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Since 1978, as part of the new system adopted for symbols of Council documents, the decisions are identified by two arabic numerals separated by an oblique stroke, the first numeral indicating the year, the second the number of the decision in the series (for example: decision 1981/167).

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## RESOLUTIONS

### 1981/45. Role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling its resolutions 1978/60 of 3 August 1978, 1978/75 of 8 November 1978 and 1979/48 of 31 July 1979,

Further recalling General Assembly resolution 34/137 of 14 December 1979, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, invited the Secretary-General to continue his detailed study of the role of the public sector and to submit, through the Economic and Social Council, a comprehensive report to the Assembly at its thirty-eighth session, paying special attention to several aspects of the question indicated in that resolution,

Noting the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,<sup>1</sup> in which it is stressed that due account should be taken of the positive role of the public sector in mobilizing internal resources, formulating and implementing overall national development plans and establishing national priorities,

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

1. Takes note of the progress report of the Secretary-General on the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries;<sup>2</sup>

2. Recommends that the progress report should be transmitted to the General Assembly, together with the comprehensive report of the Secretary-General to be submitted in accordance with Assembly resolution 34/137;

3. Decides to discuss the comprehensive report of the Secretary-General at the second regular session of the Council in 1983;

4. Reaffirms Council resolution 1978/60, in which it, *inter alia*, invited the regional commissions and other appropriate organizations of the United Nations system to assist the Secretary-General regularly in his continuing study of the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to accord high priority to the studies and reports on the role of the public sector in the economic development of developing countries;

6. Recognizes, in this connection, the important role of the International Centre for Public Enterprises in Developing Countries in promoting co-operation among developing countries in this field.

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<sup>1</sup> General Assembly resolution 35/56, annex.

<sup>2</sup> E/1981/66.

### 1981/46. United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling resolution 122 (V) of 3 June 1979 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,<sup>3</sup> by which it endorsed, as one of its major priorities, a Comprehensive New Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries in two phases: an Immediate Action Programme (1979-1981) and a Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s,

Recalling also General Assembly resolutions 34/203 of 19 December 1979 and 35/205 of 16 December 1980, by which the Assembly decided to convene the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, with the objective of finalizing, adopting and supporting the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s,

Noting with great satisfaction that the Conference will be held in Paris in September 1981,

Recalling resolution 887 (XXXVII), adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, held at Nairobi in June 1981, on the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, by which all donors, States Members of the United Nations and international organizations were urged to make firm pledges during the Conference in order to launch effectively, immediately after the Conference, the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the least developed countries, to be finalized and adopted at the Conference,

Noting also General Assembly resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980, by which the Assembly adopted the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, and in particular the subsection on the least developed countries, in which the Assembly stated, *inter alia*, that, as an essential priority within the Strategy, the least developed countries—the economically weakest and poorest countries with the most formidable structural problems—required a special programme of sufficient size and intensity consistent with their national plans and priorities to make a decisive break from their past and present situation and their bleak prospects,<sup>4</sup>

Deeply concerned about the serious and deteriorating economic and social conditions of the least developed countries,

Noting with appreciation that some developed countries have taken positive steps towards the implementation of resolution 122 (V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,

1. Expresses deep concern that the Immediate Action Programme (1979-1981) has not been fully implemented

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> General Assembly resolution 35/56, annex, para. 136.

more than two years after its adoption and nearly at the end of the programme period;

2. *Expresses its gratitude* to those Governments which have provided assistance for the preparation of the forthcoming United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and other United Nations bodies for their efforts in the preparation of the Conference;

4. *Takes note* of the statements made during the Council's second regular session of 1981 on the forthcoming Conference;

5. *Notes with appreciation* that the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity decided, *inter alia*, in resolution 887 (XXXVII), to call upon the current Chairman of the Organization of African Unity to address the Conference on behalf of that Organization;

6. *Urges* all donor Governments and States Members of the United Nations to attend the Conference at the highest possible political level and to make firm commitments to support and implement the measures agreed to at the Conference, in order to launch effectively, immediately after the Conference, the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the least developed countries, to be finalized and adopted at the Conference;

7. *Appeals* to all donor Governments, States Members of the United Nations and appropriate United Nations organizations and programmes to provide substantial financial and material assistance to the least developed countries to support their domestic efforts aimed at promoting rapid and self-sustained socio-economic development, in particular during the 1980s.

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#### **1981/47. Review of the economic situation in Togo with a view to the inclusion of that country in the list of the least developed countries**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 2768 (XXVI) of 18 November 1971, 3487 (XXX) of 12 December 1975, and 32/92 and 32/99 of 13 December 1977, establishing the current list of the least developed countries,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 34/121, 34/123, 34/124, 34/126, 34/131 and 34/132 of 14 December 1979,

*Recalling also* General Assembly resolutions 34/203 and 34/210 of 19 December 1979 and 35/205 of 16 December 1980 concerning the convening of a United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries,

*Having examined* the letter of 6 July 1981 addressed to the President of the Economic and Social Council by the Permanent Representative of Togo to the United

Nations Office and the specialized agencies at Geneva concerning the serious economic situation of his country,<sup>5</sup>

*Requests* the Committee for Development Planning to examine the economic situation of Togo, with a view to including that country in the List of the least developed countries on the basis of existing criteria and the most recent data relating to those criteria and that country, and to make a recommendation concerning Togo for consideration by the Council as early as possible.

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#### **1981/48. Assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Kenya**

*The Economic and Social Council*

*Recommends* to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution at its thirty-sixth session:

*"The General Assembly,*

*"Recalling* its resolutions 35/90 on assistance to the drought-stricken areas in Djibouti, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda, and 35/91 on assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia, of 5 December 1980,

*"Recalling also* Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/43 of 23 July 1980 on international efforts to meet humanitarian needs in emergency situations,

*"Requests* the Secretary-General to send, as a matter of urgency, after consultation with the Government of Kenya and under the terms of General Assembly resolution 35/90, a multi-agency mission to Kenya which would, *inter alia*, survey the drought-stricken areas of the country and assess the short-term, medium-term and long-term needs of the Government in the current situation, and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1982, on the results of the mission and on the progress achieved in the implementation of the present resolution."

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#### **1981/49. International assistance for the rehabilitation, reconstruction and development of Dominica**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 34/19 of 9 November 1979 and 35/102 of 5 December 1980, in which the Assembly expressed deep concern at the magnitude of the damage caused in Dominica by hurricanes "David" and "Frederic" in 1979 and hurricane "Allen" in 1980, and urged the Governments of Member States and international organizations to continue to provide, with the utmost urgency, assistance for the rehabilitation, reconstruction and development of Dominica, as called for in resolution 418 (PLEN.13) adopted on 19 October 1979 by the Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America,<sup>6</sup>

<sup>5</sup> E/1981/94.

<sup>6</sup> See E/CEPAL/PLEN.13/G.6, para. 57.

*Bearing in mind* the oral report of the Secretary-General on assistance to Dominica,<sup>7</sup>

*Concerned* at the continuing gravity of the economic situation in Dominica,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* for the assistance provided so far to Dominica by various States and regional and international organizations;
2. *Urges* Governments of Member States and international organizations to continue to provide, with the utmost urgency, assistance for the rehabilitation, reconstruction and development of Dominica;
3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to keep the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly informed of the results achieved in the implementation of the present resolution.

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#### **1981/50. Composition of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recognizing* the need to enlarge the composition of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations in order to bring it into line with the present membership of the United Nations and with the principle of equitable geographical representation,

1. *Decides* to enlarge the membership of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations from thirteen to nineteen;
2. *Approves* the following amended text of paragraph 1 of rule 80 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council:<sup>8</sup>

"1. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations shall consist of nineteen Members of the United Nations elected for four years on the basis of equitable geographical representation. Accordingly, the membership of the Committee shall include:

- "Five members from African States;
- "Four members from Asian States;
- "Four members from Latin American States;
- "Four members from Western European and other States;
- "Two members from East European States."

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#### **1981/51. Interrelationships between resources, environment, people, and development**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 35/74 of 5 December 1980 on international co-operation in the field of the environment, in which the Secretary-General was requested to take the requisite steps for

the implementation of the recommendations of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the work of the United Nations system on interrelationships between resources, environment, people and development,<sup>9</sup>

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on interrelationships between resources, environment, people and development;<sup>10</sup>
2. *Welcomes* the statement of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation, in which he presented an outline of the elements of a system-wide programme of work on the interrelationships between resources, environment, people and development,<sup>11</sup>

3. *Urgently requests* the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation to finalize the proposals for the system-wide programme of work on interrelationships between resources, environment, people, and development, bearing in mind the above-mentioned outline of the elements, and to submit the proposals to Governments at an early stage, so as to facilitate the full consideration of the programme of work by the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session and to enable the Assembly to take the appropriate decisions for its implementation, also bearing in mind Council resolution 1981/73;

4. *Welcomes* the establishment of the general trust fund for the purpose of facilitating the implementation of the system-wide programme of work to be undertaken pursuant to General Assembly resolution 35/74.

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#### **1981/52. Second Intergovernmental Conference on Strategies and Policies for Informatics**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1978/43 of 1 August 1978 relating to the application of the techniques of informatics to development, which called for a report on the results of the First Intergovernmental Conference on Strategies and Policies for Informatics, held at Torremolinos, Spain, from 28 August to 6 September 1978,

*Recalling further* the recommendations of the First Conference,<sup>12</sup>

*Taking note* of the decision of the General Assembly of the Intergovernmental Bureau for Informatics to convene a second conference on the same theme at Havana in June 1983,

*Having been informed* of the Declaration on Informatics Development and Peace, adopted in Mexico during the

<sup>9</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/35/25)*, annex II.

<sup>10</sup> E/1981/65.

<sup>11</sup> See E/1981/SR.35.

<sup>12</sup> See the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the Conference (E/1978/143/Rev.1).

<sup>7</sup> See E/1981/SR.35.

<sup>8</sup> See E/5715.

preparatory meeting organized by the Intergovernmental Bureau for Informatics in June 1981,

1. *Recommends* that Member States should collaborate in the preparatory activities and the achievement of the objectives of the Second Intergovernmental Conference on Strategies and Policies for Informatics;

2. *Invites* the United Nations and its specialized agencies, particularly the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the International Telecommunication Union, the International Labour Organisation, the World Health Organization and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and also the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, to collaborate actively with the Intergovernmental Bureau for Informatics in the preparations for the Conference;

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General to submit to the Economic and Social Council at a future session a progress report on the preparations for the Second Intergovernmental Conference on Strategies and Policies for Informatics.

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**1981/53. International centre for public accounting and auditing**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 33/193 of 29 January 1979 on preparations for an international development strategy for the third United Nations development decade, particularly section I, paragraph 3 (c), thereof, concerning the development of institutional and physical infrastructure in the various development sectors in the developing countries, and 32/179 of 19 December 1977, 33/144 of 20 December 1978 and 34/137 of 14 December 1979 on the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries,

*Recalling also* its resolutions 1978/6 of 4 May 1978 and 1980/12 of 28 April 1980 on public administration and finance for development in the 1980s, and 1978/60 of 3 August 1978 and 1979/48 of 31 July 1979 on the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries,

*Further recalling* its resolution 1979/47 of 31 July 1979 on public accounting and auditing for national development,

*Reiterating* the necessity and importance of the role of public accounting and auditing in the effective management of national development plans and programmes in developing countries and the urgency of the need to organize training activities at all levels in order to support national efforts to improve the accounting and auditing systems of those countries,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the proposal for the establishment of an international centre for public accounting and auditing,<sup>13</sup> and of the views expressed thereon by Member States;

<sup>13</sup> E/1981/67.

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1982 a feasibility study, including a project proposal for the centre, taking into account work being carried out by existing regional centres and international institutions;

3. *Recognizes* that the proposed centre could serve as a focal point for strengthening international technical co-operation in the field of public accounting and auditing, with a view to:

(a) Promoting the training of trainers and the professionalization of standards for public officials of developing countries, particularly the least developed countries, in the relevant disciplines;

(b) Providing effective support to national, subregional and regional institutes concerned with public accounting and auditing in strengthening their technical and training capabilities;

(c) Promoting co-operation among national and regional supreme audit institutions and accounting agencies of developing countries, with a view to facilitating the exchange of experience and technical expertise and the identification of issues of common interest in the field of training;

(d) Promoting the exchange of experience and information between developed and developing countries in training in the field of public accounting and auditing;

4. *Considers* that the proposed centre would be financed on a voluntary basis.

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**1981/54. 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<sup>14</sup> 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"<sup>15</sup> and "Assistance to the oppressed people of South Africa and their national liberation movement by agencies and institutions within the United Nations system",<sup>16</sup>

*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,<sup>17</sup>

<sup>14</sup> A/36/154 and Add.1.

<sup>15</sup> E/1981/89.

<sup>16</sup> E/1981/90.

<sup>17</sup> See E/1981/C.3/SR.4.

*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 35/29 of 11 November 1980 and Council resolution 1980/50 of 23 July 1980,

*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,

*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 the illegal occupation of their country by the racist minority regime in South Africa,

*Noting* the positive results of the International Conference on Assistance to Refugees in Africa, held at Geneva on 9 and 10 April 1981,<sup>18</sup>

*Deeply concerned* that, while progress has been maintained through the continuing efforts of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in the extension of assistance to refugees from southern Africa, 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 continuing 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 further with satisfaction* the high-level meetings held at Geneva from 13 to 16 April 1981 between representatives of the General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity and the secretariats of the United Nations and organizations within the United Nations system, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 35/117 of 10 December 1980, on the question of co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity,

*Mindful* of the relevant conclusions and recommendations adopted by the International Conference on Sanctions against South Africa, held in Paris from 20 to 27 May 1981,

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 people of Namibia, in particular in connection with 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 regime;

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* regime and mobilize world public opinion against *apartheid*;

7. *Urges* the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system which have so far not granted full membership to the United Nations Council for Namibia to do so without delay;

<sup>18</sup> For the report of the Secretary-General on the Conference, see A/36/316.

8. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Governments and the organizations concerned for their pledges of contributions made at the International Conference on Assistance to Refugees in Africa and urges all Governments and the organizations within the United Nations system to contribute generously to the funds earmarked for assistance to refugees in Africa, in particular those persons displaced as a result of the oppressive rule which the minority racist regime of South Africa imposes in both Namibia and South Africa;

9. *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, including arrangements to defray the cost of the participation of those representatives;

10. *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;

11. *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;

12. *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;

13. *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 1981 of the Council;

14. *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;

15. *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 1982;

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

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#### 1981/55. 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 35/86 of 5 December 1980 and Council resolution 1980/51 of 23 July 1980,

*Recalling further* decision 81/5 of 19 June 1981 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme,<sup>19</sup>

*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,<sup>20</sup>

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 programme in the Sahel;

3. *Calls upon* all Governments to make special efforts to increase the resources of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office through voluntary contributions, including those to be made at the 1981 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities, so as to enable the Office 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. *Requests* the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office to continue its close co-operation with the States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel, with a view to hastening the implementation of the recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region;

5. *Takes note* of the progress made in the implementation of the provisions of paragraphs 4 and 5 of Council resolution 1980/51 aimed at increasing the assistance of the competent organizations of the United Nations system and enhancing the ability of the United Nations 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;

<sup>19</sup> See E/1981/61, annex I; for the final text, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement No. 11 (E/1981/61/Rev.1)*.

<sup>20</sup> A/36/208 and Add.1.



6. *Invites* the Secretary-General to pursue further the consultations envisaged in paragraph 5 of Council resolution 1980/51, with a view to working out specific arrangements for joint undertakings between the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office and the appropriate organs, agencies and programmes of the United Nations;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution to the Council at its second regular session of 1982.

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#### **1981/56. United Nations Children's Fund**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 35/79 of 5 December 1980 and Council resolution 1980/62 of 25 July 1980,

*Having considered* the decisions and conclusions of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund adopted at its session held in New York from 11 to 22 May 1981,<sup>21</sup>

*Reaffirming* the principles and guide-lines for the programme activities of the Fund, in particular its field-oriented and action-oriented approach, as laid down by the Executive Board,

*Fully aware* of the important responsibilities entrusted to the Fund in helping Governments to implement the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

*Noting with appreciation* the full and careful consideration given to those matters by the Executive Board,

1. *Takes note* of the decisions and conclusions of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund, as adopted at its session held in May 1981;

2. *Appeals* to all Governments, especially those that are not contributing at a level commensurate with their capacity, to increase their voluntary contributions to the Fund, if possible on a multi-year basis.

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#### **1981/57. United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

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

<sup>21</sup> See E/1981/L.43; for the final text of the report, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement No. 8* (E/1981/48).

*Recalling also* General Assembly resolution 33/194 of 29 January 1979 on multilateral development assistance for the exploration of natural resources and Council resolution 1979/65 of 3 August 1979,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Working Group of Government Experts of the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration;<sup>22</sup>

2. *Takes note* of decisions 81/8 of 18 June 1981 and 81/24 of 23 June 1981 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme;<sup>23</sup>

3. *Endorses* the recommendations contained in those decisions;

4. *Requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to include in his annual report on the Fund for 1981, to be submitted through the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its twenty-ninth session to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1982, information on co-operation between the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration and other units and organizations of the United Nations system;

5. *Decides* to amend its resolution 1762 (LIV) to read as follows:

(a) *Paragraph 1 (h) (ii)*: "Payments by recipient participating States as specified in project agreements with the Fund";

(b) *Paragraph 1 (i)*, between the words "recipient State;" and the words "in deciding": "the rate of repayment and the length of the repayment period should be on the basis of the pertinent provisions contained in the operational procedures and administrative arrangements approved by the governing body of the Fund";

(c) *Paragraph 1 (m)*: "The Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme shall continue to be the governing body of the Fund";

6. *Urges* all States Members of the United Nations to recognize the need for additional voluntary contributions to the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration, to enable it to fulfil more adequately its mandate for the benefit of developing countries.

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#### **1981/58. High-level Committee 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 Countries<sup>24</sup> and General Assembly resolution

<sup>22</sup> E/1981/23.

<sup>23</sup> See E/1981/61, annex I; for the final text, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement No. 11* (E/1981/61/Rev.1).

<sup>24</sup> *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.

33/134 of 19 December 1978, endorsing the recommendations contained in the Plan of Action,

*Having examined* the report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries on its second session,<sup>25</sup>

*Noting* decisions 81/31 and 81/32 of 26 June 1981 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme<sup>26</sup> concerning technical co-operation among developing countries,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries on its second session;

2. *Commends* to the attention of the General Assembly the report of the High-level Committee and the decisions contained therein.<sup>27</sup>

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### **1981/59. Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme**

*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, 35/56 of 5 December 1980, containing the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, and 35/81 of 5 December 1980, on the comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development,

*Mindful* of the continuing urgent problems of development faced by the peoples of developing countries, and reaffirming that the attainment of the individual and collective self-reliance of the developing countries would make an important contribution to the ultimate solution of those problems,

*Bearing in mind* the role of the United Nations Development Programme in multilateral technical co-operation for the economic and social development of developing countries, as defined by the General Assembly in its resolutions 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 and 3405 (XXX) of 28 November 1975,

*Recalling* its resolution 2024 (LXI) of 4 August 1976 on operational activities for development,

*Recognizing* that the United Nations Development Programme is making an important contribution to the accelerated development of developing countries,

*Having considered* the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its twenty-eighth session,<sup>28</sup>

<sup>25</sup> TCDC/2/19.

<sup>26</sup> See E/1981/61, annex I; for the final text, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement No. 11 (E/1981/61/Rev.1)*.

<sup>27</sup> TCDC/2/19, annex I.

<sup>28</sup> E/1981/61 and Add.1; for the final text, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement No. 11 (E/1981/61/Rev.1)*.

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its twenty-eighth session and the decisions contained therein,<sup>29</sup>

2. *Notes* in particular Governing Council decision 81/16 of 27 June 1981 on the preparation for the third programming cycle, 1982-1986, by which decision 80/30 of 26 June 1980<sup>30</sup> was reaffirmed;

3. *Urges* all Governments to renew their efforts to provide the United Nations Development Programme with the resources necessary to establish the sound financial basis needed to implement the Programme's planned activities for the third programming cycle, 1982-1986, which, for the purpose of forward planning, also assumes an overall average growth of resources of at least 14 per cent;

4. *Reaffirms* the central funding and co-ordinating role of the United Nations Development Programme in the field of technical co-operation within the United Nations system in conformity with the consensus of 1970<sup>31</sup> and General Assembly resolutions 32/197 of 20 December 1977, 33/202 of 29 January 1979 and 35/81 of 5 December 1980, and recommends to the intergovernmental bodies concerned that the need to preserve this role should be taken fully into account in the consideration of new funding arrangements for technical co-operation activities;

5. *Requests* all international organizations participating in the United Nations development system to strengthen their mutual co-ordination, both between headquarters and at the field level, with a view to improving the integration of technical assistance, in particular to enable the resident co-ordinators to act as the central co-ordinating authority on behalf of the United Nations development system at the field level;

6. *Commends* to the attention of the General Assembly the view that the United Nations Capital Development Fund should be authorized to meet the administrative and programme support costs pertaining to its activities from its own resources;

7. *Welcomes* Governing Council decisions 81/20 on the improvement of the methods and procedures for the recruitment of project professional staff and consultants; 81/21 on government execution and management, project design, monitoring and evaluation, and experts financed by the United Nations Development Programme; 81/30 on the establishment of a United Nations Development Programme study programme; and 81/37 on the streamlining and rationalization of the work of the Governing Council, all dated 27 June 1981;

8. *Notes with satisfaction* that the Governing Council, in its decision 81/37, decided that "New and specific ways and means of mobilizing increased resources on an increasingly predictable, continuous and assured basis"

<sup>29</sup> See E/1981/61, annex I.

<sup>30</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1980, Supplement No. 12 (E/1980/42/Rev.1)*, chap. XI.

<sup>31</sup> General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV), annex.

will be the subject of its agenda item on policy review for its twenty-ninth session;<sup>32</sup>

9. *Endorses* Governing Council decision 81/34 of 27 June 1981, by which the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme was requested to continue to provide information on agency regular and extra-budgetary technical co-operation expenditures financed from sources other than the United Nations Development Programme, until alternative arrangements for the provision of such data have been made within the United Nations system.

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#### **1981/60. World Communications Year: development of communications infrastructures**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recognizing* the fundamental importance of communications infrastructures in all countries as essential elements in their economic and social development,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 32/160 of 19 December 1977 on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa, which proposed the designation of one year during the Decade as World Communications Year,

*Recalling also* General Assembly resolution 35/109 of 5 December 1980 on the World Communications Year, by which the Assembly endorsed the arrangements made by the Council concerning the Year,

*Recalling further* Council resolution 1980/69 of 23 July 1980, whereby the Council requested the Secretary-General to continue consultations with Governments and to submit revised proposals on programmes for the Year, and designated the International Telecommunication Union as the lead agency for the Year and requested it to submit a report on the state of preparations for the Year,

*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 to stimulate the accelerated development of communications infrastructures,

*Having taken into account* the guide-lines for future international years,<sup>33</sup>

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General containing the proposed programme of activities,<sup>34</sup> the comments of the Administrative Council of the International Telecommunication Union thereon<sup>35</sup> and the report of the lead agency on the state of preparations for the Year and, in particular, on the financial resources that had already been pledged for the Year and pro-

grammes that might be of interest to developing countries,<sup>36</sup>

*Welcoming* the progress made by the United Nations system and Governments in preparations for the Year,

1. *Proposes* that 1983 should be the World Communications Year;

2. *Recommends* that the General Assembly, at its thirty-sixth session, should proclaim the year 1983 as "World Communications Year: development of communications infrastructures", provided that all preliminary arrangements for its financing from voluntary contributions have been finalized before the adoption of the final decision;

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union to continue preparations and the mobilization of resources for the Year;

4. *Invites further* the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union, in preparing for the World Communications Year, to co-operate closely with the competent organizations and agencies in the United Nations system, especially the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Universal Postal Union, taking full account of their respective terms of reference, in order to avoid overlapping and duplication;

5. *Invites also* Governments to continue to participate actively in and to contribute to the programme of activities for the Year.

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#### **1981/61. Global Strategy for Health for All by the Year 2000**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 34/58 of 29 November 1979 entitled "Health as an integral part of development",

*Having considered* the Global Strategy for Health for All by the Year 2000 and the progress report thereon submitted by the Director-General of the World Health Organization,<sup>37</sup>

1. *Commends* to the attention of the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session the full text of the Global Strategy for Health for All by the Year 2000;<sup>38</sup>

2. *Recommends* to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

*"The General Assembly,*

*"Recalling* its resolution 34/58 of 29 November 1979 concerning health as an integral part of development,

*"Noting with approval* resolution WHA34.36, by which the Thirty-fourth World Health Assembly unanimously adopted on 22 May 1981 the Global Strategy for Health for All by the Year 2000,

<sup>32</sup> For the provisional agenda for the twenty-ninth session, see Governing Council decision 81/45 of 1 July 1981.

<sup>33</sup> See General Assembly decision 35/424.

<sup>34</sup> E/1981/70.

<sup>35</sup> E/1981/70/Add.1.

<sup>36</sup> E/1981/70/Add.2.

<sup>37</sup> E/1981/88.

<sup>38</sup> Issued by the World Health Organization under the symbol A34/5.

"Considering that the Global Strategy fully reflects the spirit of General Assembly resolution 34/58,

"Considering that peace and security are important conditions for the preservation and improvement of the health of all people and that co-operation among nations on vital health issues can contribute substantially to peace,

"Noting further that the Global Strategy is based upon the principles of the Declaration of Alma-Ata<sup>39</sup> on primary health care, which implies an integrated approach to the solution of health care problems and requires the fullest support and involvement of all economic and social development sectors,

"Recognizing that the implementation of the Global Strategy will constitute a valuable contribution to the improvement of overall socio-economic conditions, and thus to the fulfilment of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

1. *Endorses* the Global Strategy for Health for All by the Year 2000 as a major contribution of Member States to the attainment of the world-wide social goal of health for all by the year 2000 and to the fulfilment of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade;

"2. *Urges* all Member States to ensure the implementation of the Global Strategy as part of their multi-sectoral efforts to implement the provisions contained in the International Development Strategy;

"3. *Also urges* all Member States to co-operate with one another and with the World Health Organization to ensure that the necessary international action is taken to implement the Global Strategy as part of the fulfilment of the International Development Strategy;

"4. *Requests* all appropriate organizations and institutions of the United Nations, including the United Nations Children's Fund, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations Fund for Population Activities and the World Bank, to collaborate fully with the World Health Organization in carrying out the Global Strategy;

"5. *Also requests* the Director-General of the World Health Organization to ensure that measures to implement the Global Strategy are taken into account in the review and appraisal of the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade."<sup>40</sup>

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## 1981/62. Consumer protection

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1979/74 of 3 August 1979,

*Considering* the increasing need for the effective protection of consumers, particularly in developing countries, against practices harmful to the interests of consumers,

*Conscious* of the need for reliance on an international basic policy framework that provides guidance and encouragement for further efforts in consumer protection on a world-wide scale,

<sup>39</sup> See World Health Organization, *Primary Health Care: Report of the International Conference on Primary Health Care, Alma-Ata, USSR, 6-12 September 1978* (Geneva, 1978).

<sup>40</sup> See General Assembly resolution 35/56, annex, para. 175.

*Taking into account* that the primary responsibility for consumer protection rests with each State,

*Having considered* the comprehensive report of the Secretary-General on consumer protection,<sup>41</sup>

*Having noted* the recommendations of the Regional Consultation on consumer protection organized by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and held at Bangkok from 2 to 8 June 1981,<sup>42</sup>

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on consumer protection and recommends that Governments should take his recommendations into account in the formulation of consumer protection policy measures at the national and international levels;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, drawing upon the views of individual Member States, United Nations organs, agencies and programmes concerned, and the regional commissions, to continue consultations on consumer protection, within existing resources, with the aim of pursuing, *inter alia*, the elaboration of a set of general guidelines for consumer protection, taking particularly into account the needs of the developing countries and, in the light of his findings, to submit a report with appropriate proposals, covering, *inter alia*, the possibility of convening an intergovernmental meeting on the guidelines, to the Council at its second regular session of 1983.

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## 1981/63. Strengthening of the co-ordination of information systems

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its interest in the co-ordination of information systems as expressed in Council resolution 1889 (LVII) of 31 July 1974, in which it recommended, *inter alia*, that the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination should strengthen the Inter-Organization Board for Information Systems and its staff,

*Aware* of the concern and serious need of recipients of services of the United Nations system for the strengthening of the planning and delivery of effective activities,

*Recognizing* the importance, for maximizing the development activities of the United Nations system in favour of developing countries, of the harmonization of information systems,

*Stressing* the importance to all Member States of easily accessible comprehensive information on the applications of the resources made available to the United Nations system,

*Emphasizing* the importance of rationalizing, co-ordinating and ensuring the useful compatibility of hardware, software, and data-set information systems,

<sup>41</sup> E/1981/75.

<sup>42</sup> See E/1981/C.3/L.2.

Recalling the recommendations for the strengthening of the Inter-Organization Board for Information Systems made by the Joint Inspection Unit in its report concerning the co-ordination of information systems,<sup>43</sup>

1. *Endorses* the recommendation of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its twenty-first session that the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination should review its decision 1981/3, by which it had terminated the operational functions of the Inter-Organization Board for Information Systems and abolished its secretariat;<sup>44</sup>

2. *Affirms* that timely and accurate information on the activities, resources, results and findings of the United Nations system is important to Governments in enabling them to participate more effectively in the programme planning and evaluation process;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1982, including the agreed recommendations of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on methods of enhancing the effectiveness of the co-ordination of the information systems in the United Nations system, bearing in mind the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit;

4. *Requests* the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to include in the recommendations called for in paragraph 3 above a detailed proposal for ensuring the cost-effective compatibility of computerized information systems, including the continued elaboration of vocabularies of common terminology;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, to engage immediately, within the limits of existing resources, independent recognized experts to prepare recommendations which will assist in developing the proposals and recommendations mentioned in paragraphs 3 and 4 above.

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#### **1981/64. Implementation by the United Nations system of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade**

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

<sup>43</sup> JIU/REP/78/7; transmitted to the General Assembly by a note of the Secretary-General (A/34/153).

<sup>44</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/36/38)*, para. 449.

Recalling also the goals, objectives and policy measures set out in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,<sup>45</sup>

*Taking note with appreciation* of the statements made by the President of the Economic and Social Council and the Secretary-General at the opening of the second regular session of 1981 of the Council,<sup>46</sup> the concluding statement of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation<sup>47</sup> and other statements made during the general discussion of international economic and social policy, including regional and sectoral developments, at that session,

*Taking note also* of the *World Economic Survey, 1980-1981*,<sup>48</sup> the report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination Task Force on Long-Term Development Objectives on its eight session,<sup>49</sup> the conclusions of the Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade<sup>50</sup> and the report of the Committee for Development Planning on its seventeenth session,<sup>51</sup>

1. *Reiterates* the need to strengthen international economic co-operation for development within the multilateral framework of the United Nations system, in which the General Assembly has the central role;

2. *Calls upon* all organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to apply the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade as a policy framework in the formulation and implementation of their programmes of work and medium-term plans;

3. *Urges* the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to continue its efforts to assess on a system-wide basis the world economic situation and prospects in the perspective of long-term development objectives and in the overall context of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade and the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to bring to the attention of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly the results of those system-wide assessments;

4. *Requests* the Committee for Development Planning to carry out future work in relation to the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, as envisaged in chapter V of its report on its seventeenth session;

<sup>45</sup> General Assembly resolution 35/56, annex.

<sup>46</sup> See E/1981/SR.20.

<sup>47</sup> See E/1981/SR.34.

<sup>48</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No. E.81.II.C.2.

<sup>49</sup> E/1981/71.

<sup>50</sup> See E/1981/86, para. 36.

<sup>51</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement No. 7 (E/1981/27)*.

5. *Recommends* that the General Assembly should keep under review the implementation of the present resolution.

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**1981/65. Expansion of the conference facilities of the Economic Commission for Africa at Addis Ababa**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* that the Economic Commission for Africa was established at Addis Ababa in 1958,

*Appreciating* the important contribution made by the Commission to the development of Africa over the past two decades,

*Recalling* that the present conference facilities of the Commission were made available by the Government of Ethiopia,

*Further recalling* that the conference facilities were designed to service the limited number of African countries that were States Members of the United Nations in the late 1950s,

*Noting with satisfaction* the increase in the number of independent States of Africa as a result of the process of decolonization,

*Noting further* that there are at present fifty African States Members of the United Nations and that there is the prospect of others joining the United Nations family,

*Recalling* the Lagos Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Monrovia Strategy for the Economic Development of Africa,<sup>52</sup> adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its second extraordinary session, held at Lagos on 28 and 29 April 1980,

*Mindful* of the heavy responsibilities entrusted to the Economic Commission for Africa for the implementation of the Lagos Plan of Action in the decades to come,

*Noting* that the present conference facilities at the headquarters of the Commission may be insufficient to meet the needs of the large number of African States that have become members of the Commission since its establishment and the growing number of international, inter-governmental and regional organizations participating in conferences,

*Requests* the General Assembly to entrust the Secretary-General, within existing resources, with a study on the adequacy of conference facilities at the headquarters of the Economic Commission for Africa to meet the demands thereon as a result of its enlarged membership and increased activities and to ask him to report, through the Commission and through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1982, to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session.

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<sup>52</sup> See A/S-11/14, annex I.

**1981/66. Regional co-operation**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on regional co-operation,<sup>53</sup>

*Noting with appreciation* the statements made to the Council by the executive secretaries of the regional commissions during the general discussion of international economic and social policy, including regional and sectoral developments, held at the second regular session of 1981 of the Council,

*Recognizing* the need to intensify and expedite the efforts to decentralize economic and social activities to the regional commissions, as envisaged by the General Assembly in its resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system,

*Conscious* of the desirability of decentralizing administrative and management responsibilities to the regional commissions as part of the transfer to them of substantive activities,

*Aware* that the regional commissions for Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Latin America and Western Asia adopted, at their plenary sessions in 1981, resolutions relating to General Assembly resolutions 32/197 of 20 December 1977 and 33/202 of 29 January 1979, and to Assembly decision 35/440 of 16 December 1980,<sup>54</sup>

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on regional co-operation;

2. *Recommends* that the General Assembly, in considering the report of the Secretary-General referred to in its decision 35/440 and the resolutions adopted by the regional commissions pursuant to that decision, should request all intergovernmental organizations and the Secretariat bodies concerned to intensify and expedite the decentralization of economic and social activities to the regional commissions within the overall context of Assembly resolution 32/197;

3. *Requests* the General Assembly accordingly to consider accelerating the redeployment to the regional commissions of staff and financial resources commensurate with the substantive activities which are being transferred to them.

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**1981/67. Transport and Communications Decade in Africa**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 1979/61 of 3 August 1979 and 1980/46 of 23 July 1980 on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,

<sup>53</sup> E/1981/80 and Add.1 and 2.

<sup>54</sup> See resolutions 427 (XVI) of the Economic Commission for Africa, 219 (XXXVII) of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, 431 (XIX) of the Economic Commission for Latin America and 105 (VIII) of the Economic Commission for Western Asia.

*Mindful* of the decision of the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning, at its meeting held at Addis Ababa from 9 to 12 May 1979, in which the Conference 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,<sup>55</sup>

*Conscious* of the need, during the Decade, to implement fully national, regional and subregional projects geared towards the establishment of an integrated transport and communications network in Africa in support of the accelerated development of the African region,

*Considering* the need for sustained efforts to mobilize additional resources for the implementation of the programme for the Decade,

*Recalling* the decision of the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning at its second meeting, held at Addis Ababa from 16 to 18 March 1981, in which the Conference authorized the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to organize four technical consultative meetings between member States, African intergovernmental organizations concerned and donors,<sup>56</sup>

*Mindful* of the role of the Economic Commission for Africa as the lead agency in the implementation of the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,

*Bearing in mind* resolution 422 (XVI) of 10 April 1981, adopted at the seventh meeting of the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa, held at Freetown from 6 to 11 April 1981, in which, *inter alia*, the Conference requested the Executive Secretary of the Commission, in collaboration with the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity, to embark urgently on the preparation of the plan of action for the second phase of the Decade,<sup>57</sup>

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 35/108 of 5 December 1980, in which the Assembly requested that the above-mentioned technical consultative meetings be organized by the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa, and also requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Council, at its second regular session of 1981, a progress report on the implementation of the programme for the Decade,

1. *Notes* the report of the Secretary-General on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa;<sup>58</sup>

2. *Takes note* of the technical consultative meeting on transport and communications for the West African subregion, held at Lomé from 8 to 11 June 1981, and the report on the meeting prepared by the Economic Commission for Africa;<sup>59</sup>

3. *Notes with appreciation* the contribution made by some countries towards the implementation of the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa;

4. *Expresses disappointment*, however, at the overall level of resources so far made available, which is far short of that required for financing the subregional programme, and appeals to donor countries, the funding agencies and the various financing institutions to step up their financial support for regional and subregional projects of the Decade;

5. *Further notes with appreciation* the steps taken by the Commission with regard to the scheduling of the remaining technical consultative meetings, which will be held, respectively, at Yaoundé (28 to 30 September 1981), Abidjan (27 to 30 November 1981) and Ouagadougou (20 to 23 January 1982);

6. *Requests* the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to make the report of the technical consultative meeting to be held at Yaoundé in September 1981 available to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session, and also to make available reports on the technical consultative meetings to be held at Abidjan and Ouagadougou to the Council at its second regular session of 1982;

7. *Reiterates* its appeal to States members of the Economic Commission for Africa to accord the highest priority in their development plans to transport and communication projects;

8. *Urges* the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to maintain close collaboration with member States, the Organization of African Unity, the regional African development organizations, the development institutions and the specialized agencies concerned in updating, on a regular basis, the programme for the first phase of the Decade;

9. *Calls upon* member States of the Organization of African Unity to intensify efforts in exploring possible sources of finance to execute projects adopted for the Decade;

10. *Requests* the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to maintain co-ordination between funding agencies and African countries in ensuring the successful implementation of the programme for the first phase of the Decade;

11. *Further requests* the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity, to proceed as early as possible with the preparation of the plan of action for the second phase of the Decade;

12. *Recommends* that the General Assembly should give further consideration to measures that would enable the Economic Commission for Africa to carry out its role in initiating and accomplishing the preparation of the programme for the second phase of the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa.

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<sup>55</sup> See E/CN.14/726, part VI, resolutions ECA/UNTACDA/RES.79/1 and 3.

<sup>56</sup> See E/CN.14/812.

<sup>57</sup> For the text of the resolution, see A/36/342, annex IV.

<sup>58</sup> A/36/342.

<sup>59</sup> DEC/TRANSCOM/ESC/R/81/Add.1.

**1981/68. Particular problems facing Zaire with regard to transport, transit and access to foreign markets**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling resolution 293 (XIII), adopted on 26 February 1977 by the Economic Commission for Africa at its thirteenth session (fourth meeting of the Conference of Ministers),<sup>60</sup> and Council decision 249 (LXIII) of 25 July 1977,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 32/160 of 19 December 1977, in which the Assembly recalled Council resolution 2097 (LXIII) of 29 July 1977 and proclaimed the period 1978-1988 as the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,

Recalling further resolution 110 (V) of 3 June 1979, adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its fifth session, held at Manila from 7 May to 3 June 1979,<sup>61</sup>

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 34/193 of 19 December 1979, requesting the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps to enable the Economic Commission for Africa to accelerate the implementation of Conference resolution 110 (V),

Aware of the particular difficulties confronting Zaire as a result of the problems encountered in its foreign trade with regard to transport, transit and access to foreign markets,

Convinced that this situation is prejudicial to the development of the Zairian economy,

1. *Recommends* that the Secretary-General and the General Assembly should give strong support to efforts by the appropriate organs of the United Nations to provide the necessary technical assistance as soon as possible, so that studies on the particular problems facing Zaire with regard to transport, transit and access to foreign markets can be undertaken and completed without delay;

2. *Requests* the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to give urgent consideration to the question of financing the studies requested in General Assembly resolutions 34/193 of 19 December 1979 and 35/59 of 5 December 1980 and to report to the Assembly at its thirty-sixth session;

3. *Invites* the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to take all the measures necessary to ensure the full implementation of General Assembly resolution 34/193 and to submit the conclusions of his studies to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1982.

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<sup>60</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 7 (E/5941 and Add.1), vol. I, part III.*

<sup>61</sup> 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.

**1981/69. Human settlements**

**A**

**International co-operation in the field of human settlements**

*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 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,

Further recalling its resolution 1980/47 of 23 July 1980 on international co-operation in the field of human settlements,

Affirming the importance of the role which human settlements activities can play in fostering national economic and social development,

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

Noting that the promotion of human settlements development has been recognized as a distinct and important policy measure for the attainment of the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980,

Having considered the report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the work of its fourth session,<sup>62</sup>

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

2. *Recommends* to the General Assembly for consideration and decision those resolutions and decisions adopted by the Commission at its fourth session which require action by the Assembly;

3. *Welcomes* the adoption by the Commission of the work programme for the biennium 1982-1983 of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)<sup>63</sup> and its approval of the draft medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989;<sup>64</sup>

4. *Notes* the need for adequate financing for the proper implementation of the projected activities set

<sup>62</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 8 (A/36/8).*

<sup>63</sup> *Ibid.*, annex I, sect. B, decision 4/18.

<sup>64</sup> *Ibid.* decision 4/17.



out in the draft work programme and programme budget of the Centre for the biennium 1982-1983<sup>65</sup> and the draft medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989;<sup>66</sup>

5. *Reiterates* the urgent appeal by the Centre to Member States to continue and, if possible, to increase their contributions, and to those that have not yet contributed, particularly developed countries and other countries in a position to do so, to make voluntary contributions to the activities of the Centre;

6. *Calls upon* the United Nations Commission on Human Settlements to take account of and to provide adequate support to technical co-operation among developing countries in the formulation and implementation of its programmes on human settlements;

7. *Stresses* the importance of the Centre in providing its project and advisory assistance to developing countries, particularly the least developed countries.

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## B

### **Proposal to declare an international year of shelter for the homeless**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 35/76 of 5 December 1980, in which the Assembly expressed the view that an international year devoted to the problems of homeless people in urban and rural areas in the developing countries could be an appropriate occasion to focus the attention of the international community on those problems, and requested the Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) to submit a report to the Council, through the Commission on Human Settlements at its fourth session, on the implications of declaring such an international year,

*Considering* that human settlements activities constitute an important policy measure for the attainment of the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980,

*Considering also* that the improvement of human settlements is one of the essential elements for enhancing the quality of life,

*Taking note* of the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)<sup>67</sup> and of the note of the Secretary-General on the proposal to declare an international year devoted to the problems of the homeless,<sup>68</sup>

*Noting* the recommendation set forth by the Commission on Human Settlements in its resolution 4/2 of 6 May 1981 that the General Assembly should proclaim 1986 as the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless,

*Recalling* in this context Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67 of 25 July 1980, in the annex to which are set forth the guide-lines for future international years,

1. *Recommends* to the General Assembly the year 1987 as an appropriate year for the holding of the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless, provided that the arrangements necessary for its financing have been made, which should in principle be based on voluntary contributions;

2. *Also recommends* that the General Assembly should, at its thirty-sixth session, request the Secretary General to prepare a report on the financial and organizational implications of holding the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless in 1987, to be submitted, through the Commission on Human Settlements at its fifth session, to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1982.

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## C

### **Renewable sources of energy for human settlements**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1980/47 of 23 July 1980, by which it called upon the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) 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, to be held at Nairobi in August 1981, and to report thereon, through the Commission on Human Settlements, to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1981,

*Noting* Commission on Human Settlements decision 4/23 of 6 May 1981, in which the Commission requested the Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) to forward his report<sup>69</sup> and any other documents or reports which he might prepare for the Conference to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1981,

*Noting with satisfaction* the report on renewable sources of energy for human settlements,<sup>70</sup> submitted by the Centre,

1. *Welcomes* the contributions made by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) to the preparations for the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy;

<sup>65</sup> See HS/C/4/6.

<sup>66</sup> See HS/C/4/5.

<sup>67</sup> HS/C/4/2/Add.2.

<sup>68</sup> E/1981/83.

<sup>69</sup> HS/C/4/2/Add.3.

<sup>70</sup> E/1981/82.

2. *Requests* the Executive Director of the Centre to make available the relevant reports and documents prepared by the Centre, including the report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the work of its fourth session and the report on renewable sources of energy for human settlements, to the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy;

3. *Also requests* the Executive Director, within the framework of the work programme of the Centre, to initiate follow-up activities involving research and development, technical co-operation and the dissemination of information in the field of energy as it relates to human settlements, based on the recommendations for action contained in the report on new and renewable sources of energy for human settlements.<sup>71</sup>

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### 1981/70. World Food Day

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Considering* that food is a requisite for human survival and well-being and a fundamental human necessity,

*Recalling* resolution 1/79 of 28 November 1979, adopted by the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations at its twentieth session,<sup>72</sup> and General Assembly resolution 35/70 of 5 December 1980, calling for the annual observance of World Food Day on 16 October, the anniversary of the founding of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in 1945,

*Recalling also* that the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations was established to take all necessary and appropriate action for "ensuring humanity's freedom from hunger",<sup>73</sup>

*Urges* Governments and national, regional and international organizations to contribute to the greatest possible extent to the effective celebration of World Food Day on 16 October 1981.

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### 1981/71. Food and agriculture

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, contained in General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,

<sup>71</sup> *Ibid.*, paras. 13-22.

<sup>72</sup> See *Report of the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Twentieth Session, Rome, 10-28 November 1979* (C 79/REP and Corr.2), para. 43.

<sup>73</sup> See *Basic Texts of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, vols. I and II (1980 edition)*, vol. I, Constitution, preamble, p. 3.

contained in Assembly resolution 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, Assembly resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation, and the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, contained in Assembly resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980, which laid the foundations for the new international economic order,

*Reaffirming* General Assembly resolutions 35/68 on the report of the World Food Council and 35/69 on the situation of food and agriculture in Africa, adopted on 5 December 1980,

*Welcoming* the report of the World Food Council on its seventh ministerial session, held at Novi Sad, Yugoslavia, from 25 to 29 May 1981,<sup>74</sup>

*Expressing its appreciation* to the Government and people of Yugoslavia for acting as hosts to the Council at that session and for the generous hospitality accorded to the participants,

*Emphasizing* the need for the implementation of effective measures at the national and international levels for accelerating the rate of growth in food and agricultural production in developing countries, with a view to achieving the 4 per cent growth rate in food production, as envisaged in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

*Recognizing* that the long-term solution to the problems of food and agriculture in the developing countries involves the overall development of those countries within the framework of the reordering of economic conditions on a world-wide basis,

*Noting with concern* the lack of progress in the negotiations for a new Wheat Trade Convention and recognizing the implications of such a convention for world food security,

*Noting also* the sixth annual report of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes,<sup>75</sup>

*Considering* that food is a requisite for human survival and well-being and a fundamental human necessity,

*Recognizing* that the long-term solution in respect of food security rests upon increased food production and the accelerated development of the developing countries,

*Recognizing also* that a substantial increase in the export earnings of developing countries is essential if they are to finance adequately their overall economic development and their imports of food and of agricultural inputs, and that trade barriers constitute a serious handicap to the international community in its efforts to overcome recession and inflation and to expand overall productivity, and in particular to the developing countries in their efforts to realize their economic potential,

*Taking note with satisfaction* of the efforts made by food-exporting developing and developed countries in contributing to the Food Aid Convention,<sup>76</sup>

<sup>74</sup> WFC/1981/17; for the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 19* (A/36/19).

<sup>75</sup> WFP/CFA: 11/18.

<sup>76</sup> For the text of the Convention, see TD/WHEAT.6/13.

*Bearing in mind* paragraph 5 of the report of the World Food Council on its seventh ministerial session,

1. *Expresses its grave concern* at the continuing precarious nature of the food situation in low-income developing countries with food deficits, particularly the least developed countries;

2. *Emphasizes* that the various measures of international assistance in favour of African agriculture and food development, specified by the General Assembly in resolution 35/69, demand the continued and increased efforts of the international community and, in particular, of the appropriate organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system;

3. *Notes* that the World Food Council, at its seventh ministerial session, emphasized the need to adopt, according to priorities identified in the field of food, comprehensive national and international measures, with a view to attaining the aims and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade concerning the promotion of food and agricultural development in the developing countries;

4. *Recognizes* that the elimination of hunger and malnutrition is the common responsibility of the international community and that immediate action should concentrate on the food problems of those developing countries with inadequate food production, and also that the solution of food problems requires, in the first instance, determined action by the developing countries and that in this context they need the increased support of the international community;

5. *Welcomes* the decision of the International Monetary Fund to integrate compensation for excesses in the costs of cereal imports with that for shortfalls in receipts from exports under its compensatory financing facility;

6. *Calls upon* existing and new donor countries to achieve without delay the minimum target of the Food Aid Convention of 10 million tons of cereal aid annually,<sup>77</sup> as well as the minimum target of 500,000 tons of grains for the International Emergency Food Reserve, as agreed upon in the relevant decisions of the General Assembly;

7. *Urges* developed countries, international institutions, and others able to provide development assistance, to increase external assistance to the food sector, for which an estimated necessary element of external assistance is \$8.3 billion, increasing to \$12.5 billion by 1990 (both amounts in 1975 prices), to take urgent steps for the adequate and equitable replenishment of the resources of the International Fund for Agricultural Development and to conclude the replenishment of those of the International Development Association;

8. *Calls upon* all countries to consider, within the framework of their national priorities, strengthening national food security;

9. *Calls upon* all donor countries to facilitate the increased transfer of resources in support of the efforts of developing countries to increase their food and agricultural production, so as to enable them to achieve self-

reliance in the production of grain and to set up the corresponding infrastructure;

10. *Urges*, in the context of the present resolution on food and agriculture, effective measures to move towards the reduction, and the elimination, where appropriate, of barriers to trade, especially those affecting agricultural products of export interest to developing countries, and that in this connection all industrialized countries should consider the adoption or extension of the generalized system of preferences or of other preferences to cover, as appropriate, a wide range of agricultural commodities, particularly semi-processed and processed ones;

11. *Urges* the international community, in adopting multilateral measures in the food sector, to take into account, in particular, the problems and interests of food-producing and food-exporting developing countries;

12. *Urges* the conclusion as soon as possible of a new Wheat Trade Convention, which will include substantial economic provisions to safeguard the interests of both exporters and importers and will recognize the need for the application of special provisions to developing countries;

13. *Urges* the World Food Council, within the context of its mandate from the General Assembly<sup>78</sup> and in an effort to mobilize and sustain greater efforts in the struggle to overcome hunger, to continue to review major problems and policy issues and the steps being taken to resolve them, and to continue to serve as a mechanism to provide overall, 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 the agencies of the United Nations system;

14. *Reaffirms* that food objectives are intimately related to global development and that positive progress in this area could strongly influence the prospects for progress in other areas of the International Development Strategy;

15. *Expresses satisfaction* at the growing number of countries adopting a more integrated approach to food policy as one of the means for interested developing countries to translate their own priorities into effective action, to mobilize, within the context of their national development plans and priorities, increased technical and financial resources and to secure co-operation from international development assistance agencies;

16. *Reaffirms* that food strategies and policies, in accordance with the principle of respect for national sovereignty, remain the concern of the countries adopting them;

17. *Calls upon* the international community to encourage and accord high priority to support for the efforts of developing countries to strengthen and supplement their programmes of mutual co-operation in the field of food and agriculture;

18. *Calls upon* Governments concerned to implement agrarian reform and rural development within the framework of their national plans and objectives, in accordance

<sup>77</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly. Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 19 (A/35/19)*, part one, para. 32.

<sup>78</sup> See General Assembly resolution 3348 (XXIX), para. 7.

with the recommendations as adopted at the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development;<sup>79</sup>

19. *Notes* the suggestion made by the World Food Council at its seventh ministerial session that national and international efforts should be stepped up for the training of skilled national staff, that the maximum encouragement should be given to highly qualified agricultural specialists from developing countries to continue working in or to return to those countries, and that measures to avoid the drain of such personnel to developed countries should be considered.<sup>80</sup>

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### **1981/72. Implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, particularly Assembly resolutions 32/172 of 19 December 1977, 34/187 of 18 December 1979 and 35/72 of 5 December 1980, and Council resolution 1980/52 of 23 July 1980,

*Recalling also* decision 9/22 of 26 May 1981 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme,<sup>81</sup> and decision 81/4 of 19 June 1981 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme,<sup>82</sup>

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

*Having considered* the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification,<sup>83</sup> and the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its ninth session,<sup>84</sup>

1. *Notes with appreciation* the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification, submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 33/88 of

<sup>79</sup> See Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, *Report of the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development, Rome, 12-20 July 1979* (WCARRD/REP); transmitted to the General Assembly by a note of the Secretary-General (A/34/485).

<sup>80</sup> See WFC/1981/17, part one, para. 13.

<sup>81</sup> See UNEP/GC.9/15 and Corr.1, annex I; for the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 25* (A/36/25).

<sup>82</sup> See E/1981/61, annex I; for the final text, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement No. 11* (E/1981/61/Rev.1).

<sup>83</sup> E/1981/C.1/L.6.

<sup>84</sup> UNEP/GC.9/15 and Corr.1; for the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 25* (A/36/25).

15 December 1978, 34/187 and 35/72, and transmits it to the General Assembly for consideration, noting with satisfaction the decision of the Governing Council to include Benin among the countries eligible to receive assistance through the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office;<sup>85</sup>

2. *Expresses its satisfaction* at the progress made by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, on behalf of the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Development Programme, in assisting the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region in the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;<sup>86</sup>

3. *Welcomes* the decisions of the Governing Councils of the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Development Programme on the further continuation of the joint venture of the two Programmes aimed at ensuring the timely and effective provision of assistance to the group of designated countries by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, on behalf of the United Nations Environment Programme, in combating desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region;

4. *Expresses its gratitude* to the Governments, agencies of the United Nations system, intergovernmental organizations and other organizations that have contributed to the implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;

5. *Urges* all Governments, organizations, organs and other bodies of the United Nations system, as well as other intergovernmental organizations and other organizations, to intensify their assistance either bilaterally or through the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office or any other intermediary, in response to the priority requirements of the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region;

6. *Requests* the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programmes to continue to report annually on the implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification.

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### **1981/73. International co-operation on the environment**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980 on the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

*Reaffirming* the need for further international co-operation in the field of the environment and reiterating that environmental considerations should be viewed in the context of the national plans and priorities and development objectives of all countries, in particular the developing countries,

*Having regard* to General Assembly resolution 35/74 of 5 December 1980, in which the Assembly decided,

<sup>85</sup> See UNEP/GC.9/15 and Corr.1, annex I, decision 9/22 B.

<sup>86</sup> A/CONF.74/36, chap. I.

*inter alia*, to convene, in 1982, a session of a special character of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme,

*Having considered* the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the work of its ninth session,<sup>87</sup> the note by the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme on the work on the interrelationships between resources, environment, people and development,<sup>88</sup> prepared on the basis of the recommendations of a high-level group of experts, as well as the reports of the Governing Council concerning the contribution of the United Nations Environment Programme to the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy<sup>89</sup> and on marine pollution,<sup>90</sup>

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the work of its ninth session;

2. *Also takes note* of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme concerning the contribution of the Programme to the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy, submitted in pursuance of Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/49 of 23 July 1980; supports the appeal of the Governing Council to the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy that the Conference should give sufficient emphasis and attach high priority to uses of new and renewable energy sources which would make it possible to tackle the major problem of fuel wood;<sup>91</sup> invites the Conference to give serious consideration to the environmental effects of the production and use of various renewable sources of energy; and considers that the Programme should have an active role in the follow-up to the Conference, as regards the relationship between new and renewable sources of energy and the environment;

3. *Notes with appreciation* the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on marine pollution and the report of the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization on the same subject,<sup>92</sup> submitted in pursuance of paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 34/183 of 18 December 1979, and transmits them to the General Assembly for consideration;

4. *Calls upon* the United Nations Environment Programme to play its role fully in the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, and stresses the need for all Governments and United Nations agencies to take environmental considerations fully into account when participating in negotiations and conferences

organized by the United Nations on subjects other than environmental ones, such as the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

5. *Endorses* in principle, as recommended by the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme,<sup>93</sup> the proposals made by the high-level group of experts with regard to the programme of work on the interrelationships between resources, environment, people and development<sup>94</sup> and the important role that the Programme should assume in this regard consistent with its mandate, invites the General Assembly to request the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation to provide for the implementation of those proposals within the context of the programme of work to be established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 35/74, taking into account Economic and Social Council resolution 1981/51, and takes note of the views expressed by the Governing Council on the report of the Secretary-General on the interrelationships between resources, environment, people and development,<sup>95</sup>

6. *Requests* organs and organizations of the United Nations system to take fully into account the view of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination that the System-wide Medium-term Environment Programme should be seen not only as a document of use to the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme, but also, to the extent relevant to their particular mandates, as a document of basic interest to the governing bodies of other United Nations organizations,<sup>96</sup> and expresses its appreciation of the continued efforts made by the United Nations Environment Programme, in co-operation with the entire United Nations system, in the development of the System-wide Medium-term Environment Programme;

7. *Invites* the General Assembly to give favourable consideration to the draft resolution on a session of a special character of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme in 1982, proposed in decision 9/2 of 26 May 1981 of the Governing Council;<sup>97</sup>

8. *Agrees* to consider the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on additional resources for serious environmental problems in developing countries at its second regular session of 1982;<sup>98</sup>

9. *Expresses its appreciation* to Governments that continue to contribute generously to the Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme;

<sup>87</sup> UNEP/GC.9/15 and Corr.1; for the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/36/25)*.

<sup>88</sup> UNEP/GC.9/2/Add.4.

<sup>89</sup> E/1981/85.

<sup>90</sup> E/1981/C.1/L.7.

<sup>91</sup> See UNEP/GC.9/15 and Corr.1, annex I, decision 9/7.

<sup>92</sup> See A/36/233.

<sup>93</sup> See UNEP/GC.9/15 and Corr.1, annex I, decision 9/1, sect. II.

<sup>94</sup> *Ibid.*, annex II.

<sup>95</sup> *Ibid.*, annex I, decision 9/1, sect. II.

<sup>96</sup> See UNEP/GC.9/4/Add.1, para. 5.

<sup>97</sup> See UNEP/GC.9/15 and Corr.1, annex I.

<sup>98</sup> By its decision 9/24, the Governing Council decided to postpone its response to paragraph 9 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/49 and to paragraph 12 of General Assembly resolution 35/74 relating to additional resources for environmental problems in developing countries (see UNEP/GC.9/15 and Corr.1, annex I).

10. *Appeals* to all Governments to increase substantially their contributions to the Fund and to make, before the end of 1981, firm pledges of contributions to the Fund for the period 1982-1983, taking into account decision 9/23 of 26 May 1981 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme, as adopted;

11. *Reiterates its appeal* to Governments that have not yet contributed to the Fund to do so before the end of 1981 and to those Governments still contributing amounts below their means to increase their contributions for the period 1982-1983.

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#### **1981/74. Convening of a World Population Conference in 1984**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the note by the Secretariat containing the text of the draft resolution entitled "Convening of a World Population Conference in 1984" and the amendment thereto<sup>99</sup> and the revised statement of financial implications of the draft resolution,<sup>100</sup>

1. *Decides* to postpone consideration of the draft resolution and the amendment thereto until its resumed second regular session of 1981;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in view of the opinion of many delegations in favour of holding a conference, to provide at the resumed second regular session of the Council in 1981 further information on the outstanding issue related to financing from extra-budgetary resources;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to examine the views expressed by a few delegations which, while not opposing a conference, suggested that alternative approaches also be explored;

4. *Decides*, at the same time, that the Secretary-General should furnish information on preparatory and organizational arrangements for a conference.

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#### **1981/75. 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,<sup>101</sup> 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* the New Delhi Declaration and Plan of Action on Industrialization of Developing Countries and International Co-operation for their Industrial Development,<sup>102</sup> 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,

*Recalling further* Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/61 of 24 July 1980 and General Assembly resolutions 35/66 on industrial development co-operation and 35/56 on the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, adopted on 5 December 1980,

*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 potentials of the developing countries,

*Stressing* the importance of the industrialization of developing countries in the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

*Reiterating* the need for a substantially increased transfer of financial resources to developing countries for their accelerated industrialization,

*Bearing in mind* the necessity of maintaining the momentum of technical assistance delivery achieved by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in recent years,

*Having considered* the report of the Industrial Development Board on its fifteenth session,<sup>103</sup> the annual report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization for 1980<sup>104</sup> and

<sup>101</sup> See A/10112, chap. IV.

<sup>102</sup> See ID/CONF.4/22, chap. VI.

<sup>103</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/36/16).*

<sup>104</sup> *Annual Report of the Executive Director, 1980 (ID/B/260 and Corr.1 and ID/B/260/Add.1 and 2).*

<sup>99</sup> E/1981/L.42.

<sup>100</sup> E/1981/40/Rev.1.

his report concerning action taken with regard to the Industrial Development Decade for Africa, 1980-1990,<sup>105</sup>

1. *Endorses* the conclusions reached by the Industrial Development Board at its fifteenth session reaffirming that 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 the System of Consultations should be given priority for 1981-1983, as established at the fourteenth session of the Board;

2. *Reiterates* the importance of redeployment, as described in paragraph 73 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 35/56, and considers that the secretariat of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization should undertake to continue studies in this field;

3. *Requests* the secretariat of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to continue to improve and further develop its programme on industrial redeployment along the lines approved by the Board at its thirteenth and fifteenth sessions, as well as by the General Assembly in resolution 34/98 of 13 December 1979 entitled "Industrial development co-operation and Third General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization" and in resolutions 35/56 on the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade and 35/66 on industrial development co-operation;

4. *Reiterates* the importance of facilitating the restructuring of world industrial production through, *inter alia*, the full implementation of resolution 131 (V) of 3 June 1979 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,<sup>106</sup>

5. *Reaffirms* the recognition by the Industrial Development Board of the importance of financial flows to industrial development in developing countries;

6. *Recommends* that the Permanent Committee of the Industrial Development Board should consider carefully, at its sixteenth session, the proposal by the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization for an international bank for industrial development,<sup>107</sup> with a view to taking a decision on it;

7. *Requests* the Executive Director to submit specific proposals for action in planning future activities in the sector of energy-related technology on the basis of agreements reached at the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy, to be held at Nairobi in August 1981;

8. *Further requests* the Executive Director to participate effectively in the deliberations and follow-up activities of the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, to be held in Paris in September 1981;

9. *Strongly supports* the strengthening of the System of Consultations in the United Nations Industrial Development

Organization as a forum for developed and developing countries in their contacts and consultations directed towards the industrialization of developing countries and, in order to secure the increased participation of the least developed countries in future consultations, requests the General Assembly to ensure the participation of fifty representatives of such countries in 1982-1983 by financing from sources to be determined by the Assembly;

10. *Urges* all States, in particular the developed countries, to contribute to the United Nations Industrial Development Fund or to raise their contributions, taking into account the need for the maximum flexibility, with a view to reaching annually the agreed desirable funding level of \$50 million;

11. *Thanks* the one hundred and fourteen States which have signed the new Constitution of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization<sup>108</sup> and the forty-six States which have ratified it as at 6 July 1981, and urges all Member States which have not yet done so to hasten the process of signature and ratification, so as to complete it, if possible, before the end of the thirty-sixth session of the General Assembly;

12. *Declares* the Industrial Development Decade for Africa to be one of the most important programmes of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and requests the General Assembly to allocate adequate financial resources, as from the next biennium, to assist the rapid industrialization of Africa within the scope of the Lagos Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Monrovia Strategy for the Economic Development of Africa, adopted at the second extraordinary session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, held at Lagos on 28 and 29 April 1980,<sup>109</sup> with particular reference to the least developed countries;

13. *Recommends* that the General Assembly, at its thirty-sixth session, should ensure adequate resources for priority activities on the basis of the consensus reflected in paragraphs 134 to 140 of the report of the Permanent Committee of the Industrial Development Board on the work of its fifteenth session,<sup>110</sup> bearing in mind that the provision of adequate resources is particularly necessary in support of priority areas in the activities of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization;

14. *Invites* the Secretary-General to make every effort to increase the share of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in the cost of the Programme of Senior Industrial Development Field Advisers, as recommended by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its twenty-eighth session.<sup>111</sup>

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<sup>105</sup> ID/B/261/Add.6.

<sup>106</sup> 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.

<sup>107</sup> See ID/B/261/Add.7 and ID/B/269, para. 326.

<sup>108</sup> A/CONF.90/19.

<sup>109</sup> See A/S-11/14, annex I.

<sup>110</sup> ID/B/268 and Corr.1.

<sup>111</sup> See E/1981/61, annex I, decision 81/39; for the final text, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement No. 11* (E/1981/61/Rev.1).

**1981/76. Prospects for the development of non-metallic raw materials**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having regard* to its resolution 1954 (LIX) of 25 July 1975 on problems of availability and supply of natural resources,

*Recognizing* the importance of natural resources for economic development, in particular non-metallic raw materials,

*Recalling* that the Committee on Natural Resources considered copper, nickel and chromium, and molybdenum, cobalt and vanadium, as well as phosphate rock and potash, at its fifth, sixth and seventh sessions, respectively,

*Taking note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on trends and salient issues in respect of mineral resources, with particular reference to molybdenum, cobalt and vanadium and including problems of the transfer of technology,<sup>112</sup> and on phosphate rock and potash,<sup>113</sup>

*Taking into account* the work undertaken by other United Nations organizations concerned, such as the United Nations Industrial Development Organization,

*Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, for the eighth session of the Committee on Natural Resources, a comprehensive report on the prospects for the development of non-metallic raw materials, with special reference to non-metallic minerals for the construction, paper, ceramics and glass industries, bearing in mind developments in material sciences, and paying special attention to measures that might be undertaken to evaluate prospective raw materials in developing countries.

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**1981/77. Trends and salient issues, with particular reference to rare metals, especially tantalum, niobium (columbium) and lithium**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having regard* to Economic and Social Council resolution 1954 (LIX) of 25 July 1975 on problems of availability and supply of natural resources,

*Recalling* that issues related to the raw materials base of the copper, nickel, chromium, molybdenum, cobalt, vanadium and phosphate rock and potash industries have been discussed at previous sessions of the Committee on Natural Resources,

*Reaffirming* that the Committee on Natural Resources should continue to consider problems of availability and supply of natural resources of selected minerals and metals,

*Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, for submission to the Committee on Natural Resources at its

<sup>112</sup> E/C.7/115.

<sup>113</sup> E/C.7/114 and Corr.1.

eighth session, a report evaluating the development prospects of rare metals, with special reference to tantalum, niobium (columbium) and lithium, and paying special attention to measures that might be undertaken in the developing countries to increase exploration for and production of those metals.

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**1981/78. Survey of planned investment for mineral development**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having regard* to its resolution 1954 (LIX) of 25 July 1975 on problems of availability and supply of natural resources,

*Bearing in mind* that continued investment in exploration for mineral resources and in new mines and processing plants is of great importance for the development of the mineral sector of all countries, especially the developing countries, and for ensuring uninterrupted supplies of vital mineral raw materials,

*Aware* that information on planned investment and its regional distribution, while important for policy decisions by Governments, is not adequately available to most developing countries or is often unreliable and not sufficiently detailed,

*Recognizing* that information on the actual implementation of exploration programmes and the development of new capacity is not in many cases readily available,

*Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, for the Committee on Natural Resources at its eighth session, a report analysing investments, both planned and effectively made, in major mineral industries, in particular in regard to the regional distribution of mineral exploration and development, and paying special attention to measures that might be undertaken to assist developing countries in strengthening their capacity to respond promptly to changing situations and to establish and implement effective mineral resources development policies.

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**1981/79. Availability and supply of selected minerals: phosphate rock and potash**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having regard* to its resolution 1954 (LIX) of 25 July 1975 on problems of availability and supply of natural resources,

*Bearing in mind* that a number of developing countries are interested in an evaluation of the situation with regard to exploration for and development of indigenous fertilizer raw materials, in particular phosphate rock, and noting the recommendations and conclusions contained in the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Availability and



supply of selected minerals: phosphate rock and potash",<sup>114</sup>

*Taking into account* the work on fertilizers undertaken by other United Nations organizations, such as the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, and the phosphate resources research project of the International Geological Correlation Programme,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, for the eighth session of the Committee on Natural Resources, a report identifying possible new locations for the exploration for phosphate rock and potash in the developing countries, making use of advanced exploration techniques, where appropriate, on the basis of available geological data;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to assist in the evaluation of known and newly discovered deposits on the basis of available data, bearing in mind (a) the need for the use of low-grade ores and local sources of raw materials in the manufacture of fertilizers, (b) the economic advantages of the direct application of phosphate rock in agriculture, and (c) the need to update the data on the future availability of this non-renewable resource;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to examine, in collaboration with other United Nations organizations concerned, the possibility of specific activities, including workshops and study tours, to assist developing countries in the identification and subsequent technical and economic evaluation of their fertilizer raw materials, with special emphasis on techniques suitable in the climatic and infrastructural conditions of those countries and with a view to improving the flow of information and transfer of technology to those countries;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to explore all possible sources of funding for such activities;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report to the Committee on Natural Resources at its eighth session on progress achieved on these questions.

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## 1981/80. Water resources development

### *The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 34/191 of 18 December 1979, in which the Assembly requested the Committee on Natural Resources to review during the 1980s the progress made in the implementation of the Mar del Plata Action Plan,<sup>115</sup>

*Taking into account* the provisions of General Assembly resolution 35/18 of 10 November 1980, in which the Assembly proclaimed the period 1981-1990 as the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation

Decade and decided to review at its fortieth session the progress made towards the attainment of the goals of the Decade,

*Bearing in mind* resolution 25 of 30 July 1980 on the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade, adopted by the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,<sup>116</sup>

*Recognizing* that access to adequate supplies of clean water affects not merely health but also general development, including human productivity, crop cultivation, livestock production, small-scale industry and overall economic growth,

*Recalling* its resolutions 1979/67, 1979/68 and 1979/70 of 3 August 1979, concerning the follow-up activities for the implementation of the Mar del Plata Action Plan,

*Reiterating* the importance of the provisions of the Action Plan in promoting the accelerated development and orderly administration of water resources for the improvement of the economic and social well-being of mankind,

*Deeply concerned* that Governments of developing countries, in their water development activities, continue to be faced with serious constraints, including a shortage of trained manpower, inadequate financial resources, deficiencies in institutional and legal frameworks and lack of equipment,

*Bearing in mind* that the majority of Governments of developing countries have expressed the view that bilateral and multilateral co-operation, in the form of, *inter alia*, the provision of scholarships, financing, equipment and technical advisory services, would be helpful in overcoming the above-mentioned constraints,

*Taking note* of the three reports prepared by the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, entitled "Present status of water resources development: progress and prospects since the United Nations Water Conference",<sup>117</sup> "Progress and prospects relative to water resources policy, planning, legislation and institutional arrangements: proposals for interdisciplinary missions",<sup>118</sup> and "Present and future activities of the United Nations system in water resources development",<sup>119</sup>

### I. WATER RESOURCES PLANNING, POLICY FORMULATION, LEGISLATION AND INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISMS FOR CO-ORDINATING NATIONAL INTERESTS

1. *Recalls* the importance of the provisions of section D of the Mar del Plata Action Plan and asks those Governments that have not done so to formulate a national water policy statement that allows for the harmonization of their water development plans within

<sup>116</sup> See *Report of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Copenhagen, 14-30 July 1980* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.IV.3 and corrigendum) chap. I, sect. B.

<sup>117</sup> E/C.7/117.

<sup>118</sup> E/C.7/118.

<sup>119</sup> E/C.7/120.

<sup>114</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>115</sup> *Report of the United Nations Water Conference, Mar del Plata, 14-25 March 1977* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.77.II.A.12), chap. I.

the framework of national economic development planning, and to keep under review planning objectives and methods;

2. *Urges* Governments to intensify their efforts in the formulation and updating of water legislation, where appropriate, taking into account the applicable experiences of other countries;

3. *Reiterates* the importance of co-ordinating water resources at the national level, as well as the regional and local levels, as a means of effective and comprehensive planning for the development and management of national water resources;

4. *Endorses* the proposal for the organization of interdisciplinary advisory missions, staffed by experts from the various organizations of the United Nations system, to render technical assistance to Governments, *inter alia*, on the formulation of comprehensive water policies, the setting up of appropriate legislative and administrative arrangements and the formulation of national master plans, in response to requests from Governments and in line with their specific requirement and on the understanding that those missions would be organized along the lines set out in paragraph 87 of the report of the Committee on Natural Resources on its seventh session<sup>120</sup> and funded from extra-budgetary resources, as specified in that paragraph;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to inform Governments of developing countries, through the resident co-ordinators of the United Nations system, of the possibility of requesting the services of such missions;

## II. ASSESSMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

1. *Urges* Governments to intensify their activities in water resources assessment—which is a prerequisite for national water resources development, planning and management—to include, *inter alia*, the strengthening of services for the collection, processing and dissemination of water resources data, the improvement of studies on the water cycle and hydrological processes and on the reciprocal reactions between these and human activities and the ecosystems, as well as improvements in the procedures for the assessment of water resources on the basis of area, and the development of appropriate infrastructures;

2. *Requests* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Meteorological Organization and other organizations concerned to promote unified methodologies for water resources assessment and to enhance international co-operation in this area;

## III. EDUCATION, TRAINING AND RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

1. *Urges* Governments of Member States to increase their capabilities for the provision of training and

<sup>120</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement No. 10 (E/1981/50).*

research at the national level by setting up new facilities and/or increasing the capacity of existing ones in the various fields of water resources, including planning, legislation, the assessment of water resources and their development and use for different purposes, such as agriculture, municipal water supplies and industry, and the preservation of ecological systems;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to develop, in co-operation with the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, integrated and comprehensive approaches and programmes with regard to education and training in the field of water resources in developing countries, and to report thereon to the Committee on Natural Resources at its ninth session;

3. *Requests* the regional commissions and the organizations concerned to consider the establishment and upgrading of regional and subregional water training programmes and networks, taking into account existing arrangements, and requests the Secretary-General to report on progress made in this regard to the Committee on Natural Resources at its ninth session;

## IV. TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

1. *Urges* Governments of developing countries to intensify co-operation in the form of technical co-operation among developing countries in such areas as the exchange of information and consultant services, technical and economic co-operation projects, the establishment of joint water-management centres and the standardization of services in the development of water resources;

2. *Calls upon* the United Nations Development Programme and the other organizations of the United Nations system concerned with water development to play a catalytic role in promoting projects for technical co-operation among interested developing countries by assisting in formulating and carrying out proposals designed to promote co-operation among developing countries;

## V. INTERNATIONAL DRINKING WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION DECADE

1. *Calls upon* Governments to take concrete steps, including the establishment of national committees, to proceed rapidly with the development of rational action plans for the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade and to attain their respective targets for the Decade, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 35/18;

2. *Further calls upon* Governments of Member States to give sufficient priority to the Decade in their overall development plans, so that adequate resources for achieving the targets set for the Decade may be made available;

3. *Notes* the progress being made by organizations in the United Nations system in the context of the Decade, in particular the role of the Steering Committee for Co-operative Action, in bringing about a concerted approach to these activities and calls upon the inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations con-

cerned to increase their technical co-operation with and financial support for developing countries, so as to bring about a substantial improvement in the level of services in the supply of drinking water and in sanitation by 1990;

4. *Urges* Governments to recognize the role of the resident co-ordinator in carrying out his responsibilities as the focal point for co-operative action for the Decade at the country level and to provide assistance to facilitate that task;

#### VI. INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MAR DEL PLATA ACTION PLAN

1. *Takes note* of the arrangements made by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination for co-operation and co-ordination at the international level;<sup>121</sup>

2. *Takes note* of the guidelines agreed upon by the organizations of the United Nations system for consultation and co-ordination with regard to field project activities,<sup>122</sup> and looks forward to their implementation;

3. *Recommends* that the United Nations Development Programme and all other programmes and agencies of the system, including the World Bank, engaged in executing technical assistance programmes and projects in developing countries in the field of water resources development funded by the Programme, should ensure the full application of the policies relating to technical co-operation set forth in the decision of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme annexed to General Assembly resolution 3405 (XXX) of 28 November 1975 and the policies governing the execution of such programmes and projects, *inter alia*, as set out in Governing Council decisions 25/20 of 3 July 1978<sup>123</sup> and 79/48 of 10 July 1979,<sup>124</sup> so as to secure the maximum possible participation, as appropriate, of local technical and material resources, and to place the fullest possible reliance on local resources, including engineering consultants and contractors, wherever they are found competent to handle their task independently or in collaboration with foreign consultants; that in the implementation of these policies due consideration should continue to be given to making local and foreign consulting firms and contractors jointly responsible when the local firm is a major participant; that in appropriate situations the lead/principal role in joint ventures should be given to the major contributors, whether local or foreign firms; and considers that the full implementation of the procedures and rules already established and those which may be agreed upon in the future by the Governing Council of the Programme is essential to improve the effectiveness of the Programme's assistance to the developing countries for enhancing their capabilities of implementing the Mar del Plata Action Plan within the shortest possible time;

<sup>121</sup> See E/1981/37 and Corr.1, para. 23.

<sup>122</sup> See E/C.7/120, para. 170.

<sup>123</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 13 (E/1978/53/Rev.1)*, chap. XX.

<sup>124</sup> *Ibid.*, 1979, *Supplement No. 10 (E/1979/40)*, chap. XXI.

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, in consultation with the organizations of the United Nations system, a report, based on existing material, on the progress Governments have made in achieving the goals of the Mar del Plata Action Plan and of the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade, to be submitted to the Committee on Natural Resources at its eighth session, with a view to enabling the Committee to make its contribution in those fields to the first review of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, scheduled for 1984;

5. *Calls upon* the Committee on Natural Resources to review further at its ninth session the overall progress made in the implementation of the Mar del Plata Action Plan by Governments and by the United Nations system, simultaneously with the review of the progress made in the attainment of the objectives of the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade, to be carried out in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 34/191 and 35/18 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1957 B (LIX) of 25 July 1975.

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#### 1981/81. Water resources

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* resolution VII of the Mar del Plata Action Plan,<sup>125</sup> adopted on 25 March 1977 by the United Nations Water Conference,

*Recalling further* Council resolution 2121 (LXIII) of 4 August 1977, in which it endorsed, *inter alia*, resolution VII of the Mar del Plata Action Plan,

*Noting with satisfaction* that the first Interregional Meeting of International River Organizations, organized by the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development in co-operation with the Government of Senegal and the Organization for the Development of the Senegal River, was held at Dakar from 5 to 14 May 1981;<sup>126</sup>

*Considering* that the first Interregional Meeting of International River Organizations reached a number of conclusions in fields pertaining to the development, use and protection of international water resources,

*Further considering* that some conclusions emanating from that Meeting call for the immediate attention of the appropriate United Nations bodies, agencies and organizations,

1. *Urges* States members of existing international river and lake organizations and the secretariats of such organizations to consider furthering the exchange of information on the development, use and protection

<sup>125</sup> *Report of the United Nations Water Conference, Mar del Plata, 14-25 March 1977* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.77.II.A.12), chap. I.

<sup>126</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement No. 10 (E/1981/50)*, para. 72.

of international water resources by transmitting to the Secretary-General, for systematic collection, analysis and distribution, periodic information concerning activities, projects and programmes of those organizations;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, within existing budgetary and manpower resources:

(a) To establish within the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development a support function for the collection, analysis and periodic distribution of information concerning the activities, programmes and developments of interested international river and lake organizations;

(b) To prepare a manual on the technical and managerial aspects of the development, use and protection of international water resources, drawing on the competence of the organizations of the United Nations system, as required;

(c) To organize periodically interregional seminars, and to facilitate the exchange of personnel, concerned with specific technical and managerial aspects of the development, use and protection of international water resources;

3. *Urges* the regional commissions to consider, at the request of the Governments concerned, and whenever appropriate, the promotion of training activities for the preparation of qualified cadres of managers, administrators and technicians needed for the development, use and protection of international water resources.

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## **1981/82. Utilization of subsurface space**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Deeply concerned* by the problems of population, urbanization and overcrowding and the need to provide people with food, water and fuel,

*Recognizing* the potential of subsurface space for, *inter alia*, the storage of water, energy, food and other commodities, as well as for water supply, sewage handling and the conservation of energy,

*Taking into account* the experience of the use of subsurface space already available in many parts of the world,

*Requests* the Secretary-General to compile a report on the utilization of subsurface space, with particular reference to the potential benefits to the developing countries, bearing in mind the mandate of the Committee on Natural Resources and drawing upon documentation already available, to be considered by the Committee at its eighth session.

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## **1981/83. Control and limitation of documentation**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 1979/1 of 9 February 1979, 1979/41 of 10 May 1979 and 1979/69 of 2 August 1979,

which set out, *inter alia*, a number of practical measures designed to reduce the volume of documentation, to ensure its timely circulation in all the working languages of the Council and to improve the format and presentation of Secretariat reports dealing with economic, social and related matters, and approved revised guidelines for the format and contents of the reports of the subsidiary bodies of the Council,

*Taking into account* General Assembly resolutions 33/56 of 14 December 1978 and 34/50 of 23 November 1979,

*Deeply concerned* that, despite the above-mentioned measures and the considerable progress made in reducing the length of each document submitted by the Secretariat to a maximum of thirty-two pages, there has been a marked increase in the total volume of documentation requested by intergovernmental and expert bodies, in addition to some extremely serious delays in the submission and circulation of documentation,

*Conscious* of the marginal progress made by both the Council and its subsidiary bodies in streamlining their agendas and programmes of work and in reducing requests for documentation,

*Aware* that the problems related to the control and limitation of documentation are closely linked to the establishment of a rational calendar of conferences and meetings,

*Convinced* that it is desirable to rationalize and improve the calendar, agenda and programme of work of bodies in the economic and social fields by, *inter alia*, considering some items or questions on a biennial or triennial basis, or by ensuring a better distribution of items or questions between the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council,

*Reaffirming* that intergovernmental and expert bodies should keep their requests for documents to the minimum compatible with the efficient conduct of their work and within the limits of the resources available to the Secretariat,

1. *Expresses its deep regret* at the extent to which its work at the second regular session of 1981 was impeded by the late arrival or non-availability of documents;

2. *Reaffirms* the provisions of its resolutions 1979/1, 1979/41 and 1979/69;

3. *Decides* to carry out a thorough review, at its organizational session for 1982, of its agenda and programme of work, with a view to rationalizing and improving them, as well as a review of the documentation requested under the existing legislative authority with respect to items in the biennial programme of work of the Council, in order to determine whether any of it is redundant, has lost its usefulness or could be issued at less frequent intervals;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit, together with the draft basic programme of work of the Council for 1982-1983, proposals for the consideration of some items or questions on a biennial or triennial basis and suggestions for ensuring a better distribution of some items or questions between the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, and to indicate the implications thereof, including desirable changes in the

calendar of conferences, in order to ensure the timely availability of documentation;

5. *Instructs* the subsidiary bodies of the Council to take urgent measures to streamline their agendas and programmes of work and to bring about a substantial reduction in their requests for documents, bearing in mind the duration and the cycles of their meetings, and to report to the Council on measures adopted, taking strictly into account the guidelines set forth in the pertinent resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring to the attention of intergovernmental and expert bodies, before decisions are adopted, any request for documentation that exceeds the ability of the Secretariat to prepare and process on time and within its approved resources;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the strict observance of the thirty-two page limit for documents and the reduction of their average length;

8. *Reaffirms*, for a further period of two years, the provision concerning the discontinuance of summary records for certain subsidiary bodies, contained in subparagraph (b) of its resolution 1979/69, as revised by its decision 1980/133 of 2 May 1980;

9. *Decides* to consider, at its organizational session for 1982, the possibility of discontinuing, for an experimental period of two years, the provision of summary records for its sessional committees and their replacement by reports reflecting the course of the discussions;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that documentation is effectively disseminated to the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies on time and simultaneously in all the working languages, in accordance with rule 13, paragraph 4, of the rules of procedure of the Council;

11. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to inform the Bureau of the Economic and Social Council, eight weeks prior to the beginning of each regular session, of the state of preparedness of the documentation for that session, in order to enable the Bureau to make appropriate recommendations to the Council on its agenda and organization of work;

12. *Recommends* that the General Assembly should undertake, on a priority basis at its thirty-sixth session, a thorough examination of the overall problem of documentation in the United Nations, under the item entitled "Pattern of conferences: report of the Committee on Conferences", and also recommends that it should entrust to the Committee on Conferences the question of a review of the calendar of conferences and meetings for the next biennium, with particular reference to the

economic and social fields, with a view to adjusting the calendar to the servicing capacities within the Secretariat, taking into account the problems that are occurring with regard to the timely submission and dissemination of documentation, and should request the Committee to report thereon to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1982;

13. *Invites* the Secretary-General, in relation to the recommendations in paragraph 12 above, to submit to the General Assembly and the Committee on Conferences appropriate recommendations on the problem of documentation, with particular reference to the economic and social fields.

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#### **1981/84. Revitalization of the Economic and Social Council**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having heard* statements by its President and by several of its members on the need to revitalize the Council as the principal organ of the United Nations under the Charter in the economic and social fields,

*Confirming* its resolution 1622 (LI) of 30 July 1971,

*Bearing in mind* General Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977 and the consultations being held pursuant to General Assembly decision 35/439 of 16 December 1980, concerning the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system,

1. *Decides* to accord primary importance to the subject of the revitalization of the Economic and Social Council;

2. *Requests* the President of the Economic and Social Council to hold the consultations he deems to be in the best interests of an early resolution of this important issue, including consultations with the President of the General Assembly, in the light of the opinions expressed in the Council at its second regular session of 1981, and to report to the Council at its resumed second regular session of 1981;

3. *Decides* to convey the views of the Council, in the light of the report of the President of the Council and of the discussions at its resumed second regular session of 1981, to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session;

4. *Requests* Governments to co-operate fully with the President of the Economic and Social Council in the pursuit of his consultations and to accord this matter their priority attention at a senior policy level.

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## DECISIONS

### 1981/167. Provision of expert services in the field of human rights to Equatorial Guinea

At its 37th plenary meeting, on 16 July 1981, the Council:

(a) Took note of the note by the Secretary-General on the implementation of Council resolution 1981/38 of 8 May 1981 regarding the provision of expert services in the field of human rights to Equatorial Guinea;<sup>127</sup>

(b) Decided to invite the Commission on Human Rights to study at its thirty-eighth session the draft plan of action to be prepared by the Secretary-General in pursuance of Council resolution 1981/38, and to request the Commission to report to the Council, making any recommendations that it may consider to be appropriate;

(c) Decided to consider the draft plan of action, and the report of the Commission on Human Rights requested in paragraph (b) above, at its first regular session of 1982.

### 1981/168. Special economic assistance

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 20 July 1981, the Council took note of the oral report made by the Joint Co-ordinator, Special Economic Assistance Programmes, on behalf of the Secretary-General<sup>128</sup> on:

(a) The situation in Benin, Botswana, Cape Verde, the Central African Republic, the Comoros, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Lesotho, Mozambique, Sao Tome and Principe, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe;

(b) The situation of refugees in the Sudan;

(c) Assistance to the drought-stricken areas in Djibouti, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda.

### 1981/169. Humanitarian assistance to refugees

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 20 July 1981, the Council took note of the oral report made by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on behalf of the Secretary-General<sup>129</sup> on humanitarian assistance to the refugees in Djibouti and on assistance to student refugees in southern Africa.

### 1981/170. Implementation of special measures in favour of the least developed countries

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 20 July 1981, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Review of progress in the implementation of special measures in favour of the least developed among the developing countries, including those of the Immediate Action Programme for 1979-1981".<sup>130</sup>

<sup>127</sup> E/1981/79.

<sup>128</sup> See E/1981/SR.35.

<sup>129</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>130</sup> E/1981/92.

### 1981/171. Assistance to the Palestinian people

At its 39th plenary meeting, on 22 July 1981, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people<sup>131</sup> and decided to transmit it to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session.

### 1981/172. United Nations Volunteers, programme

At its 39th plenary meeting, on 22 July 1981, the Council took note of:

(a) The annual report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme for 1980 on the United Nations Volunteers;<sup>132</sup>

(b) Decision 81/1 of 18 June 1981, adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its twenty-eighth session.<sup>133</sup>

### 1981/173. United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries

At its 39th plenary meeting, on 22 July 1981, 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;<sup>134</sup>

(b) Decision 81/3 of 19 June 1981 adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its twenty-eighth session.<sup>135</sup>

### 1981/174. Assistance by the United Nations system to regional intercountry technical co-operation institutions

At its 39th plenary meeting, on 22 July 1981, the Council took note of:

(a) The report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Assistance by the United Nations system to regional intercountry technical co-operation institutions";<sup>136</sup>

(b) The comments of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination thereon.<sup>137</sup>

<sup>131</sup> A/36/305.

<sup>132</sup> DP/535.

<sup>133</sup> See E/1981/61, annex I; for the final text, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement No. 11* (E/1981/61/Rev.1).

<sup>134</sup> DP/541.

<sup>135</sup> See E/1981/61, annex I; for the final text, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement No. 11* (E/1981/61/Rev.1).

<sup>136</sup> JIU/REP/80/10; transmitted to the General Assembly by a note of the Secretary-General (A/36/101 and Corr.1).

<sup>137</sup> A/36/101/Add.1.

**1981/175. Implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1981/24 on the social aspects of the development activities of the United Nations system**

At its 40th plenary meeting, on 23 July 1981, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1981/24 of 6 May 1981 on the social aspects of the development activities of the United Nations.<sup>138</sup>

**1981/176. Report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group on the Social Aspects of the Development Activities of the United Nations**

At its 40th plenary meeting, on 23 July 1981, the Council decided:

(a) To postpone to its first regular session of 1982 the further consideration of the measures to improve the work of the Council suggested in the report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group on the Social Aspects of the Development Activities of the United Nations;<sup>139</sup>

(b) To consider, at that session, those measures, together with comments of the Secretary-General on the feasibility, programme and co-ordination implications, as well as the resource implications, of the main recommendations submitted by the *Ad Hoc* Working Group.

**1981/177. Exchange of information on banned hazardous chemicals and unsafe pharmaceutical products**

At its 40th plenary meeting, on 23 July 1981, the Council:

(a) Took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the exchange of information on banned hazardous chemicals and unsafe pharmaceutical products;<sup>140</sup>

(b) Decided to transmit that report to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session, taking into account the views expressed by delegations in the Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee at the second regular session of 1981 of the Council.

**1981/178. International efforts to meet humanitarian needs in emergency situations**

At its 40th plenary meeting, on 23 July 1981, the Council:

(a) Took note of the summary report on international efforts to meet humanitarian needs in emergency situations,<sup>141</sup> the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator,<sup>142</sup> the relevant text in the annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordi-

nation for 1980/81,<sup>143</sup> the relevant paragraphs of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the work of its twenty-first session,<sup>144</sup> the relevant section of 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 those Committees,<sup>145</sup> and the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Evaluation of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator"<sup>146</sup> and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon;<sup>147</sup>

(b) Decided to transmit the draft resolution entitled "International efforts to meet humanitarian needs in emergency situations"<sup>148</sup> to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session, together with the documents referred to in paragraph (a) above;

(c) Decided further to invite the Secretary-General to provide the General Assembly at that session with such additional information and/or suggestions regarding the co-ordination of international efforts to meet humanitarian needs in emergency situations as might be necessary and appropriate, with a view to developing those views expressed by delegations in the Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee at the second regular session of 1981 of the Council which were reflective of consensus.

**1981/179. Report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on co-ordination of information systems in the United Nations family**

At its 40th plenary meeting, on 23 July 1981, the Council took note of the report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on co-ordination of information systems in the United Nations family.<sup>149</sup>

**1981/180. Report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination**

At its 40th plenary meeting, on 23 July 1981, the Council:

(a) Took note of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the work of its twenty-first session;<sup>150</sup>

(b) Decided to endorse the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee,<sup>151</sup> taking fully into account the reservations and comments concerning

<sup>138</sup> E/1981/87.

<sup>139</sup> E/1981/3.

<sup>140</sup> A/36/255.

<sup>141</sup> E/1981/16 and Corr.1, annex.

<sup>142</sup> A/36/259.

<sup>143</sup> E/1981/37 and Corr.1, chap. IV, sect. A, and annex IV.

<sup>144</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/36/38)*, paras. 379-389.

<sup>145</sup> E/1981/86, sect. II.

<sup>146</sup> JIU/REP/80/11; transmitted to the General Assembly by a note of the Secretary-General (A/36/73).

<sup>147</sup> A/36/73/Add.1.

<sup>148</sup> E/1981/C.3/L.11.

<sup>149</sup> E/1981/95.

<sup>150</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/36/38)*.

<sup>151</sup> See E/1981/C.3/SR.14-16.

modifications made thereon by members of the Committee and by members of the Council;

(c) Decided to transmit the report to the General Assembly for consideration at its thirty-sixth session.

#### **1981/181. Overview of the objectives and plans of the United Nations system**

At its 40th plenary meeting, on 23 July 1981, the Council decided to endorse the proposals of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination for an overview of the objectives and plans of the organizations of the United Nations system, called for by the General Assembly in its resolution 33/118 of 19 December 1978,<sup>152</sup> and to request the Committee to submit the overview report to the Council at its second regular session of 1983, through the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, on the understanding that this would be carried out within existing resources.

#### **1981/182. Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the sub-regional offices for Central America and Panama and for the Caribbean of the Economic Commission for Latin America**

At its 40th plenary meeting, on 23 July 1981, the Council took note of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Report on the subregional offices for Central America and Panama and for the Caribbean of the Economic Commission for Latin America"<sup>153</sup> and of the comments of the Secretary-General thereon.<sup>154</sup>

#### **1981/183. International co-operation in tax matters**

At its 40th plenary meeting, on 23 July 1981, the Council:

(a) Took note of the report by the Secretary-General on the results of consultations with Governments and international organizations concerning the desirability and feasibility of establishing a direct tax co-operation council;<sup>155</sup>

(b) Decided to transmit the suggestions of the Secretary-General contained in chapter III thereof to the *Ad Hoc* Group of Experts on International Co-operation in Tax Matters, for consideration at its next meeting in December 1981, and to request the *Ad Hoc* Group to make specific proposals thereon;

(c) Decided to request the Secretary-General to report to the Council at its first regular session of 1982 on the recommendations of the *Ad Hoc* Group of Experts.

<sup>152</sup> E/1981/37, para. 31.

<sup>153</sup> JIU/REP/80/13; transmitted to the General Assembly by a note of the Secretary-General (A/36/102).

<sup>154</sup> A/36/102/Add.1.

<sup>155</sup> E/1981/74.

#### **1981/184. Results of the 1980 International Symposium on the Mobilization of Personal Savings in Developing Countries**

At its 40th plenary meeting, on 23 July 1981, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the results of the 1980 International Symposium on the Mobilization of Personal Savings in Developing Countries.<sup>156</sup>

#### **1981/185. Land reform and rural development**

At its 40th plenary meeting, on 23 July 1981, the Council took note of the report of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on land reform and rural development<sup>157</sup> and decided to approve the suggestion contained in paragraph 29 thereof, concerning the submission to the Council every four years, beginning in 1984, of a report to be entitled "Review and analysis of agrarian reform and rural development".

#### **1981/186. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees**

At its 40th plenary meeting, on 23 July 1981, the Council decided to transmit, without debate, the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees<sup>158</sup> to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session.

#### **1981/187. Summaries of the economic surveys of the regional commissions**

At its 41st plenary meeting, on 24 July 1981, the Council took note of:

(a) Summary of the *Economic Survey of Europe in 1980: recent economic developments in the region of the Economic Commission for Europe*;<sup>159</sup>

(b) Summary of the *Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific, 1980: recent economic developments, 1979-1980*;<sup>160</sup>

(c) Summary of the *Survey of Economic and Social Conditions in Africa, 1979-1980*;<sup>161</sup>

(d) Preliminary summary of the *Economic Survey of Latin America, 1980*;<sup>162</sup>

(e) Summary of the *Survey of Economic and Social Developments in the Region of the Economic Commission for Western Asia, 1980*.<sup>163</sup>

<sup>156</sup> A/36/239.

<sup>157</sup> E/1981/73.

<sup>158</sup> E/1981/45; for the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/36/12)*.

<sup>159</sup> E/1981/69.

<sup>160</sup> E/1981/72.

<sup>161</sup> E/1981/76.

<sup>162</sup> E/1981/77.

<sup>163</sup> E/1981/78.



### 1981/188. Membership in the regional commissions

At its 41st plenary meeting, on 24 July 1981, the Council, having considered the report of the Secretary-General on regional co-operation<sup>164</sup> and noting that Zimbabwe had become a full member of the Economic Commission for Africa and that the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and the Economic Commission for Latin America had admitted Guam and the Netherlands Antilles, respectively, to associate membership in their commissions, decided to amend the terms of reference of the commissions concerned to take account of the admission of the above-mentioned member and associate members.

### 1981/189. Economic Commission for Africa: regional institutes for population studies

At its 41st plenary meeting, on 24 July 1981, the Council, having considered the report of the Secretary-General on regional co-operation<sup>165</sup> and recalling resolution 426 (XVI) of 10 April 1981 of the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa,<sup>166</sup> decided to endorse the new statutes of the Regional Institute for Population Studies and the Institut de formation et de recherche démographiques annexed to that resolution and to recommend that the General Assembly should approve the statutes at its thirty-sixth session, in order to enable the two institutes to become operational as soon as possible.

### 1981/190. Report of the Secretary-General on the living conditions of the Palestinian people

At its 41st plenary meeting, on 24 July 1981, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the living conditions of the Palestinian people.<sup>167</sup>

### 1981/191. Report of the Committee on Natural Resources on its seventh session and draft provisional agenda and documentation for the eighth session of the Committee

At its 41st plenary meeting, on 24 July 1981, the Council:

(a) Took note of the report of the Committee on Natural Resources on its seventh session;<sup>168</sup>

(b) Decided to approve the provisional agenda and documentation for the eighth session of the Committee, as set out below:

1. Election of officers
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

<sup>164</sup> E/1981/80 and Add.1 and 2.

<sup>165</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>166</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement No. 14* (E/1981/54), para. 2.

<sup>167</sup> A/36/260.

<sup>168</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement No. 10* (E/1981/50).

### 3. Mineral resources:

- (a) Trends and salient issues, including problems of transfer of technology:
  - (i) Non-metallic minerals
  - (ii) Rare metals
- (b) New sources of phosphate rock and potash, particularly low-grade deposits
- (c) Survey of investments in mining
- (d) Terminology for mineral production and consumption

#### *Documentation*

Report of the Secretary-General on trends and salient issues, including transfer of technology, with particular reference to non-metallic minerals

Report of the Secretary-General on trends and salient issues, including transfer of technology, with particular reference to rare metals

Report of the Secretary-General on new locations for exploration for phosphate rock and potash in the developing countries

Report of the Secretary-General on the survey of planned investment for mineral development

Report of the Secretary-General on the standardization of definitions and terminology for mineral resources

### 4. Energy resources: trends and salient issues, including problems of transfer of technology

#### *Documentation*

Report of the Secretary-General on trends and salient issues in energy

### 5. New techniques, including remote sensing, for identifying, exploring and assessing natural resources

#### *Documentation*

Report of the Secretary-General on new techniques for identifying, exploring and assessing natural resources

### 6. United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration

#### *Documentation*

Report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration

### 7. Permanent sovereignty over natural resources

#### *Documentation*

Report of the Secretary-General on the question of recent developments affecting permanent sovereignty over natural resources

### 8. Water resources: progress in the implementation of the Mar del Plata Action Plan

#### *Documentation*

Report of the Secretary-General on progress achieved in the implementation of the Mar del Plata Action Plan, including the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade

### 9. Utilization of subsurface space

#### *Documentation*

Report of the Secretary-General on the utilization of subsurface space

### 10. Co-ordination of programmes within the United Nations system in the field of natural resources

*Documentation*

Report of the Secretary-General on co-ordination of programmes within the United Nations system in the field of natural resources: minerals

11. Draft provisional agenda for the ninth session of the Committee

*Documentation*

Note by the Secretariat on the draft provisional agenda and documentation for the ninth session of the Committee

12. Adoption of the report of the Committee

**1981/192. Calendar of conferences and meetings**

At its 41st plenary meeting, on 24 July 1981, the Council:

(a) Decided, subject to the provisions of its resolution 1981/83 of 24 July 1981:

(i) That in 1982 the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination should meet from 19 April to 28 May;

(ii) To approve the provisional calendar of conferences and meetings for 1982 and 1983;<sup>169</sup>

(b) Also decided to request the General Assembly to consider at its thirty-sixth session the feasibility of altering the dates of the sessions of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, so that its reports might be submitted in good time to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular sessions of 1982 and 1983.

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<sup>169</sup> E/1981/L.20 and Corr.1 and 2.