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1980/43. International efforts to meet humanitarian needs in emergency situations

The Economic and Social Council,

Concerned at the increasingly heavy losses of life and property that result from emergency situations arising primarily from non-natural causes,

Recognizing the important function of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator with respect to natural disasters,

Noting that on many occasions emergency situations arising primarily from non-natural causes have made great demands on the United Nations system and its components for assisting and meeting the requirements of affected countries, in particular developing countries, in mitigating the human misery caused by such situations,

Aware of the implications that such emergency situations have for the development efforts of developing countries,

Noting that the organs and bodies of the United Nations system have had to meet the humanitarian demands presented by such situations, in addition to the discharge of their regular activities, with inevitable negative effects on those activities,

Recognizing the essential role played by specialized agencies, programmes and other entities of the United Nations system in such emergency situations,

Recognizing also the essential role played by inter-governmental organizations, the International Committee of the Red Cross and other non-governmental organizations,

1. *Recognizes* the need, without prejudice to any action which may in the meantime be considered by the General Assembly, for a review of the emergency operations of the United Nations system, with a view to ensuring that the resources available are applied in an effective and flexible manner in this area;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, in consultation with the organizations and bodies concerned, and within existing financial resources, a summary report providing factual information on the ways and means by which the United Nations system has carried out, over the last decade, its role of co-ordinating and implementing humanitarian emergency assistance in cases other than those caused by natural disasters, and to circulate that report as early as possible, so that a decision can be taken not later than at the first regular session of the Council of 1981 on how best to proceed with the substantive consideration of the report, making use of existing organs, including the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination.

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1980/44. Humanitarian assistance to the refugees in Djibouti

The Economic and Social Council,

Having heard the statements by the Under-Secretary-General for Special Political Questions and Co-ordinator of Special Economic Assistance Programmes,¹ and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,² and noting with appreciation the assessment of the needs of the refugees in Djibouti contained therein,

Noting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees with respect to assistance to the refugees in Djibouti,³

Recalling Council resolution 1980/11 of 28 April 1980 on assistance to the refugees in Djibouti,

Noting with appreciation the concern and the continued efforts of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund, the World Health Organization, the World Food Programme and non-governmental organizations, which have worked closely with the Government of Djibouti on the relief and rehabilitation programme for the refugees in that country,

1. *Appreciates* the action taken by the Secretary-General in arranging and dispatching the United Nations interagency mission to Djibouti to assess the needs of the refugees;

2. *Takes note with appreciation* of the oral report on the assessment of the needs of the refugees in Djibouti, contained in the statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Special Political Questions and Co-ordinator of Special Economic Assistance Programmes;

3. *Invites* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to continue his humanitarian assistance to the refugees in Djibouti;

4. *Requests* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to continue to ensure that adequate assistance programmes are organized for the refugees, to keep the refugee situation in Djibouti under constant review and to maintain close contact with Member States and governmental and non-governmental organizations concerned, so as to mobilize the necessary assistance for the Government of Djibouti to enable it to cope effectively with the refugee situation;

5. *Decides* to keep the matter under constant review and to bring the present resolution to the attention of the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session for its consideration.

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¹ See E/1980/SR.40.

² See E/1980/SR.38.

³ E/1980/79 and Corr.1.

1980/45. Assistance to refugees in the Sudan

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1980/10 of 28 April 1980, in which it requested the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, to send an interagency mission to the Sudan to assess the needs and the magnitude of assistance required for the financing of the programmes for the relief and settlement of refugees,

Having heard the statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Special Political Questions and Co-ordinator of Special Economic Assistance Programmes on the interagency mission to the Sudan,⁴

Having received the request of the Government of the Sudan to make the report of the interagency mission available to the international community as soon as possible,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the arrangements made by the Secretary-General to send the interagency mission to the Sudan in a very short time;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the report of the mission is published without delay and submitted to the General Assembly for consideration at its thirty-fifth session;

3. *Calls upon* Member States and the United Nations organizations concerned to render the maximum financial and material assistance to the Government of the Sudan in its efforts to provide shelter, food and other services to the growing number of refugees;

4. *Commends* the initiative and endeavours of the Government of the Sudan in convening the International Conference on Refugees in the Sudan at Khartoum from 20 to 22 June 1980, in order to draw the attention of the international community to the plight of the 441,000 refugees in the Sudan and to the seriousness and complexity of their situation;

5. *Decides* to review the situation of refugees in the Sudan at its first regular session of 1981.

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23 July 1980*

1980/46. Transport and Communications Decade in Africa

The Economic and Social Council

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

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 34/15 of 9 November 1979 on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/61 of 3 August 1979 on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,

⁴ See E/1980/SR.40.

Recalling resolution 341 (XIV), adopted on 29 March 1979 by the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa, which recommends that member States should give the highest priority to the development of transport and communications,

Noting resolution CM/Res.738 (XXXIII), adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity at its thirty-third ordinary session, held at Monrovia from 6 to 20 July 1979,⁵

Further noting the results of the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning, held at Addis Ababa from 9 to 12 May 1979, which adopted the global strategy for the implementation of the programme for the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa and the programme of action for the first phase (1980-1983) of the Decade,⁶

Considering that the programme for the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa forms a whole and includes national, regional and subregional projects, which should be fully implemented within the period envisaged, so as to enable an integrated transport and communications network to be established in Africa, and that the proposed World Communications Year could provide further impetus to activities in the communications sector,

Taking into account the difficult problems faced by the land-locked African countries and the need to respond more effectively to their financial requirements in the field of transport and communications,

Further taking into account the encouraging results of the Pledging Conference for the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa, convened on 20 November 1979 by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, during which a general consensus emerged among funding agencies on the financing, essentially on a bilateral basis, of the projects included in the programme for the first phase of the Decade,

1. *Thanks* the Secretary-General of the United Nations for having organized the Pledging Conference for the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa for the purpose of mobilizing additional resources for the implementation of the programme for the Decade;

2. *Notes with appreciation* that the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, at its twenty-seventh session, authorized the Administrator of the Programme to approve commitments for technical co-operation projects up to the amount of \$20 million in respect of the Decade during the third programming cycle, 1982-1986;⁷

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Economic Commission for Africa for the work accomplished since March 1977 and for the positive and effective co-operation of the Organization of African Unity, the specialized agencies of the United Nations and African intergovernmental organizations in their collaboration with the Commission in the preparation of the programme for the first phase of the Decade;

4. *Reiterates its appeal* to States members of the Commission to give the highest priority to the transport and communications projects adopted for the programme for the first phase of the Decade and therefore to include these projects in their development plans;

5. *Requests* African States to take the initiative of submitting to the various sources of finance requests for the financing of the projects adopted for the first phase and to use the acquired resources for that purpose;

⁵ See A/34/552, annex I.

⁶ See E/1979/77, part VI, resolutions ECA/UNTACDA/Res.79/1 and 3.

⁷ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1980, Supplement No. 12 (E/1980/42/Rev.1)*, chap. XI, decision 80/30, para. 13.

6. *Also requests* African States, on the one hand, to allocate from their own national resources a part of the budget for the implementation of the programme for the Decade and, on the other, to assign a part of the resources derived from outside aid to the implementation of the specific studies contained in the programme for the first phase;

7. *Notes with satisfaction* that the High-level Meeting on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, held at Geneva from 26 May to 2 June 1980,⁸ considered possibilities of interregional activities in technical co-operation among developing countries in support of the objectives of the Decade;

8. *Appeals* to African States to provide the Economic Commission for Africa, in a manner which it shall determine, with the necessary information on the progress made in implementing the projects in the programme for the Decade, so that the Commission will be able to perform effectively the role assigned to it in the global strategy for the implementation of the programme for the Decade;

9. *Also appeals* to the funding agencies and the various financing institutions to consider, with the Commission, the possible ways of financing those projects of the Decade which are not national in character;

10. *Calls upon* the African States, the funding agencies and the various sources of finance for this purpose to involve, as appropriate, the Economic Commission for Africa in the different phases of the negotiations on the financing of the projects;

11. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Governments, international financial institutions and United Nations agencies that have contributed financial and technical assistance for the implementation of the programme for the Decade and invites them to continue to provide such assistance;

12. *Invites* all Governments in a position to do so to provide financial and technical resources for the implementation of the programme for the Decade;

13. *Requests* the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to continue his efforts for the successful implementation of the programme for the first phase of the Decade by ensuring the necessary co-ordination between funding agencies and African countries for the programme, and particularly for regional and subregional projects, and national projects with a regional or subregional impact;

14. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary of the Commission to organize as quickly as possible, with groups of donor countries and the financing institutions and with the participation of Governments, United Nations institutions and African intergovernmental organizations, either consultative technical meetings based on the various types of programmes for the Decade, or consultative technical meetings based on groups of African countries or African subregions, for the purpose of finding the additional financial resources necessary to implement those projects for the Decade that are regional and multinational in character, and of carrying out urgently the specific studies contained in the programme for the first phase and which must be followed by concrete action not later than during the second phase;

15. *Further requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations to provide the Economic Commission for Africa with the financial means and resources necessary to enable it to fulfil effectively its role as the lead agency for the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa and to submit to the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1981, a progress report on the implementation of the programme for the Decade;

16. *Requests* the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to continue to submit progress reports on the implementation of the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa and to participate actively in the proposed World Communications Year, with a view to providing special impetus to development in Africa.

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1980/47. 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 34/116 of 14 December 1979 on the strengthening of human settlements activities,

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,

Affirming that human settlements development should be viewed in the context of national plans and priorities and the development objectives of all countries, in particular the developing countries,

Recognizing that the Commission on Human Settlements has addressed itself meaningfully to substantive issues in the field of human settlements which are of priority concern to Member States, particularly to developing countries,

Expressing its appreciation of the initiative taken by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) in providing direct technical assistance to a large number of developing countries,

Reaffirming the importance of consolidating the operations of the Centre at its headquarters at Nairobi and welcoming the steps taken by the Executive Director of the Centre in this regard,

Having considered the report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the work of its third session,⁹

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the work of its third session and decides to transmit it to the General Assembly for consideration at its thirty-fifth session;

2. *Recommends* to the General Assembly for its consideration those resolutions and decisions adopted by the Commission that require action by the Assembly;

3. *Expresses its concern* at the inadequacy of the voluntary contributions so far made available in support of the activities of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) and, while expressing appreciation

⁸ For the report of the Meeting, see TCDC/13 and Corr.1 and 2; issued in printed form in *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 39 (A/35/39)*.

⁹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 8 (A/35/8)*.

to those Governments that have so far made financial contributions for the Centre's activities, urgently appeals to all States and appropriate financial institutions to respond favourably to the appeal of the Commission on Human Settlements for increased financial support for the work programme of the Centre, by making voluntary contributions to the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation, if possible at or before the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities, scheduled to be held in November 1980;

4. *Welcomes* the growing co-operation between the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) and invites both the Programme and the Centre to intensify that co-operation;

5. *Calls upon* the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), bearing in mind the importance of energy conservation in the area of human settlements, to elaborate concrete and specific proposals aimed at making an effective and meaningful contribution to the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy, and to report thereon, through the Commission on Human Settlements, to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1981.

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1980/48. Science and technology for 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 and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Recalling also the Vienna Programme of Action on Science and Technology for Development, adopted by the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development,¹⁰

Bearing in mind the provisions of General Assembly resolution 34/218 of 19 December 1979,

Re-emphasizing the urgent need to develop and strengthen the scientific and technological capacity of the developing countries and, in that context, the role to be played by the United Nations,

Concerned that, at the first Pledging Conference for the Interim Fund for Science and Technology for Development, held on 27 March 1980, the agreed target of \$250 million was not attained,

¹⁰ See *Report of the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development, Vienna, 20-31 August 1979* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.79.I.21 and corrigenda), chap. VII.

Having examined the reports of the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development on the work of its first and second sessions,¹¹

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development on the work of its first and second sessions and transmits them to the General Assembly for consideration, in accordance with paragraph 3 of section II of General Assembly resolution 34/218;

2. *Decides* to discontinue the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, as well as all the organs, organizations and bodies concerned in the United Nations system, to support fully the activities of the newly established Centre for Science and Technology for Development;

4. *Urgently appeals* to all Governments, in particular those of the developed countries, to contribute substantially to the Interim Fund for Science and Technology for Development, so that the agreed target of no less than \$250 million may be reached at the earliest possible moment, and thanks those Governments which contributed to the Interim Fund at the first Pledging Conference.

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1980/49. International co-operation on the environment

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 General Assembly resolution 34/188 of 18 December 1979, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, stressed the need for the United Nations Environment Programme to increase the resources available for its projects in the developing countries, in accordance with their requirements and priorities, bearing in mind the need for regional balance and the environmental problems arising from under-development and poverty, as well as the balance between global and regional programmes as identified in the relevant decisions of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme,

Reaffirming that environmental considerations should be viewed in the context of national plans and priorities and the development objectives of all countries, in particular the developing countries,

¹¹ A/35/37 (Parts I and II, respectively); for the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 37 (A/35/37/Rev.1)*.

Having considered the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the work of its eighth session,¹²

Taking note of the results of the High-level Meeting within the Framework of the Economic Commission for Europe on the Protection of the Environment, held at Geneva from 13 to 15 November 1979,¹³ and of decision 8/16 of 29 April 1980 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme, requesting the Executive Director of the Programme to co-operate closely with the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe in the implementation of the decisions of that Meeting,¹⁴

Concerned that the target for the Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme for the period 1978-1981 may not be attained,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the work of its eighth session and transmits it to the General Assembly for consideration;

2. *Recommends* to the General Assembly the consideration of the decision of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the interrelationships between resources, environment, people and development,¹⁵ and emphasizes that models for studying such interrelationships should take due account of the specific requirements of different regions and countries and include the elaboration of a programme of work on the interrelationships, which should be closely linked with the integrated system-wide interagency programming and planning and be placed under the direction of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation, who should assume overall responsibility for the co-ordination of the system-wide efforts;

3. *Calls upon* the United Nations Environment Programme, in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 34/188, to elaborate concrete and specific proposals on energy and the environment, aimed at making an effective and meaningful contribution to the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy, and to report thereon, through its Governing Council, to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1981;

4. *Welcomes* the growing co-operation between the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), and invites them to intensify that co-operation;

5. *Calls upon* Governments, international financial institutions and multilateral financial organizations to give high priority to and allocate significant resources for

¹² UNEP/GC.8/10 and Corr.1, 2 and 4-6; for the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/35/25)*.

¹³ For the report of the Meeting, see E/ECE/993. See also *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1980, Supplement No. 8 (E/1980/28)*, paras. 38-62, and UNEP/GC.8/10, para. 67.

¹⁴ See UNEP/GC.8/10, annex I.

¹⁵ *Ibid.*, decision 8/1 of 29 April 1980, sect. II, and annex II.

the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;¹⁶

6. *Invites* the General Assembly to give favourable consideration to the recommendation of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme, contained in its decision 8/2 of 29 April 1980,¹⁷ that the Governing Council should hold, in 1982, a session of a special nature to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, which would be open to all States Members of the United Nations, members of the specialized agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency as full members of that session;

7. *Expresses its appreciation* of the efforts of the United Nations Environment Programme in the development of the System-wide Medium-term Environment Programme, in co-operation with the entire United Nations system, and requests all organizations within the system to continue to co-operate fully with the United Nations Environment Programme in this endeavour;

8. *Strongly appeals* to all Governments to make every effort to pledge, in 1980, substantial increases in their contributions for 1981 or, to those Governments that have not yet contributed to the Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme, to pledge to do so, in 1980, in order that the agreed target for the Fund for the period 1978-1981 may be reached;

9. *Invites* Governments to consider proposals whereby additional contributions to the Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme would be used for measures dealing with serious environmental problems in developing countries, taking into account the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution 34/188, and requests the Governing Council of the Programme to report thereon to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1981.

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1980/50. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and assistance to the oppressed people of South Africa and their national liberation movement 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-General,¹⁸ and the reports of the President of the Economic and Social Council concerning the items 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" and "Assistance to the oppressed people of South Africa and their national liberation

¹⁶ A/CONF.74/36, chap. I.

¹⁷ See UNEP/GC.8/10 and Corr.1, 2 and 4-6, annex I.

¹⁸ A/35/178 and Add.1.

movement by agencies and institutions within the United Nations system",¹⁹

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,²⁰

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 34/42 of 21 November 1979 and Council resolution 1979/50 of 2 August 1979,

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,

Welcoming warmly the achievement of independence by the people of Zimbabwe and mindful of the imperative need to assist the Government of Zimbabwe in its efforts to bring about reconstruction and economic development,

Deeply conscious of the continuing critical need of the people of Namibia and their national liberation movement, the South West Africa People's Organization, 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 Namibia, the action taken so far by the organizations and agencies concerned in the provision of assistance generally to the people of Namibia is still far from adequate to meet their urgent and growing needs,

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 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,

Noting with satisfaction the high-level meetings held at Nairobi from 5 to 7 June 1980 between representatives of the General Secretariat of the Organization of African

Unity and the United Nations and organizations within the United Nations system, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 34/21 of 9 November 1979, on the question of co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity,

Commending also those international organizations that have taken measures of support for the oppressed people of South Africa aimed at isolating the racist régime and mobilizing world public opinion against *apartheid*,

1. *Takes note* of the reports 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 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. *Requests* the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, in the light of the intensification of the liberation struggle in Namibia, to do everything possible as a matter of urgency to render, in consultation with the Organization of African Unity and the United Nations Council for Namibia, increased assistance to the Nationhood Programme for Namibia;

5. *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 until that Government restores to the people of 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 occupation of Namibia by that régime;

6. *Requests also* 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 on the *apartheid* policy of the Government of South Africa, to intensify their support for the oppressed people of South Africa and to take such measures as will isolate the *apartheid* régime and mobilize world public opinion against *apartheid*;

¹⁹ E/1980/77 and 78.

²⁰ See E/1980/C.3/SR.4.

7. *Welcomes* the achievement of independence by the people of Zimbabwe and invites all Governments, the specialized agencies and the organizations within the United Nations system to extend the maximum possible assistance to the Government of Zimbabwe in its efforts to achieve national reconstruction and economic development;

8. *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;

9. *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;

10. *Urges* 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;

11. *Further urges* the executive heads of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system 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;

12. *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 1980 of the Council;

13. *Requests* the President of the Economic and Social Council to continue consultations on these matters with 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 and the Chairman of the Special Committee against *Apartheid* and to report thereon to the Council;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to follow the implementation of the present resolution and to report thereon to the Council at its second regular session of 1981;

15. *Decides* to keep these questions under continuous review.

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1980/51. 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 34/16 of 9 November 1979 and Council resolution 1979/51 of 2 August 1979,

Recalling further decision 80/35 of 27 June 1980 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme²¹ 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,²²

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, agencies of the United Nations system, intergovernmental organizations, private organizations and individuals that have contributed to the implementation of the recovery, rehabilitation and development programmes in the Sahel;

3. *Strongly urges* that all Governments make special efforts to increase the resources of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, so as to enable it to respond more fully to the priority requirements of the Governments of the States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel;

4. *Further urges* all United Nations organs, agencies and programmes, especially the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Fund for Agricultural Development and the World Food Programme, to increase their assistance through joint undertakings with the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, in response to requests from the Governments of the Sudano-Sahelian countries, for the implementation of their recovery, rehabilitation and development programmes;

5. *Invites* the Secretary-General, together with the executive heads of the United Nations organs, agencies and programmes concerned, particularly the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the World Food Programme, as well as the International Labour Organisation, to engage in consultations to determine how they might best help to achieve the goal set forth in paragraph 4 above and thereby enhance the ability of the United Nations

²¹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1980, Supplement No. 12 (E/1980/42/Rev.1)*, chap. XI.

²² A/35/176.

Sudano-Sahelian Office to respond more adequately to the priority requirements of the States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1981.

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1980/52. Implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 33/88 of 15 December 1978 and 34/187 of 18 December 1979,

Reiterating its concern over the seriousness of desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region and the persistent critical situations resulting from it which hamper the economic and social development of the countries of the region,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the progress made by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in assisting the Governments of countries in the region, on behalf of the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Development Programme, in implementing the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;²³

2. *Recommends* to the General Assembly that it should request the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme to report annually to the Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, on the implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification.

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1980/53. Situation of refugees in Somalia

The Economic and Social Council,

Having heard the statement of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to the Council at its second regular session of 1980,²⁴

Taking note of the statement by the observer for Somalia on the situation of refugees in Somalia,²⁵

Recalling Council resolution 1980/9 of 28 April 1980,

Expressing its appreciation to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and his staff for the dedicated and efficient manner in which they continue to work in support of refugees in Somalia,

Taking into account the fact that more than six months have elapsed since the visit of the United Nations inter-agency mission on the refugee situation in Somalia,

²³ A/CONF.74/36, chap. I.

²⁴ See E/1980/SR.38.

²⁵ *Ibid.*

Noting with concern the dramatic increase in the refugee population in Somalia,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, to consider the necessity of dispatching a review mission to Somalia to assess current developments in the refugee situation, as a follow-up to the earlier report of the United Nations interagency mission;²⁶

2. *Further requests* the Secretary-General and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to submit an updated report on the current refugee situation in Somalia to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;

3. *Appeals once again* to all Member States and inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations and all voluntary agencies to increase further their assistance to the Government of Somalia in its effort to provide relief and assistance to refugees in Somalia.

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24 July 1980*

1980/54. Relief and rehabilitation for displaced persons in Ethiopia

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1978/39 of 1 August 1978, by which it requested the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, in co-operation with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, the World Food Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Health Organization and other specialized agencies, as well as non-governmental and voluntary organizations, to render the greatest possible assistance to the Governments of the countries in the Horn of Africa,

Having considered the report of the interagency mission which visited Ethiopia from 6 to 15 July 1980,²⁷ prepared pursuant to Council resolution 1980/8 of 28 April 1980, by which the Secretary-General was requested, in co-operation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, *inter alia*, to mobilize humanitarian assistance from the international community to displaced persons in Ethiopia and to report to the Council at its second regular session of 1980 on the progress achieved in the implementation of that resolution,

Taking note of the statement of the Commissioner for Relief and Rehabilitation of Ethiopia,²⁸

Deeply concerned about the grave situation facing the large number of displaced and uprooted persons in Ethiopia and the difficulties encountered by the Government of Ethiopia in providing relief and rehabilitation to those persons,

Noting that the humanitarian assistance rendered to the displaced persons in Ethiopia through the Office of

²⁶ E/1980/44.

²⁷ E/1980/104.

²⁸ See E/1980/SR.42.

the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees should be substantially increased to meet urgent requirements,

Noting with deep concern the extreme difficulties that the Government of Ethiopia is faced with in looking after the basic needs and rehabilitation of a large number of displaced persons and voluntary returnees,

Recognizing the need for continued humanitarian assistance to alleviate the plight of the large number of displaced persons in Ethiopia and to rehabilitate them,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the interagency mission which visited Ethiopia to assess the extent of the problem and the magnitude of the assistance required to help the displaced persons in that country;

2. *Commends* the action taken by the Secretary-General in arranging for a comprehensive report on the needs of displaced persons in Ethiopia to be circulated to the international community;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, to appeal to the international community and to find ways and means of mobilizing urgently humanitarian assistance for displaced persons and voluntary returnees in Ethiopia;

4. *Appeals* to all Member States and the appropriate United Nations organizations and programmes, in particular the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank, the World Food Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, the World Health Organization, the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations Environment Programme and other specialized agencies, intergovernmental, governmental and non-governmental organizations, and voluntary agencies, to assist the Government of Ethiopia in its effort to provide relief and rehabilitation to the displaced persons in Ethiopia;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session on the implementation of the present resolution;

6. *Decides* to bring the present resolution to the attention of the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session and to keep the matter under review.

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1980/55. Situation of refugees in Africa

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered resolution CM/Res. 814 (XXXV) adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity at its thirty-fifth ordinary session, held

at Freetown, Sierra Leone, from 18 to 28 June 1980, by which it expressed its deep concern over the ever-increasing number of refugees in Africa and the alarming deterioration of their living conditions,

Aware that the serious situation arising from the growing number of refugees, currently estimated at five million, places a heavy social and economic burden on the host countries which provide the refugees with asylum or relief,

Conscious of the need for greater attention to be paid by the international community to the plight of refugees in Africa and, for that purpose, the need for the intensified dissemination of information on the problem,

Appreciating the assistance given so far by the international community to refugees in Africa,

Noting, however, that the amount of assistance received falls far short of the over-all requirements to meet the needs of the refugees,

1. *Takes note* of resolution CM/Res. 814 (XXXV) of the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, in particular paragraph 8 thereof, relating to the need for an international pledging conference for refugees in Africa;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, to consult the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity on appropriate ways and means of convening such a conference;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations to arrange for consultation with the competent United Nations agencies and bodies for the purpose of preparing an adequate publicity programme giving special attention to the conditions and needs of refugees in Africa;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session on the progress of his consultations;

5. *Appeals*, meanwhile, to all Member States and appropriate United Nations organizations and programmes to provide the maximum financial and material assistance to refugees in Africa, as well as to the Governments of the countries of asylum, in order that the latter may strengthen their capacity to act as hosts to the refugees and to provide the necessary services for their care, rehabilitation and resettlement.

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1980/56. Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee of the Economic Commission for Latin America

The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing that the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee was created in 1975 by the Economic Commission for Latin America to act as a co-ordinating body for activities relating to development and co-operation and as a consultative organ of the Commission,

Noting that the Committee drew up a work programme, which was endorsed by the Commission at its seventeenth and eighteenth sessions, held at Guatemala City from 25 April to 5 May 1977 and at La Paz, Bolivia, from 18 to 26 April 1979, respectively,²⁹

Considering that the Committee, at its fifth session, held at Kingston, Jamaica, from 4 to 10 June 1980, approved a series of urgent projects within the framework of that work programme,

Noting that the States members of the Committee, at its fifth session, considered that the implementation of those priority projects constituted an urgent need requiring supplementary resources for implementation in 1981 which could not have been foreseen at the time of the adoption of the programme budget for the biennium 1980-1981,

Considering the statement made by the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America to the Economic and Social Council on the results of the fifth session of the Committee,³⁰ and the statements made by some of the States members of the Committee,

1. Takes note of the issues that require attention or are brought to its attention by the Economic Commission for Latin America;³¹

2. Notes with appreciation the results of the fifth session of the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee, and commends to the Commission, for consideration at its nineteenth session, the conclusions reached by that Committee;

3. Notes also that the Committee, at its fifth session, selected, within the framework of the work programme adopted at its first session and endorsed by the Commission at its seventeenth and eighteenth sessions, a limited number of areas and projects to be accorded the highest priority and to be implemented urgently;

4. Further notes that the Committee, at its fifth session, also adopted resolution 2 (V) strengthening its secretariat in order to meet the requirements of development and co-operation in the subregion in accordance with the spirit and objectives of the Committee;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to make appropriate provision for the implementation of the priority projects and for the strengthening of the secretariat of the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee in his supplementary budget estimates for 1981 within the over-all United Nations budget, for consideration by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly in the course of the thirty-fifth session of the Assembly, bearing in mind the view of the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee that the

²⁹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 11 (E/5945)*, vol. I, part III, resolution 372 (XVII); and *ibid.*, 1979, *Supplement No. 16 (E/1979/51)*, chap. IV, resolution 399 (XVIII).

³⁰ See E/1980/SR.35.

³¹ See E/1980/72, paras. 24-39 and 95-108, and E/1980/72/Add.2/Rev.1.

implementation of such projects constitutes an urgent need which could not have been foreseen at the time of the adoption of the programme budget for 1980-1981.

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1980/57. Relocation of the offices of the Economic Commission for Western Asia to Baghdad

The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing that the activities of the Economic Commission for Western Asia and its ability to serve the member States depend considerably on the level of competence and performance of the officers and employees of its secretariat,

Realizing fully that the ability of the staff members and experts of the Commission to discharge their responsibilities with the required competence is intimately related to the working and living conditions provided for them by the United Nations,

Recognizing with appreciation the valuable efforts expended by the Executive Secretary of the Commission, his staff and his experts in the discharge of their responsibilities to the Commission,

Expressing its grateful appreciation to the Government of Iraq for all the moral and material support it has provided and continues to provide to the Commission in order to facilitate its work at the permanent headquarters at Baghdad,³²

Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to give special consideration to all issues and matters that may affect the competence and efficiency of the staff members of the Economic Commission for Western Asia, in order to provide the secretariat of the Commission with the appropriate means and the favourable working conditions which will enable it to avail itself of the highest standards of competence in rendering its services to the member States of the Commission.

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1980/58. Report of the World Food Council

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, as well as the agreed conclusions of the Committee of the Whole Established under General

³² See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1980, Supplement No. 9 (E/1980/29)*, para. 42.

Assembly Resolution 32/174 on some aspects concerning food and agriculture,³³

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 3348 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, by which it established the World Food Council to serve as a co-ordinating mechanism to provide over-all integrated and continuing attention to the successful co-ordination and follow-up of policies concerning food production, nutrition, food security, food trade and food aid, as well as other related matters, by all organizations of the United Nations system,

Further recalling the Programme of Action to Eradicate Hunger and Malnutrition, contained in the Manila Communiqué of the World Food Council, which was adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 32/52 of 8 December 1977, and the Mexico Declaration of the World Food Council, adopted by the Assembly in its resolution 33/90 of 15 December 1978, and Assembly resolution 34/110 of 14 December 1979 on the report of the Council on the work of its fifth ministerial session, held at Ottawa from 3 to 7 September 1979,

Expressing its concern about the unsatisfactory progress made by the international community towards achieving the general objectives of the Universal Declaration on the Eradication of Hunger and Malnutrition,³⁴ adopted by the World Food Conference in 1974,

Noting that the food outlook for many developing countries in the 1980s, particularly in Africa, is even more critical than in the past,

Noting also the growing imbalances in the world food economy,

Noting with concern the strong impact of imports of foodstuffs on the balance of payments of food-importing developing countries, in particular the least developed countries,

Reaffirming the strong commitment of the international community to overcome hunger and malnutrition everywhere and, in that context, the need for greater international action to improve the production and distribution of food, particularly in low-income countries with food deficits,

Emphasizing the vital importance of increased benefits from international trade to the developing countries in accelerating their process of development, which is now endangered by growing protectionist pressures,

Noting the conclusion of a more adequate new Food Aid Convention at almost double the level earlier achieved, although regrettably still short of the target of 10 million tons,³⁵

Acknowledging with satisfaction the increasing efforts and growing commitment by developing countries to accelerate the development of their food and agricultural

sectors, in particular through integrated national planning,

1. *Welcomes* the conclusions and recommendations adopted by the World Food Council at its sixth ministerial session³⁶ and recommends that the General Assembly should call upon all Governments and appropriate international organizations to give earnest attention to their implementation;

2. *Expresses its appreciation and thanks* to the Government and people of the United Republic of Tanzania for the excellent facilities and the generous hospitality provided to the World Food Council at its sixth ministerial session;

3. *Calls upon* all countries, particularly those with serious and growing food import deficits, to continue to implement their food production policies and, as appropriate, adapt them to their circumstances and needs within the framework of their over-all national development objectives and priorities;

4. *Recognizes* the role of food sector strategies, which emerged from the World Food Council, as a means for interested developing countries of adopting an integrated approach for increasing food production, improving consumption and attracting the necessary additional international resources;

5. *Calls upon* the international community to support the national efforts of developing countries to increase their food and agricultural production with increased technical and capital assistance, in particular for food sector strategies which have already been adopted by interested developing countries, taking into account at the same time that the existence of a food sector strategy should not be a precondition for the granting of development assistance;

6. *Strongly urges* developed countries, international institutions and others able to provide development assistance to increase substantially their assistance on concessional terms to the food sector, in order to facilitate for developing countries the achievement of the agreed target of a 4 per cent annual growth rate in agricultural production, for which an estimated necessary element of external assistance is \$8.3 billion, with \$6.5 billion on concessional terms, at 1975 prices, as mentioned in the Programme of Action to Eradicate Hunger and Malnutrition contained in the Manila Communiqué of the World Food Council;

7. *Expresses deep concern* at the critical food shortages currently being experienced in Africa and appeals to all countries and international agencies to undertake, on a special emergency basis, additional food assistance, particularly to Botswana, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, the Sahelian countries, Somalia, the Sudan, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia;

8. *Calls upon* developed and other donor countries and international financial institutions to support, in recognition of their commitment to a world without

³³ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 34 (A/34/34)*, part two, sect. II, para. 18.

³⁴ *Report of the World Food Conference, Rome, 5-16 November 1974* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.II.A.3), chap. I.

³⁵ See WFC/1980/16, part one, para. 32. For the text of the new Convention, see TD/WHEAT.6/13.

³⁶ WFC/1980/16, part one; for the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 19 (A/35/19)*.

hunger, the efforts of interested developing countries to initiate or expand food entitlement programmes, within the context of their national plans and policies, as appropriate, and national food strategies, and looks forward to the results of the consultations envisaged in paragraphs 30 and 31 of the report of the World Food Council on its sixth ministerial session;

9. *Expresses its concern* over the increase in protectionist trade practices that affect the economic development of the whole international community, particularly since they reduce the export possibilities of developing countries, affect their economic potential and reduce their capacity to import the food they need and, in that context, urges all countries to use their best efforts to prevent the extension of protectionist policies;

10. *Calls* for the immediate renewal of the Food Aid Convention on the expiry of the current Convention³⁷ in July 1981, and strongly urges that every effort should be made both to enlist new contributors and to increase the commitments of existing ones, so that the Convention can be renewed by mid-1981 with a firm assurance that 10 million tons will be the absolute minimum flow of assistance, even in times of high prices and food shortage;

11. *Welcomes* the endorsement by the World Food Council of the initiative of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes in proposing to examine at its next session the proposal of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations that the International Emergency Food Reserve be made the subject of a legally binding convention;³⁸

12. *Stresses* the urgent need for a new international wheat agreement, as mentioned in paragraphs 37 and 38 of the report of the World Food Council on its sixth ministerial session;

13. *Calls* for the further exploration by the secretariat of the World Food Council, in collaboration with the appropriate agencies, of possible modalities of an arrangement for a food crisis contingency pledge, taking into account, *inter alia*, the work of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group established by the Committee on World Food Security;

14. *Welcomes* the request of the World Food Council that the International Monetary Fund should consider, within the context of its financing facilities, the feasibility of providing additional balance-of-payments support to assist low-income, food-deficit countries to meet increases in their food import bills;

15. *Recommends* that the international community should take the necessary steps for the immediate implementation of resolution 105 (V) of 1 June 1979 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on international food trade;³⁹

³⁷ See *United Nations Wheat Conference, 1971* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.71.II.D.10), annex I.

³⁸ See WFC/1980/16, part one, para. 34.

³⁹ See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Fifth Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.79.II.D.14), part one, sect. A.

16. *Recognizes* the desirability of studying measures to promote increased and more regionally balanced food production and trade within the wider framework of trade and its impact on the food situation of developing countries.

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24 July 1980

1980/59. 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, fourth and fifth sessions on the activities of transnational corporations in southern Africa and their collaboration with the racist minority régimes in that area,⁴⁰

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,⁴¹ the Lagos Declaration for Action against *Apartheid*⁴² and General Assembly resolution S-9/2 of 3 May 1978,

Having considered the report of the Secretariat entitled "In-depth analysis of the role of transnational corporations in the industrial, military and nuclear sectors of South Africa",⁴³

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

Also gravely concerned about the adverse trends in the policies of some home Governments of transnational corporations which encourage such corporations to continue to collaborate with the racist minority régime of South 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

⁴⁰ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 5* (E/5986), para. 14, and *ibid.*, 1978, *Supplement No. 12* (E/1978/52 and Corr.1-3), para. 1.

⁴¹ A/32/109/Rev.1-S/12344/Rev.1, annex V. For the final text, see *Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-second Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1977*, document S/12344/Rev.1.

⁴² *Report of the World Conference for Action against Apartheid, Lagos, 22 to 26 August 1977* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.77.XIV.2 and corrigendum), sect. X.

⁴³ E/C.10/66.

important step in the struggle against the racist minority régime,

Conscious of the heroic resistance currently mounted by various sections of the oppressed people of southern Africa against the racist minority régime of South Africa,

Gravely concerned at the recent intensification of repressive measures by the racist minority régime to entrench the inhuman *apartheid* system and to thwart the legitimate aspirations of the oppressed peoples of southern Africa,

Conscious of the continued need to enlist the active support of the home Governments of transnational corporations which operate in South Africa and Namibia,

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,

Gravely concerned further at the defiant refusal of the racist minority régime of South Africa to co-operate with the Security Council and the international community generally in the solution of the Namibian problem,

Recognizing the importance of mobilizing world public opinion against the involvement and collaboration of transnational corporations with the racist minority régime of South Africa,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the report of the Secretariat entitled "In-depth analysis of the role of transnational corporations in the industrial, military and nuclear sectors of South 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. *Strongly condemns* the exploitation of the natural resources of Namibia by transnational corporations without the authority or sanction of the United Nations Council for Namibia, in contravention of its Decree No. 1, enacted on 27 September 1974,⁴⁴ and General Assembly resolution 32/9 of 4 November 1977;

4. *Reiterates* that the activities of transnational corporations in the area and their collaboration with the racist minority régime are detrimental to the interests of the oppressed peoples in South Africa and Namibia;

5. *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 régime of South Africa;

6. *Calls upon* all Governments to adhere strictly to and ensure the effective implementation of sanctions

and decisions adopted by the General Assembly and the Security Council relating to South Africa;

7. *Strongly condemns* the continued investments and operations of transnational corporations in southern Africa, their exploitation of black labour and their continued collaboration with the racist minority régime of South 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 of southern Africa by the racist minority régime;

8. *Deplores* the manoeuvres of the racist minority régime of South Africa and companies and transnational corporations operating in South Africa and Namibia to weaken the existing African trade union movement through the establishment of so-called parallel trade unions and the harassment and persecution of officials of independent African trade unions;

9. *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 régime;

10. *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;

11. *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 régime of South Africa and, in particular:

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

(b) To refrain from extending loans, investments and technical assistance to the racist minority régime of South Africa and to corporations registered in South Africa and Namibia;

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

(d) To refrain from exploiting the natural resources of Namibia in contravention of the decrees of the United Nations Council for Namibia and the relevant resolutions of the United Nations;

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

(f) To deny tariff and other preferences to exports from South Africa and Namibia, as well as any inducements or guarantees for investment and trade in the area;

(g) To prohibit all persons and enterprises of their nationality from making any royalty or tax payments or from knowingly transferring any assets or other financial resources, in contravention of United Nations

⁴⁴ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 24A (A/9624/Add.1), para. 84. The Decree was issued in final form in *Namibia Gazette No. 1*.

resolutions, to South Africa and Namibia, to facilitate trade with or investments in those countries;

12. *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 régime of South Africa;

(b) To submit to the Commission on Transnational Corporations, at its seventh session, an addendum to its reports on the activities of transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia, bringing up to date the information and analysis contained therein;

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

(d) To organize symposia, workshops, seminars and other programmes of enlightenment, 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 régime of South Africa.

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24 July 1980*

1980/60. Progress made towards the establishment of the new international economic order and obstacles that impede it: the role of transnational corporations

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling that, in paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 33/198 of 29 January 1979 on preparations for its special session in 1980, the Assembly invited "the governing bodies of the organs and organizations concerned within the United Nations system to assess, within their respective areas of competence, the progress made towards the establishment of the new international economic order, as well as to indicate the obstacles that impede its establishment... with a view to submitting comprehensive reports to the Assembly at its special session in 1980",

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,

Recalling further its resolutions 1908 (LVII) of 2 August 1974 and 1913 (LVII) of 5 December 1974 establishing the Commission on Transnational Corporations and the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations,

Recalling also its resolutions 1978/73 of 12 October 1978 and 1979/75 of 3 August 1979 on the activities of transnational corporations in southern Africa and their

collaboration with the racist minority régimes in that area,

Recognizing that the fundamental purpose of the new international economic order is based on equity, sovereign equality, interdependence, common interest and co-operation among all States, irrespective of their economic and social systems, which will correct inequalities and redress existing injustices, making it possible to eliminate the widening gap between the developed and developing countries and ensure steadily accelerating economic and social development and peace and justice for present and future generations,

Recognizing further the importance of the fundamental principles of the new international development strategy,

Having considered the report of the Secretariat entitled "Progress made towards the establishment of the new international economic order: the role of transnational corporations",⁴⁵

Noting the value of providing a framework in the countries in which transnational corporations operate by which generally beneficial relations among all parties concerned can be enhanced,

Noting also that, although the interests of transnational corporations and of the countries in which they operate can be divergent, transnational corporations play a significant role in the areas of industrialization, financial resources, commodities, trade, science and technology, and food and agriculture,

Noting that the pattern of the activities of transnational corporations has not yet changed so as to realize their full potential to contribute to progress towards redressing the economic imbalance between developed and developing countries and towards enhancing the capacity of developing countries for self-reliant development, and recognizing therefore that substantial adaptation is called for to achieve the necessary change,

Convinced that the capacity of countries in which transnational corporations operate, particularly developing countries, to deal with those corporations has to be strengthened,

Aware of the right of each Government to have a regulatory system in order to ensure that the activities of transnational corporations are carried out in accordance with national objectives,

Recognizing that national action in this regard should be supplemented by effective intergovernmental co-operation and appropriate international arrangements,

Convinced that a universally accepted, comprehensive and effective code of conduct is an important element in such national and international efforts and that it will make an essential contribution to the new international economic order,

Considering that the progress made in the formulation of a code of conduct has not met the expectations of all, and stressing the need for its early conclusion,

⁴⁵ E/C.10/74.

1. *Takes note* of the report entitled "Progress made towards the establishment of the new international economic order: the role of transnational corporations", prepared by the United Nations Secretariat, and decides to submit it to the General Assembly for consideration at its eleventh special session;

2. *Recommends* that efforts should be intensified by all parties concerned, with the aim of enhancing the contribution of transnational corporations towards the establishment of the new international economic order, thereby also contributing towards the achievement of the individual and collective self-reliance of developing countries;

3. *Also recommends* that the individual and collective self-reliance of developing countries should be enhanced, *inter alia*, by strengthening their negotiating capacity in their dealings with transnational corporations, particularly in financing and investment, science and technology, management, production and marketing, and by improving their capacity to regulate and accordingly to monitor the activities of transnational corporations;

4. *Invites* the General Assembly at its eleventh special session to bear in mind the importance of the work on the code of conduct and the results achieved so far in this regard, as reflected in the report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its sixth session;⁴⁶

5. *Considers* in particular that the code of conduct, which is of the highest priority in the work of the Commission, will be an essential contribution to the accomplishment of the goals of the new international development strategy and the new international economic order;

6. *Affirms* that the code of conduct should, *inter alia*:

(a) Be effective, comprehensive, generally accepted and universally adopted;

(b) Associate effectively the activities of transnational corporations with the efforts to establish the new international economic order and their capabilities with the developmental objectives of the developing countries;

(c) Reflect the principle of respect by transnational corporations for the national sovereignty, laws and regulations of the countries in which they operate, and for the established policies of those countries and the right of States to regulate and accordingly to monitor the activities of transnational corporations;

(d) Encourage the contribution that transnational corporations can make towards the achievement of developmental goals and the established objectives of the countries in which they operate, particularly the developing countries;

(e) Proscribe subversion, interference in the internal affairs of countries and other inadmissible activities by transnational corporations which aim to undermine the political and social systems of the countries in which they operate;

(f) Deal in the most effective and appropriate manner with the issue of the activities of transnational corporations

in South Africa and Namibia, recognizing that concern was widely expressed in the Commission on Transnational Corporations, in the context of the struggle against *apartheid*, at the collaboration of transnational corporations with the racist minority régime;

(g) Include provisions relating to the treatment of transnational corporations, jurisdiction and other related matters;

(h) Provide appropriate arrangements for the effective implementation of the code;

(i) Be considered as an integrated whole in which all the parts are related to each other;

7. *Affirms also* that the draft code should be completed before the seventh session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations in 1981 and that the code should be expeditiously adopted by all members of the international community;

8. *Reaffirms* that the Commission on Transnational Corporations is the forum within the United Nations system for the comprehensive and in-depth consideration of issues relating to transnational corporations, and for the promotion of the exchange of views among all parties concerned, as mentioned in paragraph 3 (b) of Council resolution 1913 (LVII) of 5 December 1974;

9. *Further reaffirms* that, under the guidance of the Commission on Transnational Corporations, the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations is the central unit in the United Nations system at the Secretariat level for work on matters related to transnational corporations, having due regard to the need for co-ordination, that it should pursue its important activities in accordance with its programme of work and that its resources should be commensurate with its work programme.

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1980/61. Industrial development co-operation

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 Lima Declaration and Plan of Action on Industrial Development and Co-operation,⁴⁷ 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 of the establishment of the new international economic order,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 34/98 of 13 December 1979 on industrial development co-

⁴⁶ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1980, Supplement No. 10 (E/1980/40).*

⁴⁷ See A/10112, chap. IV.

operation and resolution 131 (V) of 3 June 1979 on protectionism and structural adjustment, adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its fifth session,⁴⁸

Recalling the New Delhi Declaration and Plan of Action on Industrialization of Developing Countries and International Co-operation for their Industrial Development,⁴⁹ adopted at the Third General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, which spelt out a strategy for the further industrialization of developing countries for the 1980s and beyond, as well as a plan of action for the restructuring of world industry within the framework of the establishment of the new international economic order,

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

Bearing in mind that, within the framework of the new international economic order, far-reaching changes in the structure of the world economy involve the restructuring of world industry, taking fully into account the capabilities and potential of the developing countries,

Emphasizing the role of the redeployment of industrial capacities in the context of international industrial co-operation, including resources and technology transfers aimed at establishing and strengthening the productive capacities of developing countries, with a view to stimulating their economies, and taking into account their potential to develop their national resources in conformity with their over-all national objectives and priorities and the need to increase correspondingly their share in world industrial production,

Having considered the report of the Industrial Development Board on the work of its fourteenth session,⁵⁰

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,⁵¹ adopted on 8 April 1979;

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

3. *Endorses*:

(a) The conclusions reached by the Industrial Development Board at its fourteenth session whereby, in the pro-

gramme of work for 1981 and in that for 1982-1983, priority should be given to activities in the areas of industrial technology, energy-related industrial technology, industrial production, the development of human resources and special measures for the least developed countries, and to the System of Consultations;⁵²

(b) The recommendations made by the Industrial Development Board at its fourteenth session with regard to both the programme on development and transfer of technology, and the activities of the Industrial and Technological Information Bank,⁵³ and accordingly requests the General Assembly to provide the appropriate resources in the programme budget for 1981;

(c) The decisions made by the Industrial Development Board with regard to the System of Consultations, notably its decision to establish, on a permanent basis, that System, which is to serve as a forum for developed and developing countries in their contacts and consultations directed towards the industrialization of developing countries and would also permit negotiations among interested parties at their request, at the same time as, or after, consultations;⁵⁴

4. *Agrees* that the Industrial Development Board should consider further the proposal to establish a committee on consultations as a subsidiary organ of the Board;

5. *Strongly urges* the early implementation of Industrial Development Board resolution 52 (XIV) of 19 May 1980, entitled "Follow-up of the decisions and recommendations of the Third General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization";⁵⁵

6. *Urges* the prompt and effective implementation of all the provisions of resolution ID/CONF.4/Res.1 on women and industrialization, adopted on 9 February 1980 by the Third General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization;⁵⁶

7. *Welcomes* Industrial Development Board resolution 51 (XIV) of 19 May 1980, entitled "Industrial Development Decade for Africa",⁵⁷ in which the Board requested the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to report on the launching of the Industrial Development Decade for Africa and to submit his proposals for the contribution of that Organization to the fulfilment of the objectives of the Decade;

8. *Urges* the international community to consider concrete measures, where appropriate, for restructuring world industrial production through positive strategies, thus establishing a more effective international division of labour, which would, *inter alia*, facilitate the redeployment of industry, expand and strengthen the industrial capacities of developing countries and promote the domestic industrial processing of the natural resources of developing countries;

⁴⁸ See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Fifth Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.79.II.D.14), part one, sect. A.

⁴⁹ ID/CONF.4/22 and Corr.1, chap. VI.

⁵⁰ ID/B/248; for the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/35/16)*.

⁵¹ A/CONF.90/19.

⁵² See ID/B/248, para. 54.

⁵³ *Ibid.*, paras. 72 and 85.

⁵⁴ *Ibid.*, paras. 151-155.

⁵⁵ *Ibid.*, annex I.

⁵⁶ See ID/CONF.4/22, chap. IV, paras. 273 and 274.

⁵⁷ See ID/B/248, annex I.

9. *Emphasizes* the need to facilitate the restructuring of world industrial production through, *inter alia*:

(a) Support for increased industrial production in developing countries;

(b) Special and differential treatment in favour of developing countries, where feasible and appropriate, in the context of a general effort to liberalize world trade, in particular in their favour;

(c) Trade liberalization, in relation to increased market access;

10. *Invites* the Industrial Development Board to give due consideration at its fifteenth session to proposals for promoting endogenous industrialization in developing countries, taking into account, *inter alia*, the report entitled "Follow-up of the decisions and recommendations of the Third General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization: proposal for an industrial project preparation facility";⁵⁸

11. *Emphasizes* the importance for the United Nations Industrial Development Organization of ensuring the early implementation of the decisions and recommendations adopted by the Industrial Development Board at its fourteenth session, and accordingly recommends to the General Assembly that adequate resources should be provided in the programme budget for 1981, within the over-all budgetary resources of the United Nations to be determined by the Assembly at its thirty-fifth session.

44th plenary meeting
24 July 1980

1980/62. United Nations Children's Fund

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 34/105 of 14 December 1979 and Council resolution 1979/53 of 2 August 1979,

Having considered the report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its session held in New York from 19 to 30 May 1980,⁵⁹

Noting with appreciation the extensive work undertaken during the International Year of the Child by the United Nations Children's Fund as lead agency for the Year, and by other participating organizations,

Noting also the recommendations of the Executive Board regarding its programmes concerning education services, women, children and development, childhood disability, planning and programming for children at the country level, and the promotion of the component of technical co-operation among developing countries, and in particular its efforts to promote the local production of items and the indigenous application of appropriate technologies,

Expressing its support for the Executive Board's recommendation that the follow-up activities of the Internation-

⁵⁸ See ID/B/245.

⁵⁹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1980, Supplement No. 11 (E/1980/41).*

al Year of the Child should be based on the premise that those activities will be integrated in the total programme of the United Nations Children's Fund and will require the continuous co-operation of other organizations concerned in the United Nations system, as an augmentation of their usual co-operation with the Fund in the implementation of the basic services strategy and other programmes,

Aware that the expanded activities of the Fund will require increased financial resources,

1. *Endorses* the policies, actions and conclusions of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund as they were adopted at its session and recorded in its report;

2. *Appeals* to all Governments to increase their voluntary contributions to the Fund in relation to their capacity, so that it may reach the income target of \$350 million for 1982, as it appears in the medium-term work plan approved at the recent session of the Executive Board.⁶⁰

45th plenary meeting
25 July 1980

1980/63. Role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 33/135 of 19 December 1978 and Council resolution 1979/52 of 2 August 1979,

Taking note of the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme,⁶¹ transmitted to the Economic and Social Council by decision 80/8 of 17 June 1980, adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its twenty-seventh session,⁶²

1. *Endorses* the conclusions contained in chapters IV and V of the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme;

2. *Invites* the developing countries to strengthen further their national capacities to pursue a balanced policy for enhancing the role of qualified national personnel in over-all socio-economic development;

3. *Transmits* the report of the Administrator of the Programme to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session for the consideration of possible comprehensive action within the United Nations system to assist the developing countries in their endeavour to strengthen the role of qualified national personnel in over-all social and economic development;

4. *Recommends* that the competent United Nations organizations should continue, within their established procedures, to give due attention to the urgent need for

⁶⁰ *Ibid.*, para. 236.

⁶¹ DP/443.

⁶² See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1980, Supplement No. 12 (E/1980/42/Rev.1)*, chap. XI, sect. B.

qualified national personnel in the activities aimed at the expansion of technical co-operation among developing countries.

45th plenary meeting
25 July 1980

1980/64. High-level Meeting on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries⁶³ and General Assembly resolution 33/134 of 19 December 1978, endorsing the recommendations contained in the Plan of Action,

Having examined the report of the first High-level Meeting on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries,⁶⁴

Noting decision 80/46 of 30 June 1980 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, on technical co-operation among developing countries,⁶⁵

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the first High-level Meeting on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries;

2. Commends to the attention of the General Assembly the report of the High-level Meeting and the decisions contained therein.

45th plenary meeting
25 July 1980

1980/65. Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its twenty-seventh session⁶⁶ and the record of the special meeting on preparations for the third programming cycle, 1982-1986, held in New York from 11 to 20 February 1980,⁶⁷

1. Takes note of the report of the Governing Council on its twenty-seventh session and of the decisions contained therein,⁶⁸

2. Commends to the attention of the General Assembly the report of the Administrator of the United Nations

⁶³ Report of the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, Buenos Aires, 30 August-12 September 1978 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.78.II.A.11 and corrigendum), chap. I.

⁶⁴ TCDC/13 and Corr.1 and 2; for the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 39 (A/35/39)*.

⁶⁵ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1980, Supplement No. 12 (E/1980/42/Rev.1)*, chap. XI.

⁶⁶ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1980, Supplement No. 12 (E/1980/42/Rev.1)*.

⁶⁷ *Ibid.*, annex II.

⁶⁸ *Ibid.*, chap. XI.

Development Programme on the review of present practices and proposals for enhancing the collective involvement of the developing countries in the determination of priorities for intercountry programmes and in the identification and initiation of regional projects and activities,⁶⁹ prepared in response to Assembly resolution 34/206 of 19 December 1979, as well as Governing Council decision 80/9 of 17 June 1980, by which it, *inter alia*, endorsed the consultation process proposed by the Administrator in his report;

3. Takes note of Governing Council decision 80/41 of 27 June 1980 on the United Nations Volunteers programme and requests the Administrator to pursue his consultations with delegations and to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session his recommendations regarding the renaming of the title of the post of Co-ordinator of the United Nations Volunteers so as to reflect more appropriately the responsibilities and functions of the post;

4. Takes note also of Governing Council decision 80/15 of 25 June 1980 on agency regular and extra-budgetary technical co-operation expenditures financed from sources other than the United Nations Development Programme;

5. Takes note of Governing Council decision 80/19 of 26 June 1980 on the United Nations Capital Development Fund and transmits that decision to the General Assembly for its specific consideration;

6. Brings to the attention of the General Assembly decisions 80/9 and 80/11 of 17 June 1980, 80/28 of 26 June 1980 and 80/43 of 27 June 1980 of the Governing Council relating to the implementation of Assembly resolutions 32/197 of 20 December 1977 and 34/206 of 19 December 1979 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system;

7. Endorses Governing Council decision 80/44 of 27 June 1980 concerning the reimbursement by the United Nations Development Programme of agency support costs and recommends that the executing agencies of the Programme should review their operational support systems, working methods, arrangements and staffing, with a view to bringing about significant reductions in over-all support costs;

8. Urges all Governments to renew their efforts to provide the United Nations Development Programme with the necessary resources to enable it to achieve the target set for the 1977-1981 development cycle, which is predicated on an annual growth rate of 14 per cent, thereby providing a sound financial basis for the planning of activities for the third programming cycle and strengthening the role of the Programme as the central funding and co-ordinating body for multilateral technical co-operation within the United Nations system.

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⁶⁹ DP/435.

1980/66. Operational activities for 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, and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977, and in particular paragraph 5 (d) of section II, and section V, of the annex thereto,

Mindful of the importance of implementing fully and without undue delay the recommendations contained in General Assembly resolution 32/197,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 33/201 of 29 January 1979,

Reaffirming the continued validity of General Assembly resolutions 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 and 3405 (XXX) of 28 November 1975,

Mindful of its role, in particular under Articles 62 and 66 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Mindful also of the importance of implementing the decision contained in paragraph 7 of its resolution 1768 (LIV) of 18 May 1973,

Having examined the report by the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation on some policy issues pertaining to operational activities for development undertaken by the United Nations system,⁷⁰

Having examined also the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the work of its twentieth session⁷¹ and the report of the Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on the Joint Meetings of the two Committees,⁷²

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation on some policy issues pertaining to operational activities for development undertaken by the United Nations system and the suggested approach to the policy issues contained therein;

2. Recommends that the General Assembly should invite the Secretary-General to transmit the report of the Director-General to the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system;

3. Recommends also that the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session should consider and select issues for appropriate action, in the light of the recommendations contained in the report of the Director-General and the

discussion in the Council at its second regular session of 1980;

4. Invites the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session, taking into account the recommendations of the report of the Director-General and the discussion in the Council at its second regular session of 1980, to consider and agree upon the contents of and the procedures for regular policy reviews in future years, with particular reference to technical co-operation supported by appropriate statistical material, bearing in mind the orientation in the longer term of the operational activities of the United Nations system, as well as their contribution to the implementation of the new international development strategy;

5. Invites the General Assembly to give consideration to grouping within a single analytical framework all types of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, to be accompanied by relevant statistical material, without prejudice to the relationship agreements between the United Nations and the specialized agencies;

6. Invites the General Assembly to request the Director-General to submit reports biennially on future policy reviews of operational activities, paying particular attention to the issues selected by the General Assembly for consideration.

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1980/67. International years and anniversaries

The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing the contribution that the celebration of international years can make to the furtherance of international co-operation and understanding,

Mindful of the need to consider carefully proposals for the designation of international years and anniversaries,

Recalling its resolution 1368 (XLV) of 2 August 1968, in which it expressed the hope that new proposals for the designation of international years and anniversaries would be avoided except on the most important occasions,

Recalling also its resolution 1800 (LV) of 7 August 1973 and General Assembly resolution 3170 (XXVIII) of 17 December 1973,

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on international years and anniversaries,⁷³ submitted pursuant to Council decision 1979/64 of 3 August 1979, and of the revised guide-lines for future international years contained in paragraph 29 of the addendum to that report,

1. Adopts the guide-lines contained in the annex to the present resolution as its criteria and procedures with regard to future proposals for international years;

⁷⁰ See A/35/224 and Corr.1.

⁷¹ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/35/38).

⁷² E/1980/75 and Corr.1.

⁷³ E/1980/64 and Add.1.

2. *Submits* those criteria and procedures to the General Assembly for consideration at its thirty-fifth session;

3. *Invites* the respective legislative organs of the specialized agencies and organizations of the United Nations system to adopt those criteria and procedures;

4. *Also invites* States Members of the United Nations to take those criteria and procedures into account in considering proposals for international years.

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ANNEX

Guide-lines for future international years

I. *Criteria for the proclamation of international years*

1. The proposed subject of the year should be consistent with the purposes and principles of the United Nations, as stated in the Charter of the United Nations.

2. The subject should be of priority concern in the political, social, economic, cultural, humanitarian or human rights fields.

3. The subject should be of concern to all or to the majority of countries, regardless of their economic and social systems, and should contribute to the development of international co-operation in solving global problems, with special attention to problems affecting developing countries.

4. The desirability of proclaiming international years and the selection of their themes should in general be determined from the point of view of their possible contribution to solving existing international problems, thus contributing to the strengthening of universal peace.

5. The subject should be one involving action at the international and national levels.

6. The subject should be one for which there is a reasonable expectation that an international year would generate significant follow-up at both the national and the international level in the form of new activities or the strengthening of existing ones.

7. Every effort should be made to ensure that there is an interval of at least two years between international years and a longer interval between years designated for similar subjects.

8. Years should be designated to focus on one subject or on closely related subjects.

9. International years should be proclaimed only when celebrations of shorter duration, such as a month, a week or a day, will not suffice.

10. When a world conference on a particular subject has been or is being separately convened, or when a subject is already of wide international concern and effective organizations and programmes exist to further its ends, an international year should not normally be proclaimed.

II. *Procedures preceding the proclamation of international years*

11. A final decision on a proposal for an international year should be taken by the General Assembly, not earlier than one full year after the introduction of the proposal, thus allowing the views of all Member States to be taken into account and allowing the competent organs to make a thorough assessment of the proposal in the light of its practical desirability and the probability of real results.

12. Proposals for international years made under the auspices of organizations within the United Nations system should, before the proclamation of the years, be brought to the attention of the

Economic and Social Council, to enable the Council, in so far as the proposals fall within its competence, to advise on the timing of the proposed years and to evaluate their purpose in the light of the present guide-lines.

13. A year should not be proclaimed before the basic arrangements necessary for its financing have been made and such financing should in principle be based on voluntary contributions.

14. A year should not be proclaimed before the basic arrangements necessary for its organization have been made.

III. *Procedures for organizing the celebration of international years*

15. The basic objectives of each year should be clearly defined.

16. In general, there should be a period of two years between the proclamation of an international year and the beginning of that year.

17. Years having economic or social themes should be primarily directed towards promoting international development efforts in practical ways.

18. Measures and activities to be carried out at the international level should complement and support measures and activities at the national level.

19. There should ordinarily be national committees or other mechanisms for preparing for, conducting and following up the international year at the national level.

20. There should be effective co-ordination of the activities of all United Nations organizations and bodies concerned, so as to avoid any duplication of activities.

21. The proclamation of international years and activities connected with them should not lead to a proliferation of posts in the United Nations Secretariat or in the secretariats of other international organizations; furthermore, expenditures should normally be met from existing resources in the regular budget.

22. As a rule, special secretariats established for the celebration of international years should be dissolved immediately upon the conclusion of those years.

IV. *Procedures for the evaluation of international years*

23. Each international year should have objectives likely to lead to identifiable and practical results.

24. Procedures for evaluation should be established during the preparatory process and should form part of the implementation and follow-up of each international year.

25. Evaluation should, *inter alia*, assess the activities generated during the year and continuing after the year ends, as well as modifications in ongoing activities attributable to the year, with a view to integrating those activities, if necessary, in regular programmes.

26. Evaluation after the year should be based on reporting arrangements designed especially for the subject of the international year; it should facilitate the follow-up process and it should provide guidance for future international years.

27. Evaluation should be carried out within the budgetary resources provided, and the results of such evaluation should be submitted to the existing appropriate intergovernmental bodies for consideration.

1980/68. Co-operation in the uses of the sea and coastal area development

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1970 (LIX) of 30 July 1975 on the uses of the sea and coastal area development and 2099 (LXIII) of 3 August 1977 on co-operation in coastal area development,

Reaffirming that the rational management of marine resources and the peaceful uses of the sea is an essential component of national economic development and international co-operation,

Taking into account the deliberations of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea and bearing in mind that activities undertaken by components of the United Nations system relating to the uses of the sea and the development of coastal areas should not prejudice or prejudice the results to be obtained from that Conference,

Noting with satisfaction that the activities pursued in those areas by various organizations of the United Nations system, as presented in the report of the Secretary-General on uses of the sea,⁷⁴ will help member States, particularly developing countries, to realize more fully the benefits to be derived by all mankind from the rational management of ocean resources and the peaceful uses of the sea,

Further noting that arrangements exist for the improved co-ordination of the activities of United Nations organizations involved in the marine field and that efforts are continuing to strengthen further such arrangements, including those at the regional level,

Bearing in mind the initiative taken by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its twentieth session to make the activities of the United Nations system in the field of marine affairs the possible subject of a cross-organizational programme analysis,⁷⁵

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the activities being implemented by the Secretary-General, which aim at introducing, within the allocated budgetary resources, the marine dimension into the development process, and of the activities being carried out by the various United Nations organizations concerned in the field of marine affairs within their respective spheres of competence, and requests the Secretary-General and the heads of the other United Nations organizations concerned to ensure that their activities regarding the scientific, economic and technical aspects of the development of the uses of the sea and its resources are consonant with and lend support to the successful conclusion of a treaty on the law of the sea, having particular regard to the needs of developing countries;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report on the economic and technical developments taking place in the field of marine affairs to the Council at its second regular session of 1983.

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1980/69. World Communications Year: development of communications infrastructure

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 32/160 of 19 December 1977 on the Transport and Communications

⁷⁴ E/1980/68 and Corr.1.

⁷⁵ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/35/38)*, para. 203.

Decade in Africa, in paragraph 5 of which, in view of the importance of transport and communications to other regions of the world, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General, in consultation with the International Telecommunication Union and other specialized agencies concerned, to propose for consideration one year during the Decade as World Communications Year,

Recalling also Council decision 1979/63 of 3 August 1979 on the World Communications Year, whereby the Council requested 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 its second regular session of 1980,

Recognizing the fundamental importance of the communications infrastructure as an essential element in the economic and social development of all countries,

Convinced that a World Communications Year would provide the opportunity for all countries to undertake an in-depth review and analysis of their policies on communications development and stimulate the accelerated development of communications infrastructures,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General, containing the proposed programme of activities for the World Communications Year, and the comments thereon,⁷⁶

1. *Recommends* to the General Assembly 1983 as an appropriate year for the celebration of World Communications Year, provided that the arrangements necessary for its financing have been made, based on the principle of voluntary contributions;

2. *Recommends also* that the programme of activities and the scope of the Year should be based on activities at the national and international levels and should focus on communications infrastructures;

3. *Further recommends* that the Secretary-General, taking into account the relevant sections of the guidelines for future international years,⁷⁷ should continue consultations with Governments on the content of the programmes of activities and their evaluation and should submit to the Council, at its second regular session of 1981, revised proposals on programmes for the Year;

4. *Requests* that the report of the Secretary-General should be submitted to the Administrative Council of the International Telecommunication Union for consideration and that both the report and the comments of the Administrative Council should be submitted to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1981;

5. *Recommends also* that the International Telecommunication Union should be designated as the lead agency for the Year and should bear the responsibility for co-ordinating the interorganizational aspects of the programmes and activities of other agencies, and as the lead agency should, in co-operation with other organizations concerned within the United Nations system, proceed

⁷⁶ E/1979/87 and E/1980/65 and Add.1 and 2.

⁷⁷ See Council resolution 1980/67, annex.

with preparations and, in particular, mobilize the resources necessary to meet the budgetary requirements for the Year;

6. *Further requests* that, in making preparations for the Year, due account should be taken of the importance of the Year as an event near the mid-point of the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa, and that the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union should be designated as the co-ordinator of the United Nations system for the World Communications Year and the secretariat of the International Telecommunication Union should serve as the secretariat for the Year;

7. *Requests* the lead agency to submit to the Council, at its second regular session of 1981, a report on the state of preparations for the Year and, in particular, on the financial resources that are available and programmes that may be of interest to developing countries, in order to enable the Council to make appropriate proposals to the General Assembly.

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1980/70. Assistance to the drought-stricken areas in Djibouti, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda

The Economic and Social Council,

Having heard the statement of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator,⁷⁸

⁷⁸ See E/1980/C.3/SR.13.

Deeply concerned at the gravity of the food situation resulting from drought and other natural disasters confronting Djibouti, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda,

Noting with appreciation the commendable role and the continued efforts of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator and other related United Nations agencies in providing relief and assistance to disaster-affected areas in different parts of the world,

1. *Appeals* to all Member States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and voluntary agencies to provide assistance to the Governments of Djibouti, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda for the relief, rehabilitation and recovery of the areas stricken by drought and other natural disasters;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, taking into account Council resolutions 1980/44 and 1980/45 of 23 July 1980 and 1980/53 of 24 July 1980:

(a) To send, as a matter of urgency, a multi-agency mission to the countries in question, to assess the extent of the problem and the magnitude of the assistance required;

(b) To mobilize humanitarian assistance from the international community for the people displaced as a result of the drought and other natural disasters;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session on the progress achieved in the implementation of the present resolution.

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DECISIONS

1980/150. Composition of the Bureau of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace

At its 24th plenary meeting, on 3 July 1980, the Council took note of the note by the President of the Economic and Social Council⁷⁹ concerning the composition of the Bureau of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace.

1980/151. Participation of intergovernmental organizations in the work of the Council

At its 29th plenary meeting, on 8 July 1980, the Council decided that, under the terms of rule 79 of its rules of procedure, the African Regional Centre for Technology should be designated to participate on a continuing basis, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Council on questions within the scope of the activities of the Centre.

⁷⁹ E/1980/87.

1980/152. Sixth session of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control

At its 36th plenary meeting, on 11 July 1980, the Council decided to accept the invitation of the Government of Venezuela to hold the sixth session of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control at Caracas from 8 to 12 September 1980,⁸⁰ and to approve the provisional agenda for that session.⁸¹

1980/153. Humanitarian assistance programmes in Djibouti and Somalia

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 16 July 1980, the Council took note of the statement by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,⁸² made in response to Council resolutions 1980/9 and 1980/11.

⁸⁰ See E/1980/L.43 and Corr.1.

⁸¹ *Ibid.*, para. 7.

⁸² See E/1980/SR.38.

1980/154. Report of the Preparatory Committee for the New International Development Strategy

At its 39th plenary meeting, on 18 July 1980, the Council took note of:

(a) The report of the Preparatory Committee for the New International Development Strategy on its fourth and fifth sessions;⁸³

(b) The statement made by the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee.⁸⁴

1980/155. Membership of the *Ad Hoc* Group of Experts on International Co-operation in Tax Matters

At its 39th plenary meeting, on 18 July 1980, the Council decided to increase the membership of the *Ad Hoc* Group of Experts on International Co-operation in Tax Matters from twenty to twenty-five.⁸⁵

1980/156. Meeting on Humanitarian Assistance and Relief to the Kampuchean People

At its 39th plenary meeting, on 18 July 1980, the Council took note of the statement by the President of the Meeting on Humanitarian Assistance and Relief to the Kampuchean People, contained in the annex to the note by the Secretary-General on that Meeting,⁸⁶ and decided to transmit it to all States Members of the United Nations and to submit it to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session.

1980/157. Calendar of conferences and meetings

At its 43rd plenary meeting, on 23 July 1980, the Council approved the following changes in the calendar of conferences and meetings for 1980 and 1981:⁸⁷

(a) The Working Group on Development Priorities and Policy Needs of Africa of the Committee for Development Planning will meet at Addis Ababa from 29 September to 3 October 1980;

(b) The Working Group on Development Priorities and Policy Needs of South and East Asia of the Committee for Development Planning will meet at Bangkok from 20 to 24 October 1980;

(c) The twenty-first session of the Statistical Commission will be held at Headquarters from 12 to 21 January 1981 (instead of from 17 to 26 February 1981).

1980/158. Special economic assistance

At its 43rd plenary meeting, on 23 July 1980, the Council took note of the oral report made on behalf of

the Secretary-General by the Under-Secretary-General for Special Political Questions and Co-ordinator of Special Economic Assistance Programmes,⁸⁸ on:

(a) The situation in Botswana, Cape Verde, the Comoros, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Lesotho, Mozambique, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, Tonga and Zambia;

(b) Assistance for the rehabilitation, reconstruction and development of Dominica, the Dominican Republic, Nicaragua and Uganda;

(c) Assistance to student refugees from Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe.

1980/159. Transport and Communications Decade in Africa (1978-1988)

At its 43rd plenary meeting, on 23 July 1980, the Council took note of:

(a) The report of the Secretary-General on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa;⁸⁹

(b) The note by the Secretary-General on the contributions paid or pledged at the United Nations Pledging Conference for the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa.⁹⁰

1980/160. Assistance to the Palestinian people

At its 43rd plenary meeting, on 23 July 1980, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people⁹¹ and decided to transmit it to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session.

1980/161. Review of the economic situation in Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles and Tonga with a view to the inclusion of those countries in the list of the least developed countries

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 24 July 1980, the Council:

(a) Took note of resolution 8 (III) of 16 February 1980 adopted by the Intergovernmental Group on the Least Developed Countries;⁹²

(b) Decided to request the Committee for Development Planning to expedite the review of the economic situation of Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, Tonga and certain newly independent developing countries, with a view to

⁸⁸ See E/1980/SR.40.

⁸⁹ E/CN.14/761.

⁹⁰ A/CONF.99/1; transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbols E/1980/59 and Corr.1.

⁹¹ A/35/227.

⁹² See *Official Records of the Trade and Development Board, Eleventh Special Session, Annexes*, agenda item 2, document TD/B/787, annex I.

⁸³ A/S-11/2 (parts I and II).

⁸⁴ See E/1980/SR.39.

⁸⁵ See E/1980/83.

⁸⁶ A/35/303.

⁸⁷ See E/1980/L.41 and Add.1.

their inclusion in the list of the least developed countries, and to make recommendations concerning those countries to the Council at its first regular session of 1981;

(c) Decided further to request the General Assembly, at its thirty-fifth session, to authorize the Council to consider the recommendations of the Committee for Development Planning on the above-mentioned countries at its first regular session of 1981 and to adopt an updated list of the least developed countries on the basis of existing criteria and the most recent data relating to those criteria.

1980/162. International economic and social policy, including regional and sectoral developments

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 24 July 1980, the Council took note of the following documents:

- (a) *World Economic Survey, 1979-1980*;⁹³
- (b) Summary of the economic and social survey of Asia and the Pacific, 1979: recent economic developments, 1978-1979;⁹⁴
- (c) Summary of the survey of economic and social conditions in Africa, 1978-1979;⁹⁵
- (d) Summary of recent economic developments in the region of the Economic Commission for Europe;⁹⁶
- (e) Summary of the survey of economic and social developments in the region of the Economic Commission for Western Asia, 1979;⁹⁷
- (f) "Evolution of the Latin American economy in 1979";⁹⁸
- (g) Report of the Committee for Development Planning on its sixteenth session.⁹⁹

At the same meeting, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Distribution of income in the nation: rural-urban differentials"¹⁰⁰ and decided to transmit that report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session.

1980/163. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 24 July 1980, the Council decided to transmit, without debate, the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees¹⁰¹ to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session.

⁹³ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.II.C.2 and corrigendum.

⁹⁴ E/1980/33.

⁹⁵ E/1980/56.

⁹⁶ E/1980/62.

⁹⁷ E/1980/66.

⁹⁸ E/1980/71.

⁹⁹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1980, Supplement No. 2 (E/1980/3)*.

¹⁰⁰ A/35/231.

¹⁰¹ E/1980/79 and Corr.1; for the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/35/12)*.

1980/164. Annual report of the Economic Commission for Europe

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 24 July 1980, the Council took note of the report of the Economic Commission for Europe for the period 28 April 1979 to 26 April 1980,¹⁰² of the views expressed during the discussions in the Commission, of the resolution and other decisions adopted by the Commission at its thirty-fifth session, contained in chapters III and IV of that report, and of the Commission's programme of work.

1980/165. Annual report of the Economic Commission for Africa

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 24 July 1980, the Council:

(a) Took note of the report of the Economic Commission for Africa for the period 29 March 1979 to 12 April 1980,¹⁰³ and of the recommendations and resolutions contained therein;

(b) Decided to amend paragraph 18 of the terms of reference of the Commission¹⁰⁴ by deleting the second sentence of that paragraph, which should accordingly read as follows:

"The Commission shall submit to the Economic and Social Council once a year a full report on its activities and plans, including those of any subsidiary bodies."

1980/166. Report of the Economic Commission for Western Asia

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 24 July 1980, the Council:

(a) Took note of the report of the Economic Commission for Western Asia on its seventh session,¹⁰⁵ and of the recommendations and resolutions contained in chapters I and IV thereof;

(b) Decided to endorse the Commission's revised programme of work and priorities for 1980-1981.¹⁰⁶

1980/167. Annual report of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 24 July 1980, the Council took note of the report of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific for the period 17 March 1979 to 29 March 1980,¹⁰⁷ of the resolutions

¹⁰² *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1980, Supplement No. 8 (E/1980/28)*.

¹⁰³ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 7 (E/1980/27).

¹⁰⁴ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 11 (E/5783)*, annex III.

¹⁰⁵ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1980, Supplement No. 9 (E/1980/29 and Corr.1)*.

¹⁰⁶ *Ibid.*, para. 92.

¹⁰⁷ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1980, Supplement No. 6 (E/1980/26)*.

and decisions adopted by the Commission at its thirty-sixth session, contained in chapters II and III of the report, and of the Commissions's revised programme of work and priorities for 1980-1981, contained in chapter IV of the report.

1980/168. Regional co-operation

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 24 July 1980, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on regional co-operation.¹⁰⁸

1980/169. Fifth annual report of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 24 July 1980, the Council took note of the fifth annual report of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes.¹⁰⁹

1980/170. Provisional agenda for the seventh session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 24 July 1980, the Council approved the provisional agenda and the documentation for the seventh 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) Review of ongoing and future research
6. Work related to the definition of transnational corporations
7. Question of experts/advisers

DOCUMENTATION

Item 1

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations
Report on the activities of the joint units
Proposed programme budget on transnational corporations for the biennium 1982-1983

¹⁰⁸ E/1980/72 and Add.1 and Add.2/Rev.1.

¹⁰⁹ WFP/CFA: 9/18; transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/1980/74.

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

Item 3 (b)

Report of the *Ad Hoc* 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)

Addendum to previous reports on the activities of transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia

Item 5 (c)

Aspects of balance-of-payments effects of the operations of transnational corporations

Transnational corporations in the pharmaceutical industry in developing countries

Aspects of the socio-political effects of the activities of transnational corporations

Review of ongoing and future research

Item 7

Note by the Secretariat

1980/171. Sessions of the Intergovernmental Working Group on a Code of Conduct

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 24 July 1980, the Council decided to authorize the Intergovernmental Working Group on a Code of Conduct to hold three sessions before the seventh session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations, the first of which will be held before the end of 1980.

1980/172. Sessions of the *Ad Hoc* Intergovernmental Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 24 July 1980, the Council decided to authorize the *Ad Hoc* Intergovernmental Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting to hold three sessions before the seventh session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations, of which the first will be held in the last quarter of 1980.

1980/173. Report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its sixth session

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 24 July 1980, the Council took note of the report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its sixth session,¹¹⁰ and decided to transmit it to the General Assembly for consideration at its eleventh special session.

¹¹⁰ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1980, Supplement No. 10 (E/1980/40)*.

1980/174. United Nations conferences to conclude a code of conduct on transnational corporations and an international agreement on illicit payments

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 24 July 1980, the Council decided to transmit the texts of a draft decision¹¹¹ and a draft resolution,¹¹² annexed to the present decision, to the General Assembly for further consideration at its thirty-fifth session.

ANNEX

Draft decision

The Economic and Social Council decides:

- (a) To convene a United Nations conference to adopt a code of conduct on transnational corporations in the last quarter of 1981;
- (b) To convene a United Nations conference to adopt an international agreement on illicit payments in the last quarter of 1981;
- (c) That the United Nations conference to adopt an international agreement on illicit payments will be convened only after the completion of the work of the United Nations conference on the adoption of a code of conduct on transnational corporations.

Draft resolution

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,

Recalling also its decision 1979/73 of 3 August 1979, by which the Council decided to transmit to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session two draft resolutions regarding the convening of a negotiating conference and a conference of plenipotentiaries,

Noting the substantial preparatory work for a conference of plenipotentiaries which was completed by the Committee on an International Agreement on Illicit Payments and recorded in the Committee's report on its first and second sessions,^a

Emphasizing the importance to all countries of early action on a treaty to combat bribery and extortion in international commercial transactions, which distort commerce and trade, weaken the political and social fabric of countries where such acts occur and adversely affect consumer and other interests,

1. *Decides* to convene a conference of plenipotentiaries to conclude an international agreement on illicit payments, to meet no later than 30 June 1981;
2. *Invites* all States to participate in that conference.

^a E/1979/104.

1980/175. Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1980-1983

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 24 July 1980, the Council took note of the proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1980-1983,¹¹³ in the

¹¹¹ E/1980/C.1/L.22.

¹¹² E/1980/C.1/L.23.

¹¹³ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/35/6 and Corr.1 and A/35/6/Add.1 and 2).*

light of the recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its twentieth session¹¹⁴ and taking into account the comments and reservations of some members of that Committee¹¹⁵ and the comments made in the Council at its second regular session of 1980.

1980/176. Report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 25 July 1980, the Council took note of:

- (a) The report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration;¹¹⁶
- (b) Decision 80/29, adopted on 26 June 1980 by the Governing Council of the Programme.¹¹⁷

1980/177. Report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 25 July 1980, the Council took note of:

- (a) The report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries;¹¹⁸
- (b) Decision 80/21, adopted on 26 June 1980 by the Governing Council of the Programme.¹¹⁹

1980/178. Progress report on the implementation of paragraph 34 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 25 July 1980, the Council:

- (a) Took note of the progress report on the implementation of paragraph 34 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977;¹²⁰
- (b) Decided to transmit the progress report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session.

1980/179. Report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 25 July 1980, the Council:

¹¹⁴ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 38 (A/35/38), chap. X, sect. H.

¹¹⁵ *Ibid.*, chap. VIII, sect. A.

¹¹⁶ DP/477 and Corr.1.

¹¹⁷ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1980, Supplement No. 12 (E/1980/42/Rev.1)*, chap. XI.

¹¹⁸ DP/458.

¹¹⁹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1980, Supplement No. 12 (E/1980/42/Rev.1)*, chap. XI.

¹²⁰ E/1980/36.

(a) Took note of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the work of its twentieth session;¹²¹

(b) Decided that the human settlements programme should be excluded from paragraph 364 (b) of the report and recommended that the recommendation in subparagraph (ii) of paragraph 365 (b) should be ignored;

(c) Decided to endorse the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee, taking into account the reservations and comments made thereon by members of the Committee, and to transmit the report and the views expressed thereon in the Council to the General Assembly for consideration at its thirty-fifth session.

1980/180. World Climate Programme

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 25 July 1980, the Council took note of the oral progress report made by the representative of the World Meteorological Organization on a new World Climate Programme,¹²² pursuant to Council resolution 1978/45 of 1 August 1978 and Council decision 1979/62 of 3 August 1979.

1980/181. Rural development

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 25 July 1980, the Council took note of:

(a) The report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination entitled "Interagency action in rural development: further progress and cost estimates",¹²³ prepared pursuant to Council decision 1979/67 of 3 August 1979;

(b) The comments made by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its twentieth session on interagency action in rural development;¹²⁴

(c) The comments made thereon in the Council at its second regular session of 1980.

1980/182. Consumer protection

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 25 July 1980, the Council:

(a) Took note of the progress report of the Secretary-General on consumer protection;¹²⁵

(b) Decided to request the Secretary-General to take the comments made in the Council at its second regular session of 1980 into full consideration in the preparation of the report to be submitted to it at its second regular session of 1981, pursuant to paragraph 3 of Council resolution 1979/74 of 3 August 1979.

¹²¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/35/38).*

¹²² See E/1980/C.3/SR.5.

¹²³ E/1980/46.

¹²⁴ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/35/38)*, chap. IV, sect. B, and paras. 359-361.

¹²⁵ E/1980/67.

1980/183. The effect of continuing currency instability on the budgets of organizations in the United Nations system

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 25 July 1980, the Council took note of the statement by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on the effect of continuing currency instability on the budgets of organizations in the United Nations system.¹²⁶

1980/184. International co-operation and co-ordination within the United Nations system

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 25 July 1980, the Council:

(a) Took note of the annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination for 1979/80¹²⁷ and of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator;¹²⁸

(b) Decided to consider the report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on expenditures of the United Nations system in relation to programmes¹²⁹ at its resumed second regular session of 1980.

1980/185. Improvement of communication between the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and inter-governmental bodies

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 25 July 1980, the Council decided, in response to General Assembly resolution 34/214, to inform the General Assembly that:

(a) Informal consultations relating to improved communication between intergovernmental bodies and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination had taken place, with the participation of members of the Council and representatives of the specialized agencies and programmes of the United Nations system;

(b) Improvements should be sought, in the first place, in the operation of existing mechanisms, and especially that of the Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, and to this end, informal consultations between representatives of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination would take place, on an experimental basis, early in 1981, to discuss the choice of appropriate subjects for consideration by the Joint Meetings, their timing, venue, preparation and organization;

(c) The Council would keep under further review the improvement of communication between intergovernmental bodies and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and would inform the General Assembly of the outcome of its consideration of the matter.

¹²⁶ E/1980/39 and Corr.1.

¹²⁷ E/1980/34 and Add.1.

¹²⁸ A/35/228.

¹²⁹ E/1980/81.

1980/186. Summary of estimates of programme budget implications of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Council during its first and second regular sessions of 1980

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 25 July 1980, 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 1980.¹³⁰

1980/187. Transmittal of reports to the General Assembly for consideration

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 25 July 1980, the Council:

(a) Expressed its agreement with the suggestion contained in the note by the Secretariat on the organization of the work of the resumed second regular session of 1980 of the Council;¹³¹

¹³⁰ E/1980/109.

¹³¹ See E/1980/L.58, para. 3.

(b) Decided to authorize the Secretary-General to transmit directly to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session:

- (i) The report of the Trade and Development Board,¹³²
- (ii) The report of the Human Rights Committee on the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,¹³³
- (iii) The report of the Council of the United Nations University,¹³⁴
- (iv) The report of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy on its first and second sessions.¹³⁵

¹³² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/35/15).*

¹³³ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 40 (A/35/40).

¹³⁴ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 31 (A/35/31).

¹³⁵ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 43 (A/35/43).