1979*

1979/71. Prospects for the development of the mineral and raw materials base of the fertilizer industry

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 33/194 of 29 January 1979 on multilateral development assistance for the exploration of natural resources and 33/136 of 19 December 1978 on the acceleration of the transfer of real resources to developing countries,

Taking into consideration the needs of a great many developing countries in expanding the base for their fertilizer industries,

Noting that the reports prepared by the Secretary-General on copper, gas, nickel and chrome constitute a useful contribution to the work of the Committee on Natural Resources,

Requests the Secretary-General to prepare a report on phosphates and potassium salts as the most important minerals used in agriculture, for submission to the Committee on Natural Resources at its seventh session.

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3 August 1979*

1979/72. Standardization of definitions and terminology for mineral resources

The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing the desirability of reaching agreement on the terminology used in classifying mineral resources and the continuing need for internationally consistent and easily understood statistics on mineral commodities,

Taking into account the discussion in the Committee on Natural Resources at its sixth session on the report of the Group of Experts on Definitions and Terminology for Mineral Resources⁷⁶ appointed by the Secretary-General pursuant to Council resolution 1954 B (LIX) of 25 July 1975,

1. *Endorses* the report of the Group of Experts on Definitions and Terminology for Mineral Resources;

2. *Notes* that the Group of Experts did not deal with the problems of definition and terminology relating to mineral production and consumption;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to review present practices in the United Nations and other international organizations in reporting, compiling and publishing statistics on mineral production and consumption, including statistics on secondary recovery of metals;

4. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to convene subsequently a group of experts, whose members should be selected on an equitable geographical basis, to develop a common set of definitions and terminology that could be used for the reporting, compilation and publication by the United Nations of statistics on mineral production and consumption, including secondary recovery of metals;

5. *Further requests* that the group of experts to be appointed should present the results of its work in the form of a report to be submitted to the Committee on Natural Resources at its eighth session.

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3 August 1979*

1979/73. Intergovernmental Conference on Strategies and Policies for Informatics: report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the Intergovernmental Conference on Strategies and Policies for Informatics,⁷⁷ which was submitted to the Council pursuant to its resolution 1978/43 of 1 August 1978 on the application of computer science and technology to development,

Aware of the importance of informatics and its many applications to social and economic development,

1. *Invites* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, in co-operation with the Intergovernmental Bureau for Informatics, to continue to carry out programmes adopted by them in support of the recommendations of the Intergovernmental Conference on Strategies and Policies for Informatics;

2. *Requests* the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to continue to give attention to effective co-operation and the co-ordination of programmes to assist Member States, with a view to enabling them to take full advantage of the possibilities offered by informatics for furthering their social and economic development;

3. *Decides* to take note of the report of the Intergovernmental Conference and to bring it to the atten-

tion of the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development.

*40th plenary meeting
3 August 1979*

1979/74. Consumer protection

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 2111 (LXIII) of 4 August 1977 and 1978/42 of 1 August 1978,

Recognizing that consumer protection has an important bearing on economic and social development, as well as on the health, safety and welfare of the people of all countries,

Recognizing further that international co-operation in this area is important in promoting the economic and social development of developing countries,

Taking into account the importance of having available all public information on prohibitions and restrictions applying to consumer goods exported to other countries,

Convinced that in their efforts to prevent the promotion of products dangerous to human health, safety and welfare, States should consider the importance of regulating advertising to that end,

Recognizing that in view of the importance of preventing damage which may be caused to human health, safety and welfare by consumer products, States should consider the appropriate regulation of, *inter alia*, those commercial practices of enterprises, including those of transnational corporations, which are harmful to the interests of consumers,

1. *Takes note* of the interim report of the Secretary-General on consumer protection;⁷⁸

2. *Requests* all organizations of the United Nations system to take into account, in the elaboration of programmes in their respective areas of specialization, the preliminary list of options contained in the interim report of the Secretary-General on consumer protection and based on the "eight broad areas of technical assistance" listed in the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Consumer protection: institutional arrangements and legal measures"⁷⁹ and to report to the Secretary-General on their action in this connexion;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, drawing upon all United Nations organs, agencies and programmes concerned, and on the regional commissions, to prepare, within the existing financial resources, a comprehensive report on consumer protection which would include, *inter alia*, proposals for adequate standards and other measures on consumer protection which States could consider adopting, taking into account in particular the concern of developing countries with the issues of consumer protection related to trade and development, to include in the report his proposals on the organizational arrangements envisaged for carrying out work on consumer protection within the United Nations system, and to submit the report to the Council at its second regular session of 1981;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a progress report on the action undertaken in pursuance of paragraph 3 above to the Council at its second regular session of 1980.

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3 August 1979*

⁷⁶ E/C.7/104.

⁷⁷ E/1978/143/Rev.1.

⁷⁸ E/1979/65 and Corr.1.

⁷⁹ E/1978/81.

1979/75. Activities of transnational corporations in southern Africa and their collaboration with the racist minority régimes in that area

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly 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, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Recalling also the resolutions adopted by the Commission on Transnational Corporations at its third and fourth sessions on the activities of transnational corporations in southern Africa and their collaboration with the racist minority régimes in that area,⁸⁰

Recalling further the Maputo Declaration in Support of the Peoples of Zimbabwe and Namibia and Programme of Action for the Liberation of Zimbabwe and Namibia,⁸¹ the Lagos Declaration for Action against *Apartheid*,⁸² and General Assembly resolution S-9/2 of 3 May 1978,

Having considered the report of the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations entitled "The activities of the transnational corporations in the industrial, mining and military sectors of southern Africa",⁸³

Gravely concerned at the continued collaboration by transnational corporations with the racist minority régimes in southern Africa, in contravention of United Nations resolutions,

Gravely concerned further about the adverse trends in policies of home Governments which encourage transnational corporations to continue to collaborate with the racist minority régimes in southern Africa in violation of United Nations resolutions and in defiance of the legitimate aspirations of the oppressed peoples,

Considering that the cessation of the activities of transnational corporations in the area would constitute an important step in the struggle against the racist minority régimes,

Conscious of the continued need to enlist the active support of the home Governments of transnational corporations which operate in the territories occupied by the racist minority régimes,

Welcoming as a positive step measures taken by some home Governments to curtail the activities of their transnational and other corporations in southern Africa,

Mindful of the imperative need to maintain and strengthen international solidarity in support of the legitimate struggle of the oppressed peoples in southern Africa for self-determination and independence,

Recognizing the importance of mobilizing world public opinion against the involvement and collaboration of transnational corporations with the racist minority régimes in southern Africa,

⁸⁰ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 5 (E/5986)*, para. 14, and *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 12 (E/1978/52 and Corr.1-3)*, para. 1.

⁸¹ See *Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-second Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1977*, document S/12344/Rev.1, annex V.

⁸² A/CONF.91/9 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.77.XIV.2 and corrigendum), sect. X.

⁸³ E/C.10/51.

1. *Takes note* of the report of the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations entitled "The activities of the transnational corporations in the industrial, mining and military sectors of southern Africa";

2. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the oppressed peoples of southern Africa to self-determination and permanent sovereignty over their natural resources and all economic activities;

3. *Reiterates* that the activities of transnational corporations in the area and their collaboration with the racist minority régimes are detrimental to the interests of the oppressed peoples in South Africa, Southern Rhodesia and Namibia;

4. *Recognizes* the urgent need to take further and effective measures including sanctions, in order to terminate the continuing collaboration by transnational and other corporations with the racist minority régimes in southern Africa;

5. *Calls upon* all Governments to adhere strictly to and ensure the effective implementation of sanctions and decisions already adopted by the General Assembly and the Security Council;

6. *Strongly condemns* the continued investments and the exploitation of black labour by transnational and other corporations which continue to collaborate with the racist minority régimes in southern Africa in contravention of United Nations resolutions, thereby contributing to the perpetuation of oppression and other inhuman practices perpetrated against the majority of the population by the racist minority régimes;

7. *Further condemns* recent laws and regulations, such as that curtailing the flow of information on the activities of foreign subsidiaries, adopted by the racist minority régimes, particularly South Africa, in order to enlist the support of transnational corporations in the perpetuation of its inhuman policies of *apartheid*, and calls upon home Governments to adopt measures to ensure that transnational corporations of their nationality do not collaborate in the enforcement of such laws and regulations;

8. *Urges* all transnational corporations to comply fully with the relevant United Nations resolutions by terminating all further investments in the area and by ending their collaboration with the racist minority régimes;

9. *Calls upon* all Governments which have not yet done so to take legislative, administrative, judicial and other measures in respect of their nationals and transnational corporations of their nationality owning or operating enterprises in the area in order to put an end to such activities;

10. *Calls further upon* all States to terminate all forms of collaboration by their nationals and by transnational and other corporations of their nationality with the racist minority régimes in southern Africa and, in particular:

(a) To refrain from supplying petroleum, petroleum products or other strategic materials to the racist minority régimes;

(b) To refrain from extending loans, investments and technical assistance to the racist minority régimes in southern Africa and to corporations registered in those territories;

(c) To prohibit economic and financial interests under their national jurisdiction from co-operating with the racist minority régimes and enterprises registered in southern Africa;

(d) To refrain from all activities which may directly or indirectly contribute to the strengthening of the military capability of the racist minority régimes;

(e) To deny tariff and other preferences to exports from the territories occupied by the racist minority régimes in southern Africa as well as any inducements or guarantees for investment and trade in the area;

(f) To prohibit all persons and enterprises of their nationality from making any royalty or tax payments to, or from knowingly transferring any assets or other financial resources in contravention of United Nations resolutions to facilitate trade with or investments in the territories occupied by the racist minority régimes;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To instruct the Secretariat to continue its useful research on the activities of transnational corporations in southern Africa and their collaboration with the racist minority régimes in the area;

(b) To submit to the Commission on Transnational Corporations at its sixth session, an in-depth analysis of the role of transnational corporations in the indus-

trial, military and nuclear sectors of South Africa, Southern Rhodesia and Namibia;

(c) To update and expand the list of transnational corporations which recognize and negotiate with non-white and multiracial trade unions as well as those which do not, contained in the report mentioned in paragraph 1 above;

(d) To continue to collect and publicize information on the activities of transnational corporations which collaborate directly or indirectly with the racist minority régimes in southern Africa in contravention of United Nations resolutions;

(e) To organize symposia, workshops, seminars and other public enlightenment programmes, in collaboration with other United Nations bodies concerned, with a view to educating the general public in the home countries of transnational corporations on the activities of those corporations in southern Africa and the extent of their collaboration with the racist minority régimes in the area.

*40th plenary meeting
3 August 1979*



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1979/45. Assistance to South African student refugees

At its 36th plenary meeting, on 27 July 1979, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to South African student refugees¹ and of the comments made thereon in the Council at its second regular session of 1979.²

1979/46. Assistance to Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique and Zambia

At its 36th plenary meeting, on 27 July 1979, the Council took note of the oral report made on behalf of the Secretary-General on the current status of the special assistance programmes for Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique and Zambia.³

1979/47. Assistance in emergency situations

At its 36th plenary meeting, on 27 July 1979, the Council took note of the oral report made on behalf of the Secretary-General on the current status of the special assistance programmes for the Comoros, Guinea-Bissau, Sao Tome and Principe, Cape Verde, Seychelles and Djibouti.⁴

1979/48. Reports of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development

At its 36th plenary meeting, on 27 July 1979, the Council decided that the reports of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development on its fourth and fifth sessions⁵ should be transmitted to the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development, for its consideration.

¹ A/34/345.

² See E/1979/SR.35 and 36.

³ See E/1979/SR.35.

⁴ *Ibid.*

⁵ Reproduced in *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 43 (A/34/43)*, vols. II and III.

1979/49. Reports of the Economic Commission for Western Asia on its fifth and sixth sessions

At its 36th plenary meeting on 27 July 1979, the Council decided:

(a) To endorse the recommendation contained in resolution 67 (VI) of the Economic Commission for Western Asia,⁶ thereby approving the relocation of the headquarters of the Commission from Beirut to Baghdad, its permanent headquarters, in response to the kind invitation of the Government of Iraq;

(b) To postpone consideration of the recommendation contained in resolution 68 (VI) of the Commission;⁷ thereby, the membership of Egypt in the Economic Commission for Western Asia remains unaffected;

(c) To endorse the Commission's programme of work and priorities for 1980-1981,⁸ and its medium-term plan for 1980-1983;⁹

(d) To take note of all other matters referred to in the reports of the Commission on its fifth and sixth sessions.¹⁰

1979/50. Report of the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development

At its 37th plenary meeting, on 31 July 1979, the Council:

(a) Took note with satisfaction of the statement made by the Secretary-General of the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development,¹¹ and of the statements made by delegations;

(b) Decided to invite the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to submit the report of the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development to the General Assembly and to the Preparatory Committee for the New International Development Strategy.

⁶ See *Official Records of the Economic Council, 1979, Supplement No. 14A (E/1979/49/Add.1)*, para. 1.

⁷ *Ibid.*

⁸ *Ibid.*, para. 2.

⁹ *Ibid.*, 1979, Supplement No. 14 (E/1979/49), para. 2.

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, 1979, Supplements Nos. 14 and 14A (E/1979/49 and Add.1).

¹¹ See E/1979/SR.37.

1979/51. Matters related to the general discussion of international economic and social policy, including regional and sectoral developments

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 1 August 1979, the Council:

- (a) Took note of the following documents:
- (i) *World Economic Survey, 1978*, chaps. I-IV;¹²
 - (ii) Summary of the Economic Survey of Europe in 1978;¹³
 - (iii) Summary of economic and social conditions in Africa, 1977-1978;¹⁴
 - (iv) Summary of the economic and social survey of Asia and the Pacific, 1978;¹⁵
 - (v) Report entitled "Economic trends in Latin America in 1978";¹⁶
 - (vi) Summary of the survey of economic and social development in the region of the Economic Commission for Western Asia, 1970-1978;¹⁷
 - (vii) Report of the Committee for Development Planning on its fifteenth session;¹⁸
- (b) Took note of and decided to transmit the following documents to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session:
- (i) Review of progress made in the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade and in relation to General Assembly resolutions 3202 (S-VI), 3281 (XXIX) and 3362 (S-VII): report prepared by the Secretariat;¹⁹
 - (ii) Report of the Preparatory Committee for the New International Development Strategy;²⁰
 - (iii) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States;²¹
 - (iv) Note by the Secretariat on specific action related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries;²²
 - (v) Note by the Secretariat on special measures in favour of the least developed among the developing countries;²³
- (c) Decided to authorize the Secretary-General to transmit the following documents to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session:
- (i) Report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for the special session of the General Assembly in 1980, to be issued pursuant to General Assembly resolution 33/198 of 29 January 1979;²⁴

- (ii) Report of the Preparatory Committee for the New International Development Strategy on its work during the remainder of 1979.

1979/52. Election of nine additional members of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 1 August 1979, the Council, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 33/25 of 29 November 1978, elected nine additional members of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. The following States were elected: ARGENTINA, FINLAND, JAPAN, LESOTHO, MOROCCO, NICARAGUA, SUDAN, THAILAND and ZAIRE. The new membership of the Committee is as follows:

Algeria	Morocco
Argentina	Netherlands
Australia	Nicaragua
Austria	Nigeria
Belgium	Norway
Brazil	Sudan
Canada	Sweden
China	Switzerland
Colombia	Thailand
Denmark	Tunisia
Finland	Turkey
France	Uganda
Germany, Federal Republic of	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Greece	United Republic of Tanzania
Holy See	United States of America
Iran	Venezuela
Israel	Yugoslavia
Italy	Zaire
Japan	
Lebanon	
Lesotho	
Madagascar	

1979/53. Assistance to the Palestinian people

At its 39th plenary meeting, on 2 August 1979, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people²⁵ and decided to transmit it to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session.

1979/54. Assistance to the oppressed people of South Africa and their national liberation movement by agencies and institutions within the United Nations system

At its 39th plenary meeting, on 2 August 1979, the Council decided:

(a) To urge the organizations of the United Nations system to intensify their assistance to the oppressed people of South Africa and their national liberation movement;

(b) To request the President of the Economic and Social Council, bearing in mind the statements made on this question,²⁶ to hold consultations with the Chairman of the Special Committee against *Apartheid* and the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation

²⁵ E/1979/61 and Add.1.

²⁶ See E/1979/C.3/SR.2, 3, 11 and 12.

¹² E/1979/62 and Add.1-3.

¹³ E/1979/42.

¹⁴ E/1979/70.

¹⁵ E/1979/71.

¹⁶ E/1979/72.

¹⁷ E/1979/73.

¹⁸ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1979, Supplement No. 7 (E/1979/37)*.

¹⁹ E/AC.54/22 and Corr.1 and E/AC.54/22/Add.1.

²⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 44 (A/34/44)*.

²¹ E/1979/74.

²² E/1979/107.

²³ E/1979/109.

²⁴ E/1979/97.

with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, with regard to the implementation of the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution 33/183 K of 24 January 1979, with a view to extending the maximum possible assistance to the people concerned;

(c) To request the President of the Economic and Social Council to report to the Council at its second regular session of 1980 on the results of those consultations.

1979/55. Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme

At its 39th plenary meeting, on 2 August 1979, the Council decided:

(a) To authorize the Secretariat to submit the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its twenty-sixth session²⁷ to the General Assembly;

(b) To take note of the decisions adopted by the Governing Council at its twenty-sixth session;²⁸

(c) To endorse decision 79/40 of the Governing Council, on the report of the Intergovernmental Working Group on Support Costs.

1979/56. Reports of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme

At its 39th plenary meeting, on 2 August 1979, the Council took note of the reports of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on technical co-operation among developing countries,²⁹ United Nations Volunteers,³⁰ the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries,³¹ and strengthening the capacity of the Programme to promote and support technical co-operation among developing countries.³²

1979/57. Restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system

At its 39th plenary meeting, on 2 August 1979, the Council decided:

(a) To inform the General Assembly that it was not able to reach an agreement on the implementation of section II of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977;

(b) To take note of, and to transmit to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session, the first progress report by the Secretary-General for 1979 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system,³³ prepared in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 33/202 of 29 January 1979;

(c) To authorize the Secretary-General to submit the second progress report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session.

²⁷ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1979, Supplement No. 10 (E/1979/40).*

²⁸ *Ibid.*, chap. XXI

²⁹ DP/373.

³⁰ DP/376.

³¹ DP/387.

³² DP/393.

³³ E/1979/81.

1979/58. Appointment of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

At its 39th plenary meeting, on 2 August 1979, the Council appointed, on the nomination of the Secretary-General,³⁴ the members of the Board of Trustees³⁵ of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women. The following ten persons were appointed:

*Term expires on
30 June³⁶*

Ms. Gulzar Bano (Pakistan)	1982
Ms. Ester Boserup (Denmark)	1982
Ms. Marcelle Devaud (France)	1981
Ms. Vilma Espin de Castro (Cuba)	1982
Mr. Emmanuel T. Esquea-Guerrero (Dominican Republic)	1980
Ms. Aziza Hussein (Egypt)	1981
Ms. Lily Monze (Zambia)	1980
Ms. Nobuko Takahashi (Japan)	1981
Ms. Irene Tinker (United States of America)	1980
Ms. Vida Tomsic (Yugoslavia)	1982

1979/59. Report of the Industrial Development Board

At its 39th plenary meeting, on 2 August 1979, the Council took note of the report of the Industrial Development Board on the work of its thirteenth session.³⁷

1979/60. Fourth annual report of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes

At its 39th plenary meeting, on 2 August 1979, the Council took note of the fourth annual report of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes.³⁸

1979/61. Report of the World Tourism Organization

At its 40th plenary meeting, on 3 August 1979, the Council took note of the report on the promotion of tourism,³⁹ prepared by the World Tourism Organization pursuant to paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 33/122 of 19 December 1978, and decided to transmit it to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session.

1979/62. World Climate Programme

At its 40th plenary meeting, on 3 August 1979, the Council took note of the report on the World Climate Programme,⁴⁰ submitted by the World Meteorological Organization in compliance with the request contained in Council resolution 1978/45 of 1 August 1978 and

³⁴ E/1979/31, para. 6

³⁵ The Board of Trustees will be composed of a President appointed by the Secretary-General and 10 members serving in their individual capacities, appointed by the Council on the nomination of the Secretary-General. The Secretary-General informed the Council of his intention to appoint Ms. Delphine Tsanga (United Republic of Cameroon) as President of the Board of Trustees (E/1979/31, para. 7).

³⁶ The normal term is a period of three years, but the initial appointment was determined by lot, so as to ensure rotation in the membership of the Board. A member may serve a maximum of two terms.

³⁷ ID/B/232; reproduced in *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/34/16).*

³⁸ WFP/CFA:7/20.

³⁹ E/1979/99.

⁴⁰ E/1979/84.

decided to request the World Meteorological Organization to provide an oral progress report on the Programme at the Council's second regular session of 1980.

1979/63. World Communications Year

At its 40th plenary meeting, on 3 August 1979, the Council, having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the World Communications Year,⁴¹ decided:

(a) To defer a decision on the scope, proposed programme of activities and organizational structure for the World Communications Year to its second regular session of 1980;

(b) To request the Secretary-General to consult with Member States on the scope, proposed programme activities and organizational structure for the Year and to report thereon to the Council at that session.

1979/64. International years and anniversaries

At its 40th plenary meeting, on 3 August 1979, the Council:

(a) Took note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on international years and anniversaries;⁴²

(b) Expressed its appreciation of the efforts of all the delegations which participated in the debate during the second regular session of 1979 with a view to formulating guidelines for future international years;

(c) Invited the Secretary-General to circulate the guidelines contained in his report⁴³ to the Governments of Member States for their comments;

(d) Invited the Secretary-General to submit guidelines, revised as appropriate, to the Council at its second regular session of 1980;

(e) Decided to resume the consideration of the question of international years and anniversaries at its second regular session of 1980, in the light of the report to be submitted by the Secretary-General, and of the proposals submitted during its second regular session of 1979 (draft resolution E/1979/C.3/L.7, the draft amendment thereto contained in document E/1979/C.3/L.9, and draft resolutions E/1979/C.3/L.7/Rev.1 and E/1979/C.3/L.7/Rev.2).

1979/65. Designation of an international year for science and technology for development

At its 40th plenary meeting, on 3 August 1979, the Council, having considered the recommendations of the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization concerning the designation of an international year for science and technology for development,⁴⁴ decided to transmit the proposal of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, together with the views expressed by delegations during the Council's debate on this question, to the forthcoming United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development, so that that Conference might make appropriate recommendations thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session.

⁴¹ E/1979/87.

⁴² E/1979/85 and Add.1.

⁴³ E/1979/85, paras. 75 and 78.

⁴⁴ See E/1979/92.

1979/66. Report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination

At its 40th plenary meeting, on 3 August 1979, the Council:

(a) Took note of chapters II-V of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the work of its nineteenth session;⁴⁵

(b) Decided to endorse the Committee's conclusions and recommendations and to transmit its report and the views expressed thereon in the Council to the General Assembly for consideration at its thirty-fourth session;

(c) Decided to recommend that the General Assembly examine at its thirty-fourth session the question of the responsibilities of the resident co-ordinator of the United Nations system's operational activities for development, including the text of the standard letter of designation⁴⁶ and the arrangements for the exercise of the functions of resident co-ordinator⁴⁷ proposed by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, as set out in its annual report for 1978/79,⁴⁸ and on the basis of other relevant elements.

1979/67. Co-operation and co-ordination within the United Nations system

At its 40th plenary meeting, on 3 August 1979, the Council decided:

(a) To take note of the annual report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination for 1978/79,⁴⁹ the report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on progress achieved in the field of nutrition under the new institutional arrangements,⁵⁰ the report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on interagency action in rural development⁵¹ and the report on the Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination;⁵²

(b) To request the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to continue effectively and speedily with the joint planning exercise on rural development, through its consultative committees, to report further to the Council at its second regular session of 1980, and at that time to provide a table of costs of the joint planning exercise;

(c) To request the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination to consider ways and means of implementing the provisions of paragraph 56 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977.

1979/68. Implementation of the agreements governing the relationships between the United Nations and the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency

At its 40th plenary meeting, on 3 August 1979, the Council decided to keep under review the implementation of the relationship agreements between the United Nations and the specialized agencies and the Interna-

⁴⁵ Reproduced in *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/34/38)*.

⁴⁶ E/1979/34, annex.

⁴⁷ E/1979/34/Add.1/Rev.1, annex.

⁴⁸ E/1979/34 and Add.1/Rev.1.

⁴⁹ *Ibid.*

⁵⁰ E/1979/43.

⁵¹ E/1979/44.

⁵² E/1979/86.

tional Atomic Energy Agency, in accordance with the terms of paragraph 57 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977 and of section I, paragraph 2, of Assembly resolution 33/202 of 29 January 1979, with a view to determining how the application of those agreements can best contribute to the achievement of the aims set forth in resolution 32/197, in particular those expressed in paragraphs 32 and 33 and the relevant paragraphs of sections VI and VII of the annex to that resolution.

1979/69. Co-ordination and information in the field of youth

At its 40th plenary meeting, on 3 August 1979, the Council decided to authorize the Secretariat to submit the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the interagency task force on youth policies and programmes, being prepared pursuant to Council resolution 1979/27 of 9 May 1979, directly to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session.

1979/70. Annual report of the Economic Commission for Europe

At its 40th plenary meeting, on 3 August 1979, the Council took note of the report of the Economic Commission for Europe for the period 23 April 1978 to 27 April 1979,⁵³ of the views expressed during the discussions in the Commission, of the resolutions and other decisions adopted by the Commission at its thirty-fourth session, contained in chapters III and IV of that report, and of the Commission's programme of work.

1979/71. Annual report of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

At its 40th plenary meeting, on 3 August 1979, the Council took note of the report of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific for the period 18 March 1978 to 16 March 1979⁵⁴ and of the recommendations and resolutions contained in chapters III and IV of the report.

1979/72. Annual report of the Economic Commission for Africa

At its 40th plenary meeting, on 3 August 1979, the Council:

(a) Took note of the report of the Economic Commission for Africa for the period 5 May 1978 to 28 March 1979;⁵⁵

(b) Decided to bring to the attention of the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session the revised statute of the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning, annexed to resolution 350 (XIV) of the Conference of Ministers.⁵⁶

⁵³ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1979, Supplement No. 12 (E/1979/47).

⁵⁴ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 13 (E/1979/48).

⁵⁵ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 15 (E/1979/50 and Corr.1 and E/1979/50/Add.1).

⁵⁶ *Ibid.*, part I I, sect. D.

1979/73. Future work of the Intergovernmental Working Group on a Code of Conduct; code of conduct on transnational corporations and international agreement on illicit payments

At its 40th plenary meeting, on 3 August 1979, the Council decided:

(a) That the Intergovernmental Working Group on a Code of Conduct should hold in 1980 three further sessions, each of two weeks' duration, in order to accomplish the task set out in its mandate, and that it should submit a comprehensive report to the Commission on Transnational Corporations at its sixth session;

(b) To transmit the draft resolutions entitled "Transnational corporations: code of conduct on transnational corporations and international agreement on illicit payments"⁵⁷ and "International agreement on illicit payments",⁵⁸ the texts of which are annexed to the present decision, to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session for further consideration.

ANNEX

Transnational corporations: code of conduct on transnational corporations and international agreement on illicit payments

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly 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, which, *inter alia*, call for the formulation, adoption and application of a code of conduct on transnational corporations,

Recalling also General Assembly resolutions 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 3514 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, in which all corrupt practices, including bribery, by transnational and other corporations, their intermediaries and others involved, in violation of the laws and regulations of the host countries, are condemned,

Recalling the establishment, by the Commission on Transnational Corporations at its second session, of the Intergovernmental Working Group on a Code of Conduct,^a

Recalling Council resolution 1978/71 of 4 August 1978, by which the Council decided to establish the Committee on an International Agreement on Illicit Payments,

Noting the progress made so far by the Intergovernmental Working Group on a Code of Conduct and by the Committee on an International Agreement on Illicit Payments, and the pending issues as defined by the Intergovernmental Working Group and by the Committee, and the views expressed thereon in the Council,

Noting also the close relationship that exists between issues being considered by the Intergovernmental Working Group on a Code of Conduct and by the Committee on an International Agreement on Illicit Payments,

1. Reaffirms that the formulation of a code of conduct by the Commission on Transnational Corporations should be given the highest priority and that the conclusion of an international agreement on illicit payments should in no way interfere with or delay that priority;

2. Takes note of the report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its fifth session^b and the report of the

⁵⁷ E/1979/C.1/L.6.

⁵⁸ E/1979/C.1/L.10.

^a Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 5 (E/5782), para. 51.

^b Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1979, Supplement No. 8 (E/1979/38).

Committee on an International Agreement on Illicit Payments on its first and second sessions;^c

3. *Urges* States to complete the work of the Intergovernmental Working Group on a Code of Conduct and the Committee on an International Agreement on Illicit Payments;

4. *Endorses* the conclusion of the Commission on Transnational Corporations that the Intergovernmental Working Group on a Code of Conduct should hold three further sessions of two weeks' duration in order to accomplish its task as set out in its mandate, that these three sessions should be held before the sixth session of the Commission, and that the eighth session of the Group should be held before the thirty-fourth session of the General Assembly;^d

5. *Decides* that the Committee on an International Agreement on Illicit Payments should hold at least two other sessions of two weeks' duration each, in order to accomplish its work and should report to the Commission on Transnational Corporations at its sixth session and to the Council at its second regular session of 1980;

6. *Recommends* that the General Assembly should decide at its thirty-fourth session to convene in the last quarter of 1980 a United Nations negotiating conference to conclude agreement on the basis of the work of the Intergovernmental Working Group on a Code of Conduct and of the work of the Committee on an International Agreement on Illicit Payments.

International agreement on illicit payments

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1978/71 of 4 August 1978, in which, *inter alia*, it decided in principle to convene, if possible in 1980, and subject to a definitive decision by the Council at its second regular session of 1979, a conference of plenipotentiaries to conclude an international agreement on illicit payments,

Noting the progress made by the Committee on an International Agreement on Illicit Payments as recorded in its report on its first and second sessions,^e

1. *Decides* to convene a conference of plenipotentiaries to conclude an international agreement on illicit payments, to meet not later than 30 June 1980;

2. *Invites* all States to participate in that conference.

1979/74. Provisional agenda for the sixth session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations

At its 40th plenary meeting, on 3 August 1979, the Council approved the provisional agenda and documentation for the sixth session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations, as set out below:

Provisional agenda

1. Report on the activities of the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations
2. Work related to the formulation of a code of conduct
3. Comprehensive information system:
 - (a) Establishment of a comprehensive information system
 - (b) International standards of accounting and reporting
4. Technical co-operation
5. Studies on the effects of the operations and practices of transnational corporations:
 - (a) Activities of transnational corporations in southern Africa and their collaboration with racist minority régimes in that area
 - (b) Other studies
 - (c) Future research
6. Work related to the definition of transnational corporations
7. Work related to the elaboration of an international agreement on illicit payments
8. Question of expert advisers

^c E/1979/104.

^d See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1979, Supplement No. 8 (E/1979/38)*, para. 19.

^e E/1979/104.

Documentation

- Item 1:* Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations
- Item 2:* Report of the Intergovernmental Working Group on a Code of Conduct
- Item 3 (a):* Progress report on the establishment of a comprehensive information system
- (b):* Report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting
- Item 4:* Report on the programme of technical co-operation on matters related to transnational corporations
- Item 5 (a):* In-depth analysis of the role of transnational corporations in the industrial, military and nuclear sectors of South Africa, Southern Rhodesia and Namibia
- (c):* The activities and impact of transnational banks
The activities and impact of transnational corporations in tourism
The activities and impact of transnational corporations in insurance
The activities and impact of transnational corporations in the food and beverage industries
Transnational corporations' linkages with domestic enterprises in developing countries
Topics for future research
- Item 7:* Report of the Committee on an International Agreement on Illicit Payments
- Item 8:* Note by the Secretariat

1979/75. Report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations

At its 40th plenary meeting, on 3 August 1979, the Council took note of the report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its fifth session.⁵⁹

1979/76. Report of the Committee on an International Agreement on Illicit Payments

At its 40th plenary meeting, on 3 August 1979, the Council took note of the report of the Committee on an International Agreement on Illicit Payments on its first and second sessions.⁶⁰

1979/77. Report of the Committee on Natural Resources on its third special session

At its 40th plenary meeting, on 3 August 1979, the Council took note of the report of the Committee on Natural Resources on its third special session.⁶¹

1979/78. Provisional agenda for the seventh session of the Committee on Natural Resources

At its 40th plenary meeting, on 3 August 1979, the Council approved the provisional agenda and documentation for the seventh session of the Committee on Natural Resources as set out below:

⁵⁹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1979, Supplement No. 8 (E/1979/38)*.

⁶⁰ E/1979/104.

⁶¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1979, Supplement No. 9 (E/1979/39)*.

Provisional agenda

1. Mineral resources:
 - (a) Trends and salient issues, with particular reference to molybdenum, cobalt and vanadium and including problems of transfer of technology;
 - (b) Availability and supply of selected minerals:
Phosphate rock and potash
2. Energy resources:
 - (a) Trends and salient issues, including problems of transfer of technology;
 - (b) Technical questions:
 - (i) Natural gas: problems of associated gas utilization
 - (ii) World coal prospects
3. New techniques, including remote sensing for identifying, exploring and assessing natural resources
4. Water resources: progress in the implementation of the Mar del Plata Action Plan
5. United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration
6. Permanent sovereignty over natural resources
7. Co-ordination of programmes within the United Nations system in the field of natural resources

Documentation

- Item 1:* Report of the Secretary-General on trends and salient issues, with particular reference to molybdenum, cobalt and vanadium and including problems of transfer of technology
Report of the Secretary-General on phosphate rock and potash
- Item 2:* Report of the Secretary-General on the salient issues with regard to energy
Report of the United Nations Symposium on World Coal Prospects
- Item 3:* Report of the Secretary-General on new techniques for identifying, assessing and exploring natural resources (to include aspects on transfer of technology)
- Item 4:* Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Mar del Plata Action Plan
- Item 5:* Report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration
- Item 6:* Report of the Secretary-General on the question of permanent sovereignty over natural resources
- Item 7:* Report of the Secretary-General on the co-ordination of programmes within the United Nations system in the field of natural resources

1979/79. Report of the Chairman of the Committee on Natural Resources on the sixth session of the Committee

At its 40th plenary meeting, on 3 August 1979, the Council took note of the report of the Chairman of the Committee on Natural Resources on the work of the Committee at its sixth session.⁶²

1979/80. Report on the follow-up to and implementation of the Mar del Plata Action Plan

At its 40th plenary meeting, on 3 August 1979, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the results of the third special session of the Committee on Natural Resources concerning the follow-up

⁶² E/C.7/112; transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/1979/69.

to and implementation of the Mar del Plata Action Plan.⁶³

1979/81. Calendar of conferences and meetings

At its 40th plenary meeting, on 3 August 1979, the Council decided:

(a) To postpone a decision on the schedule of intergovernmental and expert meetings related to science and technology until after the report of the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development had been considered by the General Assembly;

(b) To reduce the duration of each of the regular sessions of the Council by one week;

(c) That the regular sessions of the functional commissions and standing committees of the Council should normally have a duration of not more than eight working days;

(d) That, once the calendar of meetings had been adopted by the Council, no additional meetings involving departures from the biennial cycle of meetings would be authorized during the biennium;

(e) To approve the calendar of conferences and meetings for 1980 and 1981.⁶⁴

1979/82. Sixth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

At its 40th plenary meeting, on 3 August 1979, the Council, having considered the notes by the Secretary-General on the convening of the Sixth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders,⁶⁵ and the statements made thereon by delegations, decided to take a final decision on the venue of the Congress at its resumed second regular session of 1979.

1979/83. Report of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Group on a Convention on International Multimodal Transport

At its 40th plenary meeting, on 3 August 1979, the Council took note of the note by the Secretary-General on the report of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Group on a Convention on International Multimodal Transport on its sixth session⁶⁶ and decided to transmit it, together with the documents referred to therein,⁶⁷ to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session.

1979/84. Report of the Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Group on Container Standards for International Multimodal Transport

At its 40th plenary meeting, on 3 August 1979, the Council took note of the report of the Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Group on Container Standards for International Multimodal Transport on its second session.⁶⁸

⁶³ E/1979/91.

⁶⁴ E/1979/L.57, annex.

⁶⁵ E/1979/106 and E/1979/111.

⁶⁶ E/1979/96.

⁶⁷ TD/MT/CONF.1 and Add.1—TD/B/AC.15/56 and Add.1.

⁶⁸ TD/B/734.

1979/85. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

At its 40th plenary meeting, on 3 August 1979, the Council decided to transmit without debate the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees⁶⁹ to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session.

1979/86. Summary of estimates of programme budget implications of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Council during its first and second regular sessions of 1979

At its 40th plenary meeting, on 3 August 1979, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General containing the summary of estimates of programme budget implications of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Council during its first and second regular sessions of 1979.⁷⁰

1979/87. Transmittal of reports to the General Assembly for consideration

At its 40th plenary meeting, on 3 August 1979, the Council decided to authorize the Secretary-General to transmit directly to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session the following documents, unless the Council should be invited, at the request of either a member or the Secretary-General, to consider any of them at its resumed second regular session of 1979:

- (a) Report of the Trade and Development Board;⁷¹
- (b) Report of the Human Rights Committee on the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights;⁷²
- (c) Report of the World Food Council on its fifth session;⁷³

⁶⁹ E/1979/95; reproduced in *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/34/12)*.

⁷⁰ E/1979/L.54.

⁷¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/34/15)*.

⁷² *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 40 (A/34/40).

⁷³ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 19 (A/34/19).

(d) Report of the Council of the United Nations University;⁷⁴

(e) Report of the Secretary-General on the establishment of a University for Peace.⁷⁵

1979/88. Organization of the work of the General Assembly in the economic and social sectors

At its 40th plenary meeting, on 3 August 1979, the Council took note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Rationalization of the procedures and organization of the General Assembly"⁷⁶ and confirmed that, in accordance with the wishes of the Secretary-General, that report had been duly taken into account by the Council at its second regular session of 1979; the Council would be guided by the action that the General Assembly might take on the matter.

1979/89. Report on preparatory arrangements for the Third General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization

At its 39th plenary meeting, on 2 August 1979, the Council took note of the report by the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization on preparatory arrangements for the Third General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization.⁷⁷

1979/90. World Bank study on petroleum production in developing countries

At its 40th plenary meeting, on 3 August 1979, the Council took note of the study, prepared by the World Bank in accordance with General Assembly resolution 33/194 of 29 January 1979, on the programme to accelerate petroleum production in the developing countries.⁷⁸

⁷⁴ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 31 (A/34/31).

⁷⁵ A/34/496.

⁷⁶ A/34/320.

⁷⁷ E/1979/82.

⁷⁸ E/1979/93.

