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### 1983/42. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations and assistance to the oppressed people of South Africa and their national liberation movement by agencies and institutions within the United Nations system

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having examined* the report of the Secretary-General<sup>1</sup> and the reports of the President of the Economic and Social Council concerning the question of the 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>2</sup> and of assistance to the oppressed people of South Africa and their national liberation movement by agencies and institutions within the United Nations system,<sup>3</sup>

*Having heard* the statements 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 and the Acting Chairman of the Special Committee against *Apartheid*,

*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 Assembly resolution 37/32 of 23 November 1982 and Council resolution 1982/47 of 27 July 1982,

*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,

*Noting with deep concern* that the situation in southern Africa continues to present a serious threat to peace and security as a result of South Africa's intensified and ruthless repression, its policy and practice of

*apartheid* and other gross violations of the human rights of the peoples in Namibia and South Africa and its armed aggression and military, political and economic destabilization directed against independent States in the region,

*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 régime in South Africa,

*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 thus 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,

*Gravely concerned* at the continued collaboration of the International Monetary Fund with the Government of South Africa, in disregard of relevant General Assembly resolutions,

*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 further* the high-level meetings held at Addis Ababa in April 1983 between representatives of the General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity and the secretariats of the United Nations and other organizations within the United Nations system, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 37/15 of 16 November 1982 on co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity,

*Mindful* of the Paris Declaration on Namibia<sup>4</sup> and the Programme of Action on Namibia<sup>5</sup> adopted by the In-

<sup>1</sup> A/38/111 and Add.1.

<sup>2</sup> E/1983/102.

<sup>3</sup> E/1983/106.

<sup>4</sup> A/38/189-S/15757, annex I.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, annex II, sect. III.

ternational Conference in Support of the Struggle of the Namibian People for Independence, held in Paris from 25 to 29 April 1983,

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 also* the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to continue to take, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council, all necessary measures to withhold any financial, economic, technical or other assistance to the Government of South Africa until that Government restores to the people of Namibia their inalienable right to self-determination and independence, and to refrain from taking any action which might imply recognition of, or support for, the illegal occupation of Namibia by that régime;

6. *Requests further* 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 totally isolate the *apartheid* régime and mobilize world public opinion against *apartheid*;

7. *Strongly condemns* the attacks carried out by South African armed forces on Namibian refugee camps and settlements in Angola, and requests the

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and other competent organs of the United Nations and international organizations, as a matter of urgency, to use all ways and means to ensure the protection of those refugees and their safety from such attacks;

8. *Strongly condemns* the blatant aggression of the Pretoria régime in its bombing attack on Mozambique in the spring of 1983 and the frequent acts of destabilization carried out by that régime against the front-line States, which have resulted in heavy loss of life, the creation of large numbers of refugees and massive destruction;

9. *Deeply deplores* the persistent collaboration of the International Monetary Fund with the Government of South Africa, in disregard of repeated General Assembly resolutions to the contrary, and urgently calls upon the Fund to put an end to such collaboration;

10. *Recommends* that a separate item on assistance to national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity should be included in the agenda of future high-level meetings of the General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity and the secretariats of the United Nations and other organizations within the Nations system, with a view to strengthening further the existing measures of co-ordination of action to ensure the best use of available resources for assistance to the peoples of the colonial territories;

11. *Notes with satisfaction* the inclusion of Namibia, represented by the United Nations Council for Namibia, in the membership of the International Atomic Energy Agency and the International Telecommunication Union, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 37/233 C of 20 December 1982, and urges the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system which have not yet granted full membership to the United Nations Council for Namibia to do so without delay;

12. *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 that example and make the necessary arrangements without delay, including arrangements to defray the cost of the participation of those representatives;

13. *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;

14. *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;

15. *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;

16. *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 1983 of the Council;

17. *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;

18. *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 1984;

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

*39th plenary meeting  
25 July 1983*

#### **1983/43. Assistance to the Palestinian people**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 37/134 of 17 December 1982,

*Recalling also* Council resolution 1982/48 of 27 July 1982,

*Noting with deep concern* that the continued detention of Palestinian civilians in Al Ansar camp by the Israeli invasion army has deprived many of their dependants of their sole source of income, in addition to having other adverse economic and social consequences,

*Noting also* the need to provide economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people;<sup>6</sup>

2. *Expresses its gratitude* to the Governments and United Nations bodies which provided humanitarian assistance to the Palestinian victims of the Israeli invasion of Lebanon;

3. *Takes note with appreciation* of the assistance provided by United Nations bodies to the Palestinian people;

4. *Deplores* the non-compliance of Israel with Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/48;

5. *Calls upon* the Israeli occupation authorities to facilitate the efforts of all United Nations bodies intending to implement assistance projects for the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territories;

6. *Requests* the competent programmes, organizations, agencies and organs of the United Nations system to sustain and intensify their efforts, in co-operation with the Palestine Liberation Organization, in providing economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people;

7. *Also requests* that United Nations assistance to the Palestinians in the Arab host countries should be rendered in co-operation with the Palestine Liberation Organization and with the consent of the Arab host Governments concerned;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

*39th plenary meeting  
25 July 1983*

#### **1983/44. Assistance to Ghana**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Deeply concerned* at the adverse economic conditions in Ghana, exacerbated by the sudden repatriation of over one million Ghanaians and the acute food shortages resulting from unfavourable weather conditions,

*Considering* the urgent problems of rehabilitating the large number of returnees and reintegrating them in the ailing economy of the country,

*Affirming* the urgent need for international action to assist the Government and the people of Ghana in their efforts for economic recovery and the rehabilitation of returnees,

*Noting with satisfaction* the emergency humanitarian assistance rendered by Governments, the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations during the difficult period of the influx of returnees,

*Noting with appreciation* the response of the Secretary-General to the request of the Government of Ghana and his prompt dispatch of a multi-agency mission to Ghana to consult with the Government on the preparation of short-term and medium-term programmes of assistance geared towards the generation of employment among the returnees,

*Having heard* the oral report of the Joint Co-ordinator for Special Economic Assistance Programmes on the multi-agency mission to Ghana,

<sup>6</sup> E/1983/72 and Add.1.

*Taking note* of the statement made to the Economic and Social Council by the representative of the Government of Ghana,

1. *Takes note* of the efforts made by the Government and the people of Ghana to rehabilitate returnees;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* of the action taken by the Secretary-General;

3. *Takes note* of the oral report on the multi-agency mission and endorses the recommendations of the mission;

4. *Expresses its gratitude* to all States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that have provided emergency humanitarian assistance to Ghana;

5. *Urgently appeals* to all States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the specialized agencies and programmes of the United Nations system to contribute generously and to provide the further assistance needed to enable Ghana to pursue its economic recovery programme and its efforts to rehabilitate returnees;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To submit the report of the multi-agency mission to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session and to disseminate it as widely as possible;

(b) To ensure that adequate financial arrangements are made for the organization of an effective programme of international assistance to Ghana and for the mobilization of international assistance;

(c) To establish a special account under the United Nations Trust Fund for Special Economic Assistance Programmes for the purpose of facilitating the channelling of contributions to Ghana in accordance with the recommendations of the multi-agency mission;

(d) To apprise the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1984 of progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

*40th plenary meeting,  
28 July 1983*

**1983/45. Assistance to Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Deeply concerned* about the large-scale devastation wrought by the heavy rain and floods which have recently affected extensive areas of Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru and by the drought being suffered by Bolivia and Peru,

*Bearing in mind* that those two climatological phenomena have caused destruction in urban and rural areas and serious damage in the agricultural, stock-raising and agro-industrial sectors,

*Further bearing in mind* that those sectors are important bases of the economies of Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru,

*Considering* that the urgent problems created require programmes of assistance, rehabilitation and reconstruction,

*Affirming* the urgent need for prompt and concerted international action to assist the peoples and Governments of Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru to cope with the emergency confronting those countries and to engage in rehabilitation and reconstruction,

*Observing with satisfaction* the assistance provided by Governments, the United Nations system and governmental and non-governmental organizations during the initial emergency period,

*Noting with appreciation* the work done by the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator,

1. *Expresses its gratitude* to States and organizations that have provided assistance to Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru;

2. *Appeals urgently* to all States, governmental and non-governmental organizations and specialized agencies to co-operate in financing a reconstruction and rehabilitation programme for the affected areas of Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru and to participate actively in its implementation;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To take the necessary measures to assist the Governments of Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru to prepare a broad programme for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of the areas and sectors affected;

(b) To take appropriate steps to mobilize resources for special international assistance to Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru;

(c) To apprise the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session and the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1984 of progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

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**1983/46. Assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 35/90 and 35/91 of 5 December 1980, 36/221 of 17 December 1981 and 37/147 of 17 December 1982 on assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda,

*Having heard* the statement made by the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator on 11 July 1983,

*Noting* the statements made by representatives of the States concerned, in which the catastrophic nature of the disaster was highlighted,

*Aware* of the adverse effects of the drought on the economic and social development of the countries concerned, and on their agricultural and food output,

*Conscious* of the high costs incurred in the distribution of assistance to the remote areas of the countries concerned,

*Noting with deep concern* the grave effects in the countries concerned, particularly Ethiopia, of successive years of drought and the resulting shortage of foodstuffs, livestock, fodder and water,

*Deeply concerned* at the intensity and the permanent and expanding nature of the drought in the subregion,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the measures already taken by the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator and other agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, to ensure the speediest and most effective relief aid for the victims of drought in Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda;

2. *Reiterates* its appeal to all States and to international governmental and non-governmental organizations to make generous contributions to assist the affected populations financially, materially and technically;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in close co-ordination with the countries concerned, the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, the competent specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system:

(a) To extend all necessary assistance to the Governments of Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda in establishing, within the context of their national development programmes, detailed policies for dealing with drought as a recurring phenomenon;

(b) To mobilize international assistance for the affected population in the countries concerned;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator and other organizations of the United Nations system, to give high priority in their programmes of work to the East African subregion, and to apprise the Economic and Social Council annually, at its second regular session, of the status of this question;

5. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to keep the situation under review and to apprise the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session of the progress achieved in the implementation of the present resolution.

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#### **1983/47. Strengthening the capacity of the United Nations system to respond to natural disasters and other disaster situations**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971, by which the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator was established, and 36/225 of 17 December 1981, in which the Assembly reaffirmed the mandate of the Office and, *inter alia*, called for the strengthening and improvement of the capacity and effectiveness of the Office,

*Recalling also* General Assembly resolution 37/144 of 17 December 1982, in which the Assembly recognized that, in order to attain an effective co-ordination system of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance, it was essential to strengthen and improve the capacity and effectiveness of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator and the United Nations system as a whole,

*Recognizing* that, as a result of those resolutions and other relevant resolutions and decisions, there is now in place a workable system to promote, facilitate and co-ordinate relief activities carried out by the United Nations system, in co-operation with Governments and voluntary agencies,

*Noting* that the operation of that system has been much improved but that there remains a need for its full application,

*Noting further with appreciation* the effective responses of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator to recent major disasters,

*Recognizing* that shortage of resources has been a constraint on an effective response of the United Nations to disaster situations,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the comprehensive report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the capacity of the United Nations system to respond to natural disasters and other disaster situations,<sup>7</sup> which is complemented by his report on the work of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator;<sup>8</sup>

2. *Notes with particular interest* the observations and conclusions of the Secretary-General relating to the transportation, more rapid delivery and distribution of relief supplies, reconstruction and rehabilitation, and the need for evaluation procedures to assess the way in which the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator and the international community as a whole have dealt with the mobilization and provision of disaster relief in particular cases;

3. *Recognizes* the importance of disaster preparedness and prevention activities, and calls upon the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, Governments and agencies involved to ensure that due priority attention is given to them;

4. *Reaffirms* the sovereignty of individual Member States, recognizes the primary role of each State in caring for the victims of disasters occurring in its territory, and stresses that all relief operations should be carried out and co-ordinated in a manner consistent with the priorities and needs of the countries concerned;

5. *Stresses* that the material and other assistance provided by the international community should be appropriate to the particular needs of the populations of disaster-affected areas;

6. *Repeats* its call to all Governments and competent organs and organizations to co-operate with the Of-

<sup>7</sup> A/38/202-E/1983/94.

<sup>8</sup> A/38/201-E/1983/69.

office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator and to improve in particular their flow of information on relief assistance, action, plans and needs;

7. *Requests* the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator to continue and improve further the flow of information to Governments, organizations and agencies concerned, so that a more complete picture of relief activities, assistance received and further requirements may be provided to all concerned;

8. *Recommends* that the General Assembly should authorize the Secretary-General to permit the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator to respond, within existing resources, to requests for emergency disaster assistance up to a total of \$600,000 in any one year;

9. *Appeals* to Governments to consider the possibility of urgent voluntary contributions, channelled directly or through the Trust Fund of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, to enable the Office to cover, *inter alia*, unforeseen expenses in connection with disaster relief operations;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with Governments and appropriate agencies, to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session, through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1984, specific proposals to follow up conclusions and problems identified in his comprehensive report, taking into account the views and observations expressed during the second regular session of 1983 of the Council.

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#### 1983/48. Marine affairs

##### *The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its long-standing interest in marine affairs and its numerous resolutions on various aspects of the subject dating from 1966,

*Recalling also* its resolution 1980/68 of 25 July 1980, in response to which the Secretary-General has submitted to the Council a note entitled "Marine affairs: economic and technical developments",<sup>9</sup>

*Taking note* of the adoption by the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea at its eleventh session of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea<sup>10</sup> and the related resolutions,<sup>11</sup> as well as the resolution entitled "Development of national marine science, technology and ocean service infrastructures",<sup>12</sup> and of General Assembly resolution 37/66 of 3 December 1982, by which the Assembly, *inter alia*, welcomed the adoption of the Convention and the related resolutions and approved the assumption by

<sup>9</sup> E/1983/97.

<sup>10</sup> *Official Records of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea*, vol. XVII, document A/CONF.62/122.

<sup>11</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/CONF.62/121, annex I.

<sup>12</sup> *Ibid.*, annex VI.

the Secretary-General of the responsibilities entrusted to him under the Convention and the related resolutions,

*Taking note also* of the recommendations, decisions and observations made by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its twenty-third session concerning the cross-organizational programme analysis of activities in marine affairs and the new major programme in marine affairs, particularly the Committee's recommendation that the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly should adopt the new programme, as revised, for inclusion as chapter 25 in the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989,<sup>13</sup>

*Bearing in mind* that the present activities of the Secretary-General relating to marine affairs already contribute to a large extent to the fulfilment of his responsibilities and the exercise of his functions resulting from the adoption of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and the related resolutions,

*Believing firmly* that the growing needs of Member States, particularly developing countries, for information, advice and assistance regarding legal, economic and technical aspects of marine affairs warrant an appropriate and commensurate effort on the part of the United Nations and the organizations of the United Nations system to respond to those needs,

1. *Invites* the organizations of the United Nations system, each within its sphere of competence, and with due regard for the efficient co-ordination of activities on a system-wide basis, to continue to make their respective programmes of activities fully responsive to the growing needs of Member States in the field of marine affairs, particularly in the light of the adoption of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and the related resolutions;

2. *Endorses* the recommendation of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination regarding the new major programme in marine affairs, as revised;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to pursue, within existing budgetary resources, and taking into account the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its resumed twenty-third session with regard to the relevant sections of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1984-1985, the programme of activities, including the collection, analysis and dissemination of information and data, dealing with:

(a) Planning and management, with a view to the national development and utilization of the resources of coastal areas and exclusive economic zones;

(b) Economic and technical issues related to the development of marine mineral resources in connection with the role of non-renewable resources and their impact on the economies of developing countries, as well as on the world economy;

<sup>13</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/38/38)*, part one, paras. 14-19 and 138.



(c) Issues relating to the acquisition and introduction of marine technologies for the development of the resources of the sea, bearing in mind the need to avoid duplication of work in other competent organizations of the United Nations system in their respective areas of competence;

4. *Recommends* to the General Assembly, when it considers the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Assembly resolution 37/66, that it should give due consideration to the continuation of activities concerned with information, assistance and advice in matters relating to the new legal régime of the oceans;

5. *Invites* the Secretary-General, in close co-operation with the competent organizations of the United Nations system, to submit to the Council, at its second regular session of 1985, a comprehensive report on economic and technical trends and developments in marine affairs.

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#### 1983/49. Report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on its twenty-third session

##### *The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the first part of its twenty-third session,<sup>14</sup>

#### I

*Endorses* the recommendations and conclusions contained therein;

#### II

##### TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION FINANCED BY THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IN THE FIELD OF MANUFACTURES

1. *Notes* that the evaluation of the technical co-operation activities of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization financed by the United Nations Development Programme in the field of manufactures was requested by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its twentieth session, in 1980;<sup>15</sup>

2. *Further notes* that the stated design and methodology of the evaluation study was endorsed by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its twenty-second session, in 1982,<sup>16</sup> and was then adopted by the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session;

<sup>14</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/38/38), part one.*

<sup>15</sup> *Ibid., Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/35/38), para. 345.*

<sup>16</sup> *Ibid., Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/37/38), para. 375.*

3. *Confirms* the importance it attaches to the evaluation procedures;

4. *Regrets* that the comprehensive outcome of the evaluation study was not submitted formally as a report of the Secretary-General to the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its twenty-third session, as requested by the Committee and the General Assembly;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit formally the evaluation study to the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its resumed twenty-third session, on the understanding that his comprehensive report will be submitted to the Committee at its twenty-fourth session;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the procedure followed on this occasion, namely the submission of an evaluation report to organizations or bodies covered by the evaluation before formal submission to the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, shall not constitute a precedent for future evaluations;

#### III

##### STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITY OF THE UNITED NATIONS EVALUATION UNITS AND SYSTEMS AND TIMETABLE FOR REVIEW OF EVALUATION PROGRAMMES REQUESTED UNDER GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 36/228 B and 37/234

*Requests* the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to transmit to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session its review of the report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening of the capacity of the United Nations evaluation units and systems and a timetable for review of evaluation programmes, requested under General Assembly resolution 36/228 B of 18 December 1981 and section II of Assembly resolution 37/234 of 21 December 1982,<sup>17</sup> pursuant to paragraph 191 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the first part of its twenty-third session;<sup>14</sup>

#### IV

##### METHODS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE PROVISION OF STATEMENTS OF PROGRAMME IMPLICATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. *Reiterates* the request to the Secretary-General, as contained in paragraph 7 (b) of section II of General Assembly resolution 37/234, to take the necessary measures to provide the Assembly at its thirty-eighth session with programme implications of draft resolutions being considered by the Assembly;

2. *Emphasizes* the importance of the recommendation contained in paragraph 166 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination,<sup>14</sup> to the effect that the programme budget statement should be

<sup>17</sup> A/38/133 and Corr.1.

an integrated report merging programme, financial and administrative implications of draft resolutions;

## V

### PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1984-1985: FOREWORD AND INTRODUCTION

*Requests* the Secretary-General also to ensure the submission of the report on measures for the further integration of the programme planning, budgeting, monitoring and evaluation functions in the Secretariat of the United Nations, requested in paragraph 9 of section II of General Assembly resolution 37/234, to the Assembly at its thirty-eighth session through the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its resumed twenty-third session;

## VI

### PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1984-1985: UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

1. *Endorses* the recommendations contained in paragraph 286 (c) and (d) of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination,<sup>14</sup> on the understanding that follow-up work on wood and the wood products industry, industrial financing, and trade and trade-related aspects of industrial collaboration arrangements will be carried out by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization if necessary, in accordance with its programme of work, subject to a decision by the Industrial Development Board;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its twenty-fourth session on questions raised at its twenty-third session concerning the various programme elements, in order to enable the Committee to review the issues relating to the avoidance of duplication and the achievement of a more rational organization of the work programme of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, in anticipation of the conversion of that organization to specialized agency status.

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### **1983/50. Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on economic and technical co-operation among developing countries**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980, containing the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, in which, *inter alia*, the Assembly stressed that economic and technical co-operation among developing countries based on the principle of collective

self-reliance constituted a dynamic and vital component of an effective restructuring of international economic relations,

*Recognizing* that the primary responsibility for activities in economic and technical co-operation rests with the developing countries and that there is an increasing political commitment on the part of those States towards the implementation of programmes in economic and technical co-operation,

*Noting* the initiatives taken in this regard within the framework of the Caracas Programme of Action adopted by the High-level Conference on Economic Co-operation among Developing Countries, held at Caracas from 13 to 19 May 1981,<sup>18</sup>

*Noting also* resolution 139 (VI) of 2 July 1983 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development<sup>19</sup> concerning economic co-operation among developing countries, which was adopted by consensus,

*Reaffirming* the role of the organizations of the United Nations system, including the regional commissions, competent regional and subregional organizations of developing countries, as well as the developed countries, to support the full implementation of programmes in economic and technical co-operation as a contribution towards attaining the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

*Emphasizing* the importance of enhancing awareness of the considerable potential for activities in economic and technical co-operation, through the exchange of information and the conduct of in-depth social and economic analyses, with a view to highlighting achievements and problems and proposing international policies for dealing with them,

1. *Takes note* of the agreement by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination at the eighteenth series of Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to carry out a review of the work in the area of economic and technical co-operation among developing countries,<sup>20</sup> with a view to improving the co-ordination of the activities of the United Nations system in this field and to making them more responsive to the needs of developing countries, and to report thereon to the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination after the nineteenth series of Joint Meetings;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the cross-organizational programme analysis of the activities of the United Nations system in economic and technical co-operation, scheduled for review by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the

<sup>14</sup> A/36/333 and Corr.1, annex.

<sup>19</sup> See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Sixth Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.83.II.D.6).

<sup>20</sup> See E/1983/98, para. 63.

Administrative Committee on Co-ordination in 1985, is carried out with due regard to the support provided by the United Nations system towards the implementation of the Caracas Programme of Action, in accordance with the mandates adopted by the organizations of the United Nations system;

3. *Recommends* that the initial report on the cross-organizational programme analysis requested by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination should be submitted to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session, through the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination;

4. *Further recommends* that the work programmes and plans of the organizations of the United Nations system should be presented in such a manner as to identify clearly activities in economic and technical co-operation carried out by those organizations, in compliance with General Assembly resolutions 31/119 of 16 December 1976, 32/180 of 19 December 1977, 33/195 of 29 January 1979 and 34/202 of 19 December 1979 and that information on activities in economic and technical co-operation should be submitted periodically to Member States;

5. *Invites* the Secretary-General and the specialized agencies and United Nations bodies, in the light of their mandates, to pay particular attention to the assessment of their capacities and potentials for the promotion of economic and technical co-operation among developing countries and to suggest, as appropriate, ways and means of strengthening the activities in this field in their respective organizations, and to play an active role in supporting the efforts of the developing countries to implement economic co-operation programmes among themselves, as a contribution towards the attainment of the objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade;

6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to develop, within existing resources, activities in the departments concerned, including the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs, in the field of economic and technical co-operation among developing countries, while avoiding duplication with activities carried out by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Development Programme and other competent bodies and organizations of the United Nations system; the *World Economic Survey* should in future contain, on a regular basis, in-depth reviews of activities in economic co-operation among developing countries.

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**1983/51. Situation with regard to the preparation and submission of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1984-1985**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the situation with regard to the preparation and submission of the proposed pro-

gramme budget, within the context of Council decision 1983/160 of 27 May 1983, and the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination thereon,<sup>21</sup>

*Noting* the statement made at the second regular session of 1983 of the Council by the representative of the Secretary-General,

1. *Deeply regrets* that the Council is not in a position to carry out a thorough review of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1984-1985, in accordance with Council resolution 1982/50 of 28 July 1982, as a result of the serious delays in the preparation and submission of the sections of the budget to the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination;

2. *Affirms* that this situation is untenable and, in this context, endorses the conclusions of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination that the present grave situation is unrelated to the schedule established for the meetings of the Committee and that therefore no modification of that schedule should be contemplated;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To take the necessary measures to ensure that complete and final texts of all sections of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1984-1985, in particular sections 7, 15 and 25, shall be submitted to the members of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination in good time prior to its resumed twenty-third session;

(b) To ensure that there shall be no repetition of the present situation in connection with the preparation and submission of future proposed programme budgets;

(c) To this end, to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session, through the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its resumed twenty-third session, an analytical report on the methods, procedures and timetable followed in the preparation of the programme budget, with a view to identifying deficiencies and shortcomings.

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**1983/52. Prospects for the development of non-metallic raw materials**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Pursuant* 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,

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General on prospects for the development of non-metallic minerals,<sup>22</sup>

*Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare for the Committee on Natural Resources at its ninth session a

<sup>21</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/38/38)*, part one.

<sup>22</sup> E/C.7/1983/4.

further report, based on existing literature, on prospects for the development of non-metallic raw materials, with special reference to bentonite, mica, magnesite, feldspar, fluorspar and baryte.

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### 1983/53. Standardization of definitions and terminology for mineral resources

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recognizing* the continuing need for internationally consistent and easily understood statistics on mineral production and consumption,

*Taking into account* the discussions in the Committee on Natural Resources at its eighth session on the report of the Secretary-General on the standardization of definitions and terminology for mineral resources,<sup>23</sup> which summarized the results of the meeting of the group of experts appointed by the Secretary-General in pursuance of Council resolution 1979/72 of 3 August 1979,

1. *Endorses* the report of the Secretary-General on the standardization of definitions and terminology for mineral resources;

2. *Notes* that the Council, in resolution 1979/72, requested that the group of experts should report to the Committee on Natural Resources, and expresses its concern that the report, which was unanimously adopted by the group, had been amended by the Secretary-General before it was issued;

3. *Requests*, therefore, that the action to be taken in response to the requests contained in the paragraphs below be based on the report in its original form;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take into account the recommendations in the report relating to the activities of the United Nations in the reporting, compilation and publication of statistics on mineral production and consumption;

5. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to consider which additional activities would be required to implement those recommendations, including those concerning definitions and terminology for individual minerals and metals, and statistics on the secondary recovery of metals;

6. *Urges* Governments to take into account the recommendations of the group of experts and to give the report the widest possible distribution;

7. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report the progress made in pursuance of the requests contained in paragraphs 4 and 5 above to the Statistical Commission at its twenty-third session.

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### 1983/54. Application of computer technology in mineral exploration and development

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recognizing* the importance of the use of computer processing methods in mineral exploration and development, in particular, but not limited to, remote sensing, geochemistry, ore reserve calculation, mine planning, economic and financial analysis, and data storage and retrieval,

*Bearing in mind* the advantages that developing countries could derive from a wider application of such techniques,

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General on new techniques, including remote sensing, for identifying, exploring and assessing natural resources<sup>24</sup> and of the information on the current activities in this field of the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development of the United Nations Secretariat,

*Mindful* of the importance of the transfer of technology, in particular new technology, that will strengthen the national capabilities of developing countries,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Committee on Natural Resources at its ninth session on the use of computer techniques, particularly in the developing countries, in the exploration and development of natural resources;

2. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Committee at its ninth session on the progress made in the application of such techniques in the activities of the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development;

3. *Urges* Governments to consider how the application of such techniques can be strengthened in their mineral exploration and development activities and invites Governments and institutions to provide facilities for seminars and symposia on this subject.

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### 1983/55. United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration

*The Economic and Social Council,*

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

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration;<sup>25</sup>

2. *Welcomes* the efforts of the Fund to identify the requirements for feasibility and post-discovery follow-

<sup>23</sup> E/C.7/1983/9.

<sup>24</sup> E/C.7/1983/3.

<sup>25</sup> DP/1983/34.

up work in order to bring successful exploration projects to the production stage;

3. *Takes note also* of the Fund's evaluation of potential geothermal exploration projects;

4. *Recognizes* the need to increase financial support to the Fund in order to meet effectively the exploration requirements of developing countries.

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### **1983/56. Permanent sovereignty over natural resources**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recognizing* the problems caused by the present international economic situation to most countries, in particular the developing countries,

*Noting* the importance for all countries, in particular the developing countries, to maximize the benefits from the exploration, exploitation and processing of their natural resources in order to strengthen their economic development,

*Having noted* the report of the Secretary-General on permanent sovereignty over natural resources<sup>26</sup> and the comments made thereon by the Committee on Natural Resources at its eighth session,<sup>27</sup>

1. *Requests* the Committee on Natural Resources to continue to discuss, at its ninth session, the question of permanent sovereignty over natural resources, including:

(a) The strengthening of national capabilities to finance and manage the exploration, exploitation and processing of natural resources for the national benefit;

(b) The promotion of investments in natural resources according to basic priorities;

(c) The identification of new possibilities for economic and technical co-operation among developing countries in the field of natural resources;

(d) The conservation of natural resources;

(e) The environment and natural resources;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a further report on the subject of permanent sovereignty over natural resources, taking into account the matters referred to in paragraph 1 above and the comments made by the Committee at its eighth session;

3. *Affirms* in this context the importance of the ongoing work of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on a code of conduct for transnational corporations, as it relates to natural resources.

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<sup>26</sup> E/C.7/1983/5.

<sup>27</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1983, Supplement No. 8 (E/1983/19 and Corr.1), chap. VI.*

### **1983/57. Water resources development: progress and prospects in the implementation of the Mar del Plata Action Plan and the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* paragraph 4 of section VI of its resolution 1981/80 of 24 July 1981, and other relevant resolutions of the Council and the General Assembly concerning the adoption, implementation and monitoring of the Mar del Plata Action Plan<sup>28</sup> and the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade,<sup>29</sup>

*Recognizing* that water resources development is an interdisciplinary and multisectoral process which cuts across many sectors of economic and social development, such as food production, environment and health, energy, human settlements, desertification, industrialization, transport, economic and technical co-operation among developing countries and disaster relief,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the progress achieved and prospects in the implementation by Governments of the Mar del Plata Action Plan and the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade, in the context of the review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,<sup>30</sup> prepared in consultation with the Inter-Secretariat Group for Water Resources of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, in pursuance of paragraph 4 of section VI of Council resolution 1981/80;

2. *Reaffirms* the importance of the implementation, within the context of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,<sup>31</sup> of the Mar del Plata Action Plan and the objectives of the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade, and notes the progress being made in that context by Governments, with the support of multilateral and bilateral co-operation;

3. *Expresses its concern* that, notwithstanding this progress, the implementation of the Mar del Plata Action Plan has so far been well below the level required to meet the needs of developing countries, in large part owing to the gap between the need for financial resources and their availability;

4. *Urges* Governments of developing countries to assign high priority in their national development planning to the development of their water resources and to take active steps to formulate proposals for financial and technical assistance;

5. *Urges* bilateral and multilateral donors and financing institutions to respond positively to requests from developing countries and to increase, under

<sup>28</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>29</sup> See General Assembly resolution 35/18.

<sup>30</sup> E/C.7/1983/11.

<sup>31</sup> General Assembly resolution 35/56, annex.

favourable terms and conditions, the flow of financial assistance to developing countries for the promotion of the development of water resources;

6. *Stresses* the needs of the least developed countries in this context;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the organizations concerned, to compile information on the activities of bilateral aid programmes and international organizations and on present capacities and the terms and conditions under which they provide finances for water resources development, with a view to examining possible measures to increase the flow of resources and to improve the terms and conditions, and to disseminating relevant information to countries and international organizations, and to report thereon to the Committee on Natural Resources at its tenth session;

8. *Reaffirms* the benefits of establishing national mechanisms to co-ordinate all water policies and programmes;

9. *Calls upon* the regional commissions, in co-operation with the organizations of the United Nations system concerned, to examine measures to promote the accelerated development of water resources in their respective regions;

10. *Recommends* to the General Assembly that the Committee on the Review and Appraisal of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade should, at its session in 1984, give due consideration to the role played by water resources development in the various elements of the Strategy;

11. *Recommends* that Governments should re-evaluate the current status of their respective resources in surface and ground water, with a view to formulating specific programmes for reaching the targets recommended in the Mar del Plata Action Plan and, on the basis of national evaluation of problems, needs and constraints, indicate requirements in respect of technical assistance and advisory services, equipment, expertise and fellowships;

12. *Urges* Governments of developing countries to adopt national targets for drinking water supply and sanitation services, at the highest possible rate commensurate with resource availability, absorptive capacity and ability, and to formulate action plans and programmes for reaching the targets set, taking also into consideration resolution WHA36.13 of 13 May 1983 of the World Health Assembly;

13. *Recommends* that Governments of developing countries should:

(a) Estimate present and future needs for trained manpower for the development and management of water in agriculture, and take concrete steps to formulate plans and programmes to expand training capabilities;

(b) Evolve plans and programmes for improving the efficiency of agricultural water management, including

appropriate measures to motivate farmers for this purpose;

(c) Promote the development of medium-scale and small-scale village irrigation schemes, so as to form the pool of experience and expertise necessary for the planning and implementation of large schemes;

14. *Recommends* that Governments should intensify efforts to implement the recommendations on industrial water use made at Mar del Plata and, in particular:

(a) Initiate studies on the present and potential use of water by specific industries;

(b) Integrate industrial water use in overall policies and projects for the development of water resources;

(c) Conduct research on the use, treatment and recycling of water;

(d) Evolve appropriate economic and regulatory mechanisms for more efficient water use in industry and waste-water treatment;

15. *Urges* Governments to consider action to integrate plans for the development of hydropower in overall plans for the development of water resources and electric power systems, and provide for improved co-ordination at the national level between the water-related and energy-related institutional frameworks;

16. *Calls upon* Governments to formulate programmes and projects for the improvement of transport on rivers and lakes, and to promote inter-country co-operation in this field;

17. *Recommends* that, with regard to the mitigation of effects from floods and droughts, countries should give high priority to early-warning and forecasting systems, as well as to structural and other measures, and integrate projects for the management of flood and drought losses in overall plans for the development of water resources;

18. *Urges* Governments to take the steps necessary to intensify efforts to develop and utilize appropriate techniques for the assessment and monitoring of the environmental impact of water projects, and to ensure that environmental and human health considerations will be systematically incorporated in the planning, implementation and operation of water schemes;

19. *Recommends* that Governments should direct their efforts towards developing appropriate hydraulic techniques and systems for the rational utilization and conservation of water resources in rural areas, for example, by means of small-scale dams and ponds, particularly in arid and semi-arid areas;

20. *Calls upon* Governments to co-operate fully in promoting education, training and research in the field of water resources, and to give priority to the teaching of science and technology at secondary and university levels, in particular subjects related to this field;

21. *Calls upon* the United Nations Development Programme and other organizations of the United Nations system concerned to intensify their catalytic roles

in the promotion of technical co-operation among developing countries in the field of water resources;

22. *Urges* Governments of developing countries to take appropriate steps to co-operate among themselves and with the United Nations system in compiling, in a systematic manner, information on technical co-operation among developing countries and arranging for its dissemination at periodic intervals, in order to provide further stimulus to the promotion of technical co-operation in water development;

23. *Welcomes* the conclusions of the colloquium held at the Centre for Waters at Zagreb on support for the establishment within that Centre of a small international technical unit dealing with technical co-operation among developing countries in the water resources sector, and requests the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the United Nations Development Programme and other competent agencies, to study the matter further, especially with regard to a review of possible financial sources for non-local cost components, and to report thereon to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1984.

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#### **1983/58. Utilization of subsurface space**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1981/82 of 24 July 1981,

*Deeply concerned* by the problems of population, urbanization and overcrowding and the need to provide people with food, water and an adequate energy supply,

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

*Taking into account* the experience in the use of subsurface space already gained in many parts of the world and in specialized international organizations, and the long lead time required for the planning and construction of subsurface facilities,

*Having taken note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the utilization of subsurface space and its potential in developing countries,<sup>32</sup>

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to strengthen support mechanisms in the United Nations for making known the scope with respect to the utilization of subsurface space as a potentially important facet of development activity in developing countries;

2. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a progress report on the development and utilization of subsurface space and the activities of the competent organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system in this area, for the consideration of the Committee on Natural Resources at its ninth session.

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<sup>32</sup> E/C.7/1983/7.

#### **1983/59. Co-ordination of programmes within the United Nations system in the field of natural resources**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* the terms of reference of the Committee on Natural Resources, as set forth in Council resolution 1535 (XLIX) of 27 July 1970,

*Bearing in mind* the debates held in the Committee on the co-ordination of programmes within the United Nations system in the field of natural resources,

*Reaffirming* that one of the principal responsibilities of the Committee is to provide the Council with guidance in the programming and implementation of these programmes;

*Recognizing* that that guidance relates in part to the avoidance of duplication of effort by ensuring that the programmes of the many organizational units of the United Nations are co-ordinated,

*Further recognizing* the advantages of co-ordinating the efforts of the specialized agencies and organizations of the United Nations system which also carry out work in the natural resources field,

*Affirming* that the Committee was again unable to discharge this responsibility on the basis of the report submitted by the Secretary-General for consideration at its eighth session,<sup>33</sup>

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Committee on Natural Resources at its future sessions reports that contain an analysis of the level of co-operation and co-ordination among various organs of the United Nations system in the field of natural resources, in order to enable the Committee to identify existing problems, to assess the extent, if any, to which there is duplication of effort, and to formulate appropriate recommendations in this area;

2. *Urges* the organizations of the United Nations system to co-operate fully with the Secretary-General by providing him with the information needed for the elaboration of the reports referred to in paragraph 1 above;

3. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take full account of the points made in the discussion of this question by the Committee at its eighth session<sup>34</sup> and, in particular, to consider how best to avoid duplication of responsibility and effort within the Secretariat.

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#### **1983/60. Development of the energy resources of the developing countries**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 37/251 of 21 December 1982, as adopted, on the development of the energy resources of the developing countries,

<sup>33</sup> E/C.7/1983/12.

<sup>34</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1983, Supplement No. 8 (E/1983/19 and Corr.1), chap. IX.*

*Reaffirming* the importance of continued study and discussion of this question by the international community,

*Taking note* of the note by the Secretary-General on the development of the energy resources of the developing countries,<sup>35</sup>

*Regretting* the delay in the submission of the report on this question to the Economic and Social Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit the completed report, in accordance with the mandate given by the General Assembly in its resolution 37/251, to the Assembly at its thirty-eighth session, to enable it to consider this question in depth and to take action as appropriate;

2. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to take into account, in completing the report, the preliminary views expressed by Governments at the second regular session of 1983 of the Economic and Social Council.

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#### **1983/61. 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, 1979/48 of 31 July 1979 and 1981/45 of 20 July 1981,

*Recalling also* 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 matter indicated in that resolution,

*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, and 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,

*Noting* that, in paragraph 31 of section II of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980, it was stated 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, without outside interference,

<sup>35</sup> E/1983/91.

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries;<sup>36</sup>

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General to continue to study the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries and to submit, through the Economic and Social Council, a further comprehensive report to the General Assembly at its forty-second session, taking into account information supplied by Member States and comments and suggestions on the subject made by delegations at meetings of intergovernmental bodies, and, *inter alia*, paying special attention to the provisions of paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 34/137;

3. *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;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, while implementing the present resolution, to consider, if necessary, organizing, in close co-operation with competent bodies and organizations of the United Nations system, a seminar on the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries;

5. *Invites* the Secretary-General to include reference to the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries in the reports called for under General Assembly resolutions 37/202 and 37/204 of 20 December 1982.

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#### **1983/62. Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

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

*Noting* the decision taken by the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning at its third session, held at Cairo from 8 to 11 March 1983,<sup>37</sup> concerning the Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar and the Tangiers-Lagos axis,

*Noting also* decisions G (XXXVII) of 2 April 1982<sup>38</sup> and I (XXXVIII) of 22 April 1983<sup>39</sup> of the Economic Commission for Europe, in which the Executive Secretary of that Commission was requested to continue

<sup>36</sup> A/38/176-E/1983/50.

<sup>37</sup> See E/ECA/CM.9/26.

<sup>38</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1982, Supplement No. 9 (E/1982/19)*, chap. IV.

<sup>39</sup> *Ibid.*, 1983, *Supplement No. 11 (E/1983/22)*, chap. IV.



to co-operate with the secretariats of the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Western Asia on projects of interest to the Mediterranean countries,

*Bearing in mind* the recommendation adopted at the fifth session of the African Highway Conference, held at Libreville from 6 to 11 February 1983, concerning the Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar and the Tangiers-Lagos axis,

*Bearing in mind also* the results of the seminar on the transport situation in the Mediterranean region, held at Barcelona in June 1983,

*Noting with satisfaction* the progress made by the Joint Moroccan-Spanish Committee in studies for the project for a Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar,

*Convinced* of the importance of the Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar for the Mediterranean region and for the African and European continents with regard to the development of inter-regional and good-neighbourly relations,

*Referring* to its resolution 1982/57 of 30 July 1982, in which the Executive Secretaries of the Economic Commission for Europe and the Economic Commission for Africa were requested to evaluate the studies available regarding such a link and to identify, on that basis, the problems related to its establishment,

*Taking note with satisfaction* of the interim report<sup>40</sup> prepared by the Economic Commission for Europe and the Economic Commission for Africa,

*Also taking note* of the conclusions of that interim report,<sup>41</sup>

1. *Recommends* the Governments of Morocco and Spain to take account of those conclusions in their further technical, economic and legal studies of the feasibility of such a link and, in particular, to undertake consultations with all the countries of the subregions concerned;

2. *Invites* the Governments and international organizations concerned, as well as research agencies, to co-operate with the Governments of Morocco and Spain in the pursuit of those studies and in the implementation of the conclusions and recommendations contained in the interim report, taking duly into account the international geopolitical, economic and cultural consequences of the project,

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretaries of the Economic Commission for Europe and the Economic Commission for Africa:

(a) To continue their efforts in accordance with the recommendations in the interim report, particularly with regard to the choice of the method of construction, the updating of the economic appraisal, the international legal problems deriving from the method of con-

struction selected, and the coherence of the transport infrastructures in Europe and Africa;

(b) To report, through the Economic Commission for Europe and the Economic Commission for Africa, to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1984 on the progress made;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue the efforts that have already been made to provide, within the limits of the resources available, to the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe the resources for the discharge of those tasks.

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### **1983/63. Addis Ababa Declaration on the Occasion of the Silver Jubilee Anniversary Celebration of the Economic Commission for Africa**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 32/197 of 20 December 1977, 33/202 of 29 January 1979 and 34/206 of 19 December 1979, concerning the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system, by which the Assembly assigned specific additional tasks to the regional commissions, including assuming the role of main general economic and social development centres for their respective regions, providing team leadership and responsibility for co-ordination and co-operation at the regional level and acting as executing agencies,

*Mindful* of the terms of reference of the Economic Commission for Africa, under which, *inter alia*, the Commission shall participate in measures for facilitating concerted action for the economic development of Africa, including its social aspects, with a view to raising the level of economic activity and levels of living in Africa, and shall assist in the formulation and development of co-ordinated policies as a basis for practical action in promoting economic and technological development in the region,<sup>42</sup>

*Noting with satisfaction* that in April 1983 the Economic Commission for Africa celebrated the Silver Jubilee Anniversary of its establishment, and noting further that during the past twenty-five years Africa has made noteworthy progress in various aspects of economic and social development, including regional co-operation and integration, as noted in the Addis Ababa Declaration on the Occasion of the Silver Jubilee Anniversary Celebration of the Economic Commission for Africa,<sup>43</sup> adopted on 29 April 1983 by the Conference of Ministers of the Commission,

*Expressing its appreciation* to the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa for his introduction to the general discussion of international

<sup>42</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 11 (E/5783)*, annex III.

<sup>43</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1983, Supplement No. 13 (E/1983/44)*, chap.V.

<sup>40</sup> E/1983/87 and Add.1 and 2.

<sup>41</sup> E/1983/87/Add.1, sect. V.

economic and social policy, including regional and sectoral developments, in which he apprised the Council of the economic and social conditions prevailing in the African region over the past twelve months,<sup>44</sup>

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Secretary-General on regional co-operation;<sup>45</sup>

2. *Notes* the Addis Ababa Declaration on the Occasion of the Silver Jubilee Anniversary Celebration of the Economic Commission for Africa, particularly the full commitment of the African Governments and peoples to the realization of the goals and objectives of the Lagos Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Monrovia Strategy for the Economic Development of Africa<sup>46</sup> and the Final Act of Lagos,<sup>47</sup> which are an integral part of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade;

3. *Congratulates* the Economic Commission for Africa on its many positive contributions to Africa in economic and social development and integration during the past twenty-five years;

4. *Encourages* the Commission to intensify its efforts so that the socio-economic development of Africa can be accelerated and national and collective self-reliance at subregional and regional levels can be achieved;

5. *Expresses its confidence* in the dedicated work being undertaken by the secretariat of the Commission and in the ability of the Commission to discharge fully its increased responsibilities for the welfare of the African peoples;

6. *Also expresses its deep concern* with regard to the economic and food prospects for Africa in the year 2000 if the present obstacles to the development of the continent are not quickly removed;

7. *Recommends* the General Assembly to call upon the international community to support the endeavour of the African Governments towards achieving the accelerated development and integration of their continent, by making available to them the necessary moral, technical and financial assistance.

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**1983/64. Particular problems facing Zaire with regard to transport, transit and access to foreign markets**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Referring* to 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 the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,

*Referring also* to General Assembly resolutions 34/193 of 19 December 1979, 35/59 of 5 December 1980

<sup>44</sup> See E/1983/SR.27.

<sup>45</sup> E/1983/86.

<sup>46</sup> A/S-11/14, annex I.

<sup>47</sup> *Ibid.*, annex II.

and 36/139 of 16 December 1981 on the particular problems facing Zaire with regard to transport, transit and access to foreign markets,

*Aware* that the internal and external trade and the economy of Zaire will continue to be seriously affected until such time as a durable solution is found to the particular problems facing that country with regard to transport and transit,

*Recalling* Council resolution 1982/61 of 30 July 1982, by which it approved the organization of a round-table meeting,

1. *Takes note* of the oral report by the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa on the results of the round-table meeting organized for the financing of Zaire's transport projects;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* of the contribution made by some donor countries and financing agencies which enabled the round-table meeting to achieve satisfactory results;

3. *Appeals* to donor countries and financing agencies to take prompt action to give effect to the interest which they expressed in financing particular projects;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary of the Commission to assist Zaire in order to ensure the follow-up of the results of the round-table meeting;

5. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary of the Commission, in the fulfilment of his tasks, to submit a report on the results of the first round-table meeting to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1984, together with his views, taking into account the possibility of holding a second round-table meeting in 1985 or 1986.

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**1983/65. Special measures for the social and economic development of Africa in the 1980s**

*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* General Assembly resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980, the annex to which contains the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

*Recalling also* section II of General Assembly resolution 36/182 of 17 December 1981 and section II of Assembly resolution 37/212 of 20 December 1982 on the Industrial Development Decade for Africa, as adopted, and Assembly resolutions 37/140 of 17 December 1982 on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa and 37/245 of 21 December 1982 on the situation of food and agriculture in Africa,

*Recalling further* General Assembly resolution 37/139 of 17 December 1982, by which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urged donor countries to provide substantial and sustained levels of resources for promoting the accelerated development of African countries and the effective implementation of the Lagos Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Monrovia Strategy for the Economic Development of Africa,<sup>46</sup> and to contribute generously to the United Nations Trust Fund for African Development,

*Deeply concerned* at the continuing low level of economic activities in Africa and the devastating effects of the current world economic crisis on the particularly vulnerable economies of the countries in the region, twenty-six of which are now classified in the category of the least developed among the developing countries,

*Fully aware* that the Lagos Plan of Action and the Final Act of Lagos<sup>47</sup> provide a framework of priority action for achieving the rapid overall economic and social development of Africa, as reiterated in the Addis Ababa Declaration on the Occasion of the Silver Jubilee Anniversary Celebration of the Economic Commission for Africa,<sup>43</sup> adopted on 29 April 1983 by the Conference of Ministers of the Commission,

*Recognizing* the primary responsibility of the African countries for their development and the importance of the mobilization of their national resources for their socio-economic development,

*Convinced* of the need for increased and sustained external resources in order to achieve the aims and objectives of the Lagos Plan of Action and the Final Act of Lagos,

*Recalling* that there is a need for a thorough evaluation of the application of special measures for the economic and social development of Africa during the mid-term review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

*Having considered* the third report of the Secretary-General on special measures for the social and economic development of Africa in the 1980s,<sup>48</sup> which reviews special measures taken by the international community for the social and economic development of Africa in the 1980s,

1. *Takes note* of the third report of the Secretary-General on special measures for the social and economic development of Africa in the 1980s;

2. *Expresses its regret* that, despite efforts undertaken by the international community over the last three years, the resources thus provided are not commensurate with African development requirements;

3. *Notes* the disappointing results of the Fourth Biennial Pledging Conference for the United Nations Trust Fund for African Development, held at Addis Ababa on 2 May 1983;

4. *Renews* its call to the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to examine measures to increase the resources for the execution of the programmes for the Industrial Development Decade for Africa and the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa and to apply the special measures in a comprehensive and co-ordinated manner;

5. *Urges* donor countries to provide substantial and sustained levels of resources for promoting the accelerated development of African countries and the effective implementation of the Lagos Plan of Action and the Final Act of Lagos, and to contribute generously to the United Nations Trust Fund for African Development;

6. *Invites* all international financial institutions, particularly the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the International Development Association and the International Fund for Agricultural Development, to continue actively to consider increasing substantially their development assistance to Africa and to treat the matter of making a special effort in support of African economic and social development with the urgency it requires;

7. *Stresses* its deep concern at the gravity of the food situation in Africa and the continuing decline in the food self-reliance ratio, and urgently calls upon the African countries to accord due priority to food and agricultural production in their national and subregional plans, and also urges donor countries and international agencies to increase their support for the implementation of the measures contained in the Lagos Plan of Action in the area of food and agriculture;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to allocate the necessary resources to the Economic Commission for Africa, taking into account its role as the main economic and social development centre within the United Nations system for the African region, in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 32/197 of 20 December 1977 and 33/202 of 29 January 1979;

9. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session, through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1984, a comprehensive report, prepared on a uniform basis and including figures, on the activities throughout the United Nations system in relation to Africa, and on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

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#### **1983/66. Promotion of interregional economic and technical co-operation among developing countries**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its decision 1982/174 of 30 July 1982 concerning interregional co-operation, by which it requested the executive secretaries of the regional commissions to submit to the Council at its annual organizational session their joint recommendations for the iden-

<sup>46</sup> A/38/275-E/1983/88.

tification of a subject related to interregional co-operation, of common interest to all regions,

*Recalling also* that, in its resolution 2043 (LXI) of 5 August 1976 concerning the strengthening of the regional commissions, it recognized, without prejudice to the special needs and conditions of each region, that the regional commissions, with their experience in promoting regional and subregional co-operation, were the appropriate institutions within the United Nations to act as centres for the formulation, co-ordination and implementation of programmes for the promotion also of interregional co-operation,

*Recalling further* the mandate provided for the regional commissions by the General Assembly in section IV of the annex to its resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system, relating to structures for regional co-operation, in which it stated that the regional commissions should be enabled to play their role fully as the main general economic and social development centres within the United Nations system for their respective regions and, as a consequence of that role, *inter alia*, urged the commissions, taking fully into account the relevant global policy decisions of the competent United Nations organs, to intensify their efforts, with the assistance of the competent organizations of the United Nations system and at the request of Governments concerned, to strengthen and enlarge economic co-operation among developing countries at the subregional, regional and interregional levels,

*Bearing in mind* the special responsibilities of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development for economic co-operation among developing countries and of the United Nations Development Programme for technical co-operation among developing countries,

*Reaffirming* the role of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation as stipulated in General Assembly resolution 32/197,

*Having due regard* to the Caracas Programme of Action adopted by the High-level Conference on Economic Co-operation among Developing Countries, held at Caracas from 13 to 19 May 1981,<sup>49</sup> which provides the objectives, priorities and framework for activity relating to economic co-operation among developing countries,

*Conscious* of the fact that the regional commissions, by virtue of their location and multidisciplinary approach, have been called upon to initiate and implement a rapidly expanding range of projects and programmes involving co-operation among developing countries in all regions,

*Noting* that the Secretary-General, at the Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, held on 4 and 5 July 1983, stated that the regional commissions had an important role in promoting co-operation among countries at the regional

and interregional levels and reaffirmed the commitment of the United Nations bodies and programmes involved to supporting the efforts of developing countries to strengthen and implement their programmes of economic and technical co-operation,<sup>50</sup>

*Taking note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on the promotion of programmes of interregional economic and technical co-operation among developing countries by the regional commissions,<sup>51</sup> prepared pursuant to Council decision 1982/174,

1. *Reaffirms* the important role of the regional commissions in the promotion of economic and technical co-operation among developing countries at the subregional, regional and interregional levels, including the identification of areas for practical co-operation and the initiation, co-ordination and implementation of co-operative programmes and projects, as appropriate;

2. *Calls upon* States Members of the United Nations to provide their support to the regional commissions to meet those responsibilities effectively;

3. *Further calls upon* the executive secretaries of the regional commissions, in the light of the responsibility of the commissions for the exercise of team leadership at the regional level, as stipulated by the General Assembly in resolution 32/197, to organize periodic consultations between their respective commissions and United Nations organizations and entities and specialized agencies active at the regional and interregional levels, with a view to ensuring the effective co-ordination of projects and programmes carried out under the auspices of the bodies involved for the promotion of co-operation among developing countries at the subregional, regional and interregional levels, those periodic consultations to take place on the occasion of meetings already scheduled within the United Nations system;

4. *Takes note* of the conclusion in the report of the Secretary-General on the promotion of programmes of interregional economic and technical co-operation among developing countries by the regional commissions that urgent action should be taken, in particular with regard to the areas of immediate concern to the developing countries;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take appropriate steps to ensure co-ordination and co-operation in the preparation and implementation of relevant programmes and activities of the regional commissions for interregional co-operation among developing countries;

6. *Recommends* the General Assembly:

(a) To continue to provide appropriate resources to enable the regional commissions to mobilize and to ensure their existing capability to meet effectively their responsibility for programme formulation, implementation and co-ordination in regard to subregional,

<sup>49</sup> A/36/333 and Corr.1, annex.

<sup>50</sup> See E/1983/98, paras. 11 and 12.

<sup>51</sup> E/1983/70.

regional and interregional economic and technical co-operation among developing countries;

(b) To request the Secretary-General to keep the Assembly informed, through the Economic and Social Council, on a continuing basis, of progress made by the Organization in the promotion of subregional, regional and interregional economic and technical co-operation among developing countries.

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### **1983/67. Transport and Communications Decade in Africa**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* resolution 291 (XIII) adopted on 26 February 1977 by the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa,<sup>52</sup> Council resolution 2097 (LXIII) of 29 July 1977 and General Assembly resolution 32/160 of 19 December 1977, proclaiming the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,

*Recalling also* resolution 435 (XVII) adopted on 30 April 1982 by the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa,<sup>53</sup>

*Referring to* Council resolution 1982/54 of 29 July 1982 and General Assembly resolution 37/140 of 17 December 1982,

*Considering* that the programme for the Decade requires constant adjustment during the remaining period of the Decade,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa<sup>54</sup> and the report of the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa on the preparation of the plan of action for the second phase (1984-1988) of the Decade,<sup>55</sup>

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme for the financial support they have provided for the organization of the fifth consultative technical meeting to be held from 6 to 8 March 1984, and for the preparation of the plan of action for the second phase of the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa;

2. *Appeals* to donor countries and financial institutions to participate fully and positively in the fifth consultative technical meeting;

3. *Appeals once more* to the donor countries and financial institutions to lend their substantial financial support to the projects of the Decade and to accord particular attention to the programming, financing and implementation of transport and communications projects

<sup>52</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 7 (E/5941)*, vol. I, part three.

<sup>53</sup> See *Official records of the Economic and Social Council, 1982, Supplement No. 11 (E/1982/21)*, chap. V.

<sup>54</sup> A/38/259-E/1983/79.

<sup>55</sup> A/38/263-E/1983/80, annex.

of special importance to the land-locked developing countries in Africa;

4. *Recommends* that, in view of the success of the consultative technical meetings organized for the mobilization of resources for financing the programme for the first phase, other consultative technical meetings should be organized as soon as possible after the launching of the second phase of the Decade in 1984 and, in any event, not later than the middle of 1985, for the following subsectors of transport and communications:

- (a) Broadcasting;
- (b) Postal services;
- (c) Air transport;
- (d) Railways and rail transport;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make available to the Economic Commission for Africa, by redeploying regular resources of the United Nations, adequate financial resources to enable it:

(a) To organize the four consultative technical meetings referred to in paragraph 4 above;

(b) To undertake studies on the harmonization and co-ordination of the various modes of transport and communication;

(c) To prepare, in collaboration with the competent organizations of the United Nations system, a study of the manpower needs of all African countries for all modes of transport and communication;

(d) To draw up urgently programmes on transport and communications of special importance to the land-locked developing countries in Africa;

(e) To organize, in January 1984, the fourth session of the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning;

6. *Requests* the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to ensure the implementation of the present resolution and to submit regularly to the Economic and Social Council a progress report on the implementation of the programme for the Decade.

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### **1983/68. Climatic situation and drought in Africa**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 37/147 of 17 December 1982 on assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda, 37/165 of 17 December 1982 on the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Saharan region, and 37/216 of 20 December 1982 on the implementation in the Sudano-Saharan region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification,<sup>56</sup>

*Recalling also* resolution 239 (XI) on drought in the Sahelian zone, adopted on 23 February 1973 by the

<sup>56</sup> A/CONF.74/36, chap. I.

**Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa,<sup>57</sup>**

*Aware* that drought, which had affected the Sahel region in the 1970s, is now seriously affecting thirty-four African countries, twenty-four of which are among the least developed countries and some of which are located outside the Sudano-Sahelian region and the Kalahari desert region,

*Realizing* that drought is now a chronic natural phenomenon whose causes, frequency and trends are currently difficult to control and must be studied scientifically,

*Conscious* of the linear relationship between drought, desertification and underdevelopment,

*Recalling further* resolution 446 (XVII) adopted on 30 April 1982 by the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa,<sup>58</sup>

*Deeply concerned* about the worsening climatic situation and the dire effects of recurring drought, erosion, cyclones and famine on the peoples of Africa and on the African economy in general,

1. *Urgently requests* the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to organize a special scientific round-table meeting on the problems of the climatic situation in Africa, to which all States members of the Commission should be invited and which should consist of national experts from the countries invited and of international experts on climate, land, water and soil resources, ecology and the environment, with a view to examining the causes, periodicity, trends and effects of drought on the African economy and to proposing measures to be taken in the short, medium and long terms to deal with the problem;

2. *Appeals* to the competent organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, such as the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the World Meteorological Organization, and to the Organization of African Unity and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned, to collaborate actively with the Economic Commission for Africa in this urgent task;

3. *Calls upon* African Governments to give high priority, through the allocation of both financial resources and manpower, to the problem of understanding climatic variability in their countries, in order to facilitate advance planning for drought, erosion, cyclones, famine and their related effects;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make available to the Economic Commission for Africa, by redeploying regular resources of the United Nations, adequate

financial resources to enable it to undertake this most important task;

5. *Further requests* the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to submit a report on the outcome of the scientific round-table meeting on the climatic situation in Africa to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1984;

6. *Calls upon* the international community to grant adequate financial resources to the countries affected by drought and desertification and to the institutions engaged in combating those phenomena.

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**1983/69. Transport and Communications Decade in Asia and the Pacific**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Noting* resolutions 230 (XXXVIII) of 1 April 1982<sup>59</sup> and 234 (XXXIX) of 29 April 1983<sup>60</sup> of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific regarding a transport and communications decade in Asia and the Pacific during the period 1985-1994,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980, the annex to which contains the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, in particular the development objectives for the transport and communications sectors,

*Convinced* of the critical role of all modes of transport as enabling elements in economic development and of the importance, therefore, of the improvement and growth of transport infrastructure and services in a manner commensurate with the anticipated growth of various sectors of the economy generating the demand for transport, and also of the importance of communications in modernizing transport and other sectors of the economy,

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General on regional co-operation,<sup>61</sup> in particular section II.B thereof,

1. *Emphasizes* the urgent need to upgrade the standards of transport and communications infrastructures in Asia and the Pacific region;

2. *Takes account* of the proposal for the proclamation of a transport and communications decade in Asia and the Pacific during the period 1985-1994;

3. *Endorses* resolution 234 (XXXIX) of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, relating, *inter alia*, to the preparation of a phased programme of action for the transport and communications decade in Asia and the Pacific region;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to extend all necessary facilities and support to enable the Executive

<sup>57</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/525)*, part three.

<sup>58</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1982, Supplement No. 11 (E/1982/21)*, chap. V.

<sup>59</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 10 (E/1982/20), chap. IV.

<sup>60</sup> *Ibid.*, 1983, Supplement No. 12 (E/1983/43), chap. IV.

<sup>61</sup> E/1983/86.

Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific to prepare a comprehensive programme of action for the decade;

5. *Calls upon* the Economic Commission for Western Asia to take appropriate action to collaborate with the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific for the incorporation of the Western Asian region in the programme of action for the decade;

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1984.

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### **1983/70. Industrial Development Decade for Africa**

#### *The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1982/66 B of 30 July 1982 and section II of General Assembly resolution 37/212 of 20 December 1982, as adopted, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, recalled that the Industrial Development Decade for Africa was one of the most important programmes of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization,

*Recalling further* Industrial Development Board resolution 56 (XVII) of 13 May 1983,<sup>62</sup> in which the Board, *inter alia*, expressed its deep concern at the scarcity of resources, including resources made available for the Decade by the United Nations Development Programme,

*Noting* resolution (I) adopted by the Follow-up Committee on Industrialization in Africa at its seventh meeting, held at Kigali, Rwanda, from 16 to 19 March 1983, and resolution 466 (XVIII) adopted on 2 May 1983 by the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa,<sup>63</sup> both concerning the implementation of the programme for the Industrial Development Decade for Africa,

*Considering* that the effective implementation of the Lagos Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Monrovia Strategy for the Economic Development of Africa<sup>64</sup> and the Final Act of Lagos<sup>65</sup> will, to a large extent, depend on the sustained development of industry as a supplier and user of goods and services and therefore on the structural adjustment in the industrial sector, with emphasis on selected strategic core industries,

*Noting with appreciation* the decision of the African Development Bank to provide increased financing for industrial projects in Africa during its 1982-1986 programme period,

<sup>62</sup> ID/B/308, annex I. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/38/16)*.

<sup>63</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1983, Supplement No. 13 (E/1983/44)*, chap. IV.

<sup>64</sup> A/S-11/14, annex I.

<sup>65</sup> *Ibid.*, annex II.

*Noting further* the deteriorating economic situation in Africa and the fact that the number of the least developed countries in Africa has increased from twenty-one to twenty-six, out of the present global total of thirty-six,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the second progress report on the Industrial Development Decade for Africa, prepared jointly by the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa;<sup>66</sup>

2. *Welcomes* the efforts made by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in assisting the African countries and intergovernmental organizations in the formulation of national and subregional programmes for the Decade, and in maintaining continuous and harmonious co-ordination with the secretariats of the Organization of African Unity, the Economic Commission for Africa and other international organizations concerned;

3. *Supports* Industrial Development Board resolution 56 (XVII) on the Industrial Development Decade for Africa and reiterates the repeated appeals made to the international community to increase its contribution to African industrial development within the framework of the programme for the Industrial Development Decade for Africa, with a view to ensuring that the target set by the African Governments of a 1.4 per cent share of world industrial production is achieved by the African region during the Decade;

4. *Decides* to accord priority to the Industrial Development Decade for Africa among the programmes of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the Economic Commission for Africa and, consequently, requests the Secretary-General to ensure that this priority is fully reflected in the programme budgets of those organizations and that adequate resources will be provided for the co-ordination and monitoring of the Decade, subject to approval by the General Assembly;

5. *Appeals* to all countries and institutions to increase their contributions to the United Nations Industrial Development Fund, taking into account the financial requirements of the projects directed towards the implementation of the programme for the Decade;

6. *Urges* the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to consider increasing its allocation of financial resources for assistance to African countries and intergovernmental organizations in planning and formulating their programmes for the Decade and to accord high priority to industrial projects, especially for the development of core industries, in its national and regional programmes for Africa, taking into account the priorities of the African countries;

7. *Recommends* that the General Assembly, at its thirty-eighth session, should continue to provide the United Nations Industrial Development Organization

<sup>66</sup> E/1983/104, annex.



with adequate funds from the United Nations regular technical assistance programmes for assistance to the African countries and to intergovernmental organizations, necessary for the full implementation of the programme for the Decade and for its popularization, priority being accorded to the formulation of industrial policies, strategies and plans, the development of core industries, industrial manpower, technological capabilities and institutional infrastructures, the development of energy technology and equipment, the promotion of intra-African industrial co-operation, the development of the least developed countries, and the mobilization of financial resources.

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### 1983/71. Food problems

#### *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, 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,

*Recalling* the Universal Declaration on the Eradication of Hunger and Malnutrition, as adopted by the World Food Conference,<sup>67</sup> and the Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development,<sup>68</sup>

*Reaffirming* General Assembly resolutions 37/245 on the situation of food and agriculture in Africa, 37/246 on an international year for the mobilization of financial and technological resources for food and agriculture in Africa, and 37/247 on food problems, all of 21 December 1982,

*Recognizing* the need for keeping food and agriculture issues at the centre of the global agenda,

*Concerned* that the achievement of the food and agriculture objectives of the developing countries is being severely constrained by the world-wide economic recession and political environment and that those countries are faced with depressed prices in commodity markets, sluggish demand, restricted access to markets, declining concessional flows in real terms and protectionist policies, coupled with the obligations of servicing

<sup>67</sup> *Report of the World Food Conference, Rome, 5-16 November 1974* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.II.A.3), chap. I.

<sup>68</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), part one; transmitted to the members of the General Assembly by a note of the Secretary-General (A/34/485).

a large international debt, and with monetary market instability,

*Expressing its deep concern* at the fact that a substantial part of world resources, material as well as human, continues to be diverted to armaments, which has a detrimental effect on international security and on efforts to achieve a new international economic order, including the solution of food problems, and calling upon Governments to take effective measures in the field of real disarmament that would increase the possibilities of the allocation of the resources now being used for military purposes to economic and social development, especially the development of developing countries, and to improving their food situation,

*Emphasizing* that food objectives should be pursued within the framework of national food strategies, plans and programmes and that food self-reliance is an essential element of national sovereignty and of political and social policy, that food security should be based, to the maximum extent feasible, on a vigorous domestic food sector and that, consequently, the development of the food sector should be recognized as a dynamic element in the economic development of the developing countries,

*Emphasizing* the need to adopt, according to priorities identified in the field of food and agriculture, comprehensive national and international measures, with a view to achieving 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,

*Recognizing* that a substantial increase in the export earnings of developing countries is essential for the adequate financing of their overall economic development, and even for that of their imports of food and agricultural inputs,

*Noting* the need for all countries, particularly the developed countries, to adopt policies designed to bring about the reduction and elimination of obstacles, in order to avoid the disruption of international trade in agricultural products and to facilitate access to international markets for agricultural exports, especially those of developing countries,

*Noting with concern* the continuing hunger and malnutrition in many developing countries, especially in Africa and in the least developed countries,

*Concerned* about the anomaly of large crops and stock accumulation in some developed countries, while many developing countries are facing problems of growing food deficits and hunger,

*Stressing* that measures taken by certain developed countries to reduce future food and agricultural production should not adversely affect the food problems faced by developing countries,

*Further concerned* about the uncertainty in the world food economy and the risks of an unstable supply and price situation in the international grain market,



*Calling* for progressive increases in grain production in developing countries to achieve a better balance in the production and distribution of global stocks,

1. *Welcomes* the conclusions and recommendations of the World Food Council at its ninth ministerial session,<sup>69</sup> in particular those relating to the regions of Africa, Asia and Latin America;

2. *Welcomes* the eighth annual report of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes;<sup>70</sup>

3. *Emphasizes* the need to consider the food problem in a comprehensive manner, in its technical, economic, commercial, financial and human dimensions;

4. *Reaffirms* that the right to food is a universal human right and that food should not be used as an instrument of political pressure;

5. *Expresses its concern* at the application of economic measures against some developing countries, and urges that those measures be revoked as soon as possible and not be repeated in the future;

6. *Affirms* that peace and disarmament are conducive to improved economic conditions and enhanced food security;

7. *Notes with satisfaction* that integrated national food strategies, plans and programmes, and the comprehensive food security concept are largely accepted by countries and development agencies;

8. *Endorses* the decision of the World Food Council to welcome the adoption by the Committee on World Food Security of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations of the enlarged and integrated concept of world food security, focusing on the adequacy of food supplies and production, stability in food supplies and markets, and security of access to supplies,<sup>71</sup> and calls for its widest possible implementation by the international community;

9. *Reaffirms* that national food strategies, plans and programmes should play a central role in the process of establishing priorities, in co-ordinating national and international funding and the application of technology, promoting food production and increasing the national food self-reliance of the developing countries;

10. *Emphasizes* the role of women on the farm as part of the rural family, calls for more attention in matters of policy to the role of women in relation to food systems, and stresses the need to involve women in the formulation and implementation of national food strategies, plans and programmes;

11. *Underlines* the role of developing countries in the formulation and implementation of national food

and agricultural policies and programmes and the importance of international support measures, including the mobilization of necessary financial resources;

12. *Calls upon* the developed countries, international institutions and others able to furnish development assistance to provide urgently the necessary technical and financial resources to support the efforts of developing countries to achieve the national food objectives that those countries have themselves defined for the eradication of hunger and malnutrition;

13. *Reaffirms* that increased food production is one of the most important elements in meeting the food needs of the developing countries;

14. *Invites* Governments concerned to adopt direct hunger-reduction measures integrated with productive development within the framework of national strategies and policies, including more assistance to rural development to reach smallholder producers and co-operatives, special attention to the needs of women farmers, investment in human capacities through programmes for mothers and children, the creation of productive employment for poor landless families and an increase in food aid;

15. *Expresses its concern* at the expanding food-import requirements of the developing countries, particularly the least developed, which underlines the gravity of the problem and the importance of food aid both as a temporary relief measure and as a resource for food and agricultural development;

16. *Urges* that, in the implementation of food aid policies and programmes, a greater volume of food and agricultural products be acquired from food-exporting developing countries, where appropriate, including acquisition through triangular transactions;

17. *Calls* for adequate and continuous flows of resources for the World Bank, the International Fund for Agricultural Development and the regional development banks, whose work in food and agricultural development is important and effective in providing to the developing countries, in particular the least developed, additional development assistance to implement more effective incentives and programmes directed towards increasing food production and towards raising nutritional standards;

18. *Stresses* the need for substantial and timely replenishments for the International Development Association, to enable it to increase its assistance to all its recipient countries in the development of food and agriculture;

19. *Calls upon* the competent entities of the United Nations system to accord priority support to economic and technical co-operation among developing countries in food and agriculture;

20. *Emphasizes* the importance of research and exchange of information on scientific research and technological progress for the purposes of the development of food production, and calls upon the international community to provide to the developing countries increased financial and technical assistance in the area

<sup>69</sup> WFC/1983/19, part one; for the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 19 (A/38/19)*.

<sup>70</sup> WFP/CFA:15/19; transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/1983/92.

<sup>71</sup> See WFC/1983/19, part one, para. 44.

of agricultural research and to take appropriate measures to promote the transfer of technology in regard to the improvement of farming methods, including support to activities in these areas relating to technical co-operation among developing countries;

21. *Calls upon* the international community to provide continuing and increasing support towards improving global food security and towards the elimination of hunger and malnutrition;

22. *Recognizes* that the expansion of exports, particularly from developing countries, is an important element of food security, and calls for additional measures by developed countries to liberalize agricultural trade;

23. *Calls* for improved international co-operation on the part of countries exporting and importing cereals, in respect of their food trade, production and stocking policies, in order, *inter alia*, to avoid instability in the international cereals market adversely affecting developing countries;

24. *Urges* all Governments concerned to consider, within the International Wheat Council at its next session, the early resumption of the United Nations Conference to Negotiate an International Arrangement to Replace the International Wheat Agreement, 1971, as extended, in order to conclude as soon as possible a new agreement that will contribute to the efficient operation of the international wheat market, taking into account the interests of developing countries;

25. *Calls upon* the international community to support, through the mobilization of financial and other resources, the efforts of developing countries to strengthen their stocking programmes in cases where those countries have expressed the need to build food reserves;

26. *Expresses the urgent need* to find multilateral solutions to the problems of trade, access, competition and supply relating to agricultural products, and calls upon the institutions concerned to find appropriate solutions, taking particularly into account the special needs and circumstances of developing countries;

27. *Endorses* the new target approved by the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes for the biennium 1985-1986 of \$1.35 billion for the regular resources of the World Food Programme,<sup>72</sup> and calls upon traditionally and newly contributing countries to ensure its timely achievement;

28. *Supports* the appeal launched by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in favour of the African countries threatened by food shortages, and urges the international community to respond generously to that appeal, in particular by increasing on an emergency basis its assistance in food aid and agricultural inputs;

29. *Takes note* of the progress made in the implementation of the Programme of Action as adopted by the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development, and looks forward to the com-

prehensive review to be submitted to the Economic and Social Council in 1984 on progress in agrarian reform and rural development;

30. *Calls upon* the Governments concerned to implement agrarian reform and rural development within the framework of their national plans and objectives and in accordance with the recommendations, as adopted, of the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development;

31. *Supports* the establishment of regional mechanisms to reduce food vulnerability, malnutrition and under-nutrition and, in this context, welcomes the recent establishment of the Action Committee for Regional Food Security;

32. *Stresses* the importance of fisheries development for the expansion of food supplies and nutritional improvements, and endorses the initiative by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to convene in 1984 a World Conference on Fisheries Management and Development;

33. *Emphasizes* the importance of stock breeding and fisheries development in the food strategies, plans and programmes of developing countries, and calls upon the international community to continue to provide competent international bodies with the necessary resources for the completion of studies in those areas, in order to increase their contribution to the development of the food and agriculture sector;

34. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the preparation by the World Food Council, for its tenth session in 1984, of a special assessment of progress made and the tasks ahead in meeting the objectives of the 1974 World Food Conference;<sup>73</sup>

35. *Urges* the World Food Council, within the context of its mandate, to mobilize and sustain greater efforts in the struggle to overcome hunger, to continue to review and report on major problems and policy issues, and to continue to serve as a co-ordinating mechanism in the field of food and other related policy matters within the United Nations system.

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#### **1983/72. Twentieth anniversary of the World Food Programme**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 1714 (XVI) of 19 December 1961, 2095 (XX) of 20 December 1965 and 3404 (XXX) of 28 November 1975 and resolutions 1/61 of 24 November 1961, 4/65 of 6 December 1965 and 22/75 of 26 November 1975 of the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, setting up the World Food Programme as a programme jointly undertaken by the United Nations and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and establishing, for the purposes of

<sup>72</sup> See WFP/CFA:15/19, para. 42.

<sup>73</sup> See WFC/1983/19, part two, paras. 77-83.

providing guidance on policy, administration and operations, the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes,

*Taking note* of the eighth annual report of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes,<sup>74</sup>

*Noting* that the World Food Programme is celebrating its twentieth anniversary in 1983,

*Noting also* the activities of the Programme during the past twenty years in the use of food aid to promote development and to relieve distress, especially in emergencies,

*Conscious* that the Programme, originally established on an experimental basis, is now an important element in the development activities of the United Nations system,

*Noting* the versatility of food aid as an instrument for promoting general economic and social development, including rural development,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the World Food Programme on its twentieth anniversary and for the initiatives of the Programme to provide added impetus as it enters the third decade of its existence;

2. *Also expresses its appreciation* to Governments and to organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system for their support of the Programme;

3. *Calls upon* Governments to intensify their efforts to enable the Programme to fulfil its assigned role in accordance with its mandate even more effectively and for this purpose to channel, to the maximum extent possible and feasible, their food aid through the Programme;

4. *Encourages* the Programme to continue to explore opportunities to improve the constructive use of food aid in support of the economic and social development of the developing countries.

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#### **1983/73. Target for World Food Programme pledges for the period 1985-1986**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the eighth annual report of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes,<sup>74</sup>

*Noting* the comments of the Committee concerning the minimum target for voluntary contributions to the World Food Programme for the period 1985-1986,

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

1. *Submits* to the General Assembly for consideration and adoption the draft resolution annexed hereto;

2. *Urges* States Members of the United Nations and members and associate members of the Food and

Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to undertake the necessary preparations for the announcement of pledges at the Eleventh Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme.

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##### **Target for World Food Programme pledges for the period 1985-1986**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* the provision in paragraph 1 of its resolution 2095 (XX) of 20 December 1965 to the effect that the World Food Programme is to be reviewed before each pledging conference,

*Recalling also* the provisions of paragraph 4 of its resolution 36/202 of 17 December 1981, specifying that, subject to the review of the Programme provided for in resolution 2095 (XX), the next pledging conference should be convened at the latest early in 1984, at which time Governments and appropriate donor organizations should be invited to pledge contributions for 1985 and 1986, with a view to reaching such a target as may then be recommended by the General Assembly and by the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations,

*Noting* that the review of the Programme was undertaken by the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes at its fifteenth session and by the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1983,

*Having considered* Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/73 of 29 July 1983, and the recommendations of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes,

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

1. *Establishes* for the two years 1985 and 1986 a target for voluntary contributions to the World Food Programme of \$1.35 billion, of which not less than one third should be in cash and/or services in the aggregate, and expresses the hope that these resources will be augmented by substantial additional contributions from other sources, in recognition of the prospective volume of sound project requests and the capacity of the Programme to operate at a higher level;

2. *Urges* States Members of the United Nations and members and associate members of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and appropriate donor organizations to make every effort to ensure the full attainment of the target;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, to convene a pledging conference for this purpose at United Nations Headquarters early in 1984;

4. *Decides* that, subject to the review provided for in its resolution 2095 (XX), the subsequent pledging conference, at which Governments and appropriate donor organizations should be invited to pledge contributions for 1987 and 1988, with a view to reaching such a target as may then be recommended by the Assembly and by the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, should be convened at the latest early in 1986.

#### **1983/74. Activities of transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia and collaboration of such corporations with the racist minority régime in South Africa**

*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

<sup>74</sup> WFP/CFA: 15/19; transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/1983/92.

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 37/39 of 3 December 1982 on the adverse consequences for the enjoyment of human rights of political, military, economic and other forms of assistance given to the racist and colonialist régime of South Africa, 37/40 of 3 December 1982 on the implementation of the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, 37/41 of 3 December 1982 on the Second World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, 37/69 of 9 December 1982 on the policies of *apartheid* of the Government of South Africa, 37/74 of 9 December 1982 on the implementation of the Declaration on the Denuclearization of Africa and 37/233 of 20 December 1982 on the question of Namibia,

*Reaffirming* its previous resolutions on the activities of transnational corporations in southern Africa and the collaboration of such corporations with the racist minority régime in South Africa,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the policies and practices of transnational corporations regarding their activities in South Africa and Namibia,<sup>75</sup> prepared pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/69 of 27 October 1982,

*Considering* that the persistent operations of transnational corporations in Namibia in contravention of various United Nations resolutions continue to reinforce the illegal occupation of Namibia by South Africa and to pose a serious threat to the future political and economic independence of Namibia,

*Considering* that the role of transnational corporations in the strategic sectors, including the military and nuclear sectors of the South African economy, has persisted in violation of United Nations resolutions,

*Considering also* that the continued collaboration of transnational corporations with the racist minority régime in South Africa has caused widespread concern in recent years among national and local legislators, non-governmental organizations, trade unions, academic institutions and numerous other groups,

*Affirming* the need for action at the international level by intergovernmental organizations in order to complement national measures,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Secretary-General on the policies and practices of transnational corporations regarding their activities in South Africa and Namibia, prepared pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/69;

2. *Commends* those groups, bodies and institutions that have exerted pressure on transnational corporations to terminate their investments in South Africa and other forms of collaboration with the racist minority

régime, and calls upon such organizations to intensify their efforts in those areas;

3. *Welcomes* as a positive step the policies of Governments directed towards bringing to an end the activities of their transnational corporations in southern Africa;

4. *Condemns* the racist minority régime in South Africa for its perpetuation of the inhuman system of *apartheid* and the illegal occupation of Namibia;

5. *Condemns* those transnational corporations which collaborate with the racist minority régime in South Africa, and calls upon all transnational corporations to respect the various United Nations resolutions concerning southern Africa;

6. *Calls upon* all home countries of transnational corporations to take effective measures to terminate the collaboration of their transnational corporations with the racist minority régime in South Africa, to prevent further new investments and reinvestments and to bring about an immediate withdrawal of all existing investments in South Africa and Namibia;

7. *Calls upon* all countries concerned to re-examine their relations with the transnational corporations operating in their territories which collaborate with the racist minority régime in South Africa;

8. *Calls upon* all anti-*apartheid* movements, religious institutions and bodies, trade unions, universities and other institutions that are shareholders of transnational corporations operating in South Africa and Namibia to contribute to the efforts of the international community to eradicate *apartheid* by withdrawing their shareholdings in such transnational corporations;

9. *Urges* all transnational corporations to comply fully with the relevant United Nations resolutions by terminating all further investments in South Africa and Namibia and by ending their collaboration with the racist minority régime;

10. *Further calls upon* all States Members of the United Nations and all transnational corporations operating in South Africa and Namibia to co-operate with the Secretary-General and the Commission on Transnational Corporations in organizing public hearings on the activities of transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia;

11. *Reaffirms* Security Council resolution 301 (1971) of 20 October 1971, in which the Council called upon States to abstain from entering into economic relations with South Africa in respect of Namibia and declared that rights, titles or contracts granted to individuals or corporations by South Africa after the termination of the mandate were not subject to protection or espousal by their States against the claims of a future lawful Government of Namibia;

12. *Reaffirms* that the code of conduct on transnational corporations should include effective measures against the collaboration of transnational corporations with the racist minority régime in southern Africa;

<sup>75</sup> E/C.10/1983/10 and Add.1.

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To intensify the useful work of the Secretariat in the collection and dissemination of information on the activities of all transnational corporations in southern Africa;

(b) To make arrangements for the organization of public hearings, to be conducted by the Commission on Transnational Corporations, with the assistance of the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations, on the activities of transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia, in accordance with the modalities and procedures to be prescribed by the Commission at its tenth session;

(c) To report to the Commission on Transnational Corporations at its tenth session on the measures taken in pursuance of the present resolution;

(d) To expand the annex to the report of the Secretary-General referred to in paragraph 1 above to include all transnational corporations operating in South Africa and Namibia;

14. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda for the tenth session of the Commission an item entitled "Responsibilities of home countries with respect to the transnational corporations operating in South Africa and Namibia in violation of the relevant resolutions and decisions of the United Nations".

*41st plenary meeting  
29 July 1983*

**1983/75. Organization of public hearings on the activities of transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolutions on the activities of transnational corporations in southern Africa, in particular resolution 1981/86 of 2 November 1981, in which it called for the organization of public hearings on the activities of transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia,

*Recalling also* its resolution 1982/70 of 27 October 1982, according to which public hearings on the activities of transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia, pursuant to Council resolution 1981/86, shall be conducted by the Commission on Transnational Corporations at its tenth session, which shall, as necessary, be extended for a period of one week for that purpose,

*Urges* regional groups to nominate their representatives to the *ad hoc* committee established under Council resolution 1982/70, unless they have already done so, to enable it to start work on the organization of the public hearings at the earliest possible time, but not later than the end of the year 1983, and to report to the Commission at its tenth session, so that it may conduct public hearings at its eleventh session.

*41st plenary meeting  
29 July 1983*

**1983/76. Cross-sectoral review of population**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1982/50 of 28 July 1982 on the revitalization of the Council, in which, *inter alia*, it decided to review every six years selected major issues in the proposed medium-term plans of the organizations of the United Nations system,

*Recalling* its decision 1983/101 of 4 February 1983, by paragraph 2 (c) of which it decided that food and agriculture and population would be the two areas for review in 1983,

*Emphasizing* the continuing relevance and importance of population policies and programmes in the economic and social development of the developing countries,

*Recalling* the World Population Plan of Action<sup>76</sup> adopted by consensus at the World Population Conference and given endorsement by the General Assembly in its resolution 3344 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974,

*Recalling* its resolutions 1981/87 of 25 November 1981, in which it decided to convene an International Conference on Population in 1984, and 1982/7 of 30 April 1982 and 1982/42 of 27 July 1982, concerning preparations for the Conference,

*Reaffirming* the importance of the Conference,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General,<sup>77</sup> which, *inter alia*, outlines population trends and policies since 1974 and contains a review of the planned programmes and activities of the organizations of the United Nations system concerned in the field of population;

2. *Decides* to continue to attach high priority to population programmes and activities as contributing to the social and economic development of the developing countries, and urges that increased financial support for population activities be made available and that competent entities of the United Nations system take appropriate action accordingly in a co-ordinated manner in their respective programmes of work;

3. *Notes with satisfaction* that the various organizational elements of the United Nations and members of the United Nations system in the area of population are working towards an effective division of labour, and urges them to ensure enhanced co-operation and co-ordination among themselves;

4. *Decides* to consider the matter again at a future session, taking into account the outcome of the International Conference on Population to be held in 1984 in Mexico, and the other developments in the area of population.

*42nd plenary meeting  
29 July 1983*

<sup>76</sup> Report of the United Nations World Population Conference, Bucharest, 19-30 August 1974 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.XIII.3), chap. I.

<sup>77</sup> E/1983/101.

**1983/77. Cross-sectoral review of  
food and agriculture**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1982/50 of 28 July 1982 on the revitalization of the Council, in which, *inter alia*, it decided to review every six years selected major issues in the proposed medium-term plans of the organizations of the United Nations system,

*Recalling also* its decision 1983/101 of 4 February 1983, by paragraph 2 (c) of which it decided that food and agriculture and population would be the two areas for review in 1983,

*Bearing in mind* its resolution 1983/71 of 29 July 1983 on food problems,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General<sup>78</sup> containing a cross-sectoral review of the food and agriculture sector in the medium-term plans of the organizations of the United Nations system;

2. *Reiterates* the importance of food and agriculture in the development process of the developing countries, and urges the international community to keep this issue as one of its highest priorities, with a view to increasing the food production and agricultural development of those countries, so as to enable them to achieve self-reliance and eliminate hunger and malnutrition;

3. *Requests* the competent entities of the United Nations system to assist, where so requested, in the development and implementation of national food strategies, plans and programmes;

4. *Affirms* that the activities in the food and agriculture sector undertaken by the United Nations system should represent a comprehensive approach towards the issues relating to trade, financial flows and food security questions, and towards efforts covering the whole range of issues concerning production, conservation and storage, processing, marketing, distribution and consumption;

5. *Requests* the entities of the United Nations system to continue and strengthen their efforts to fulfil the objectives of the Programme of Action adopted by the World Food Conference,<sup>79</sup> of the Universal Declaration on the Eradication of Hunger and Malnutrition contained therein, and of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade;<sup>80</sup>

6. *Emphasizes* the importance of adequate external financial and technical assistance through multilateral and other channels, to supplement the efforts of the developing countries to achieve their objectives in the field of food and agriculture;

7. *Invites* the competent entities of the United Nations system in the field of food and agriculture to con-

sider appropriate action towards the attainment of the objectives of the enlarged and integrated concept of world food security, in accordance with the decision, as adopted, of the Committee on World Food Security of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;<sup>81</sup>

8. *Emphasizes* the responsibilities of the institutions concerned, in accordance with their mandates, to work towards the solution of problems of trade in the food and agriculture sector;

9. *Urges* international organizations, including their respective governing bodies, to make every effort, in close co-operation with each other and keeping each other fully informed, and in accordance with the relevant United Nations resolutions, to ensure that their policies and programmes complement each other and that there is efficient co-ordination of their activities, avoiding duplication and gaps;

10. *Takes note* of the assessment to be carried out by the World Food Council for its tenth session on the progress made and the tasks ahead in meeting the objectives of the 1974 World Food Conference,<sup>82</sup> and requests it to include a complete global assessment of the flow of resources through the United Nations system, broken down by various subsectors in the food and agriculture sector.

*42nd plenary meeting  
29 July 1983*

**1983/78. Cross-organizational review of selected  
major sectors in the medium-term plans of the organ-  
izations of the United Nations system**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Conscious* of its role in co-ordinating the economic and social activities of the United Nations system under the Charter of the United Nations and relevant General Assembly resolutions, particularly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977,

*Recalling* its resolution 1982/50 of 28 July 1982 on the revitalization of the Council, and recognizing the need to clarify the nature of the reviews provided for in paragraph 1 (f) of that resolution,

1. *Decides* to review, starting in 1985, on a biennial basis, one or more major sectors, taking account of the medium-term plans of, or equivalent documents and information from, the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system;

2. *Further decides*, in order to allow sufficient lead time for the preparation of documents and necessary financial data, to select the sector or sectors for review in 1985 at its organizational session for 1984, and to follow the same procedure for future reviews, taking into account the topics for cross-organizational pro-

<sup>78</sup> E/1983/99.

<sup>79</sup> *Report of the World Food Conference, Rome, 5-16 November 1974* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.II.A.3), part one.

<sup>80</sup> General Assembly resolution 35/56, annex.

<sup>81</sup> See Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, document CL 83/10, para. 43.

<sup>82</sup> See WFC/1983/19, part two, paras. 77-83; for the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 19 (A/38/19)*.

gramme analyses selected for review by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination in the respective years;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in future reports specific conclusions and recommendations, based on an analytical assessment of the activities

and programmes of the United Nations system in the selected sectors, in order to enable the Council to enhance its role in co-ordinating the activities and programmes of the system in the economic and social sectors.

*42nd plenary meeting  
29 July 1983*

## DECISIONS

### 1983/163. Control and limitation of documentation

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 22 July 1983, the Council, recalling the resolutions and decisions adopted by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council concerning the control and limitation of documentation, decided to request the Secretary-General:

(a) 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;

(b) To draw the attention of intergovernmental bodies to areas where duplication of documentation is likely to occur and/or where opportunities for integrating or consolidating documents that deal with related or similar themes might exist, with a view to rationalizing documentation.

### 1983/164. Recommendations regarding the organization of the work of the Second Committee of the General Assembly

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 22 July 1983, the Council, pursuant to paragraph 6 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977 and paragraph 1 (b) of Council resolution 1982/50 of 28 July 1982, decided to submit to the General Assembly the following recommendations regarding the organization of the work of the Second Committee of the General Assembly:

#### *1. Structure of the deliberations of the Second Committee*

(a) Debates in the Second Committee should be more meaningful, better focused, and action-oriented and should establish a constructive dialogue among delegations and between delegations and executive heads of organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system.

(b) There is general agreement that the debates in the Committee should be better structured. Recent experience has shown that a general debate in the Committee may perhaps be necessary, but that its relationship to the general debate in plenary, on the one hand, and to the discussion of specific issues in the Committee, on

the other, should be further clarified. Such a general debate in the Committee should take place during the first two weeks of the session.

(c) Apart from the general debate, the deliberations of the Committee on various questions should be organized around clusters of related issues, focusing on specific reports and proposals submitted. Those deliberations should be as brief and concise as possible.

(d) Statements on behalf of organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system should henceforth be made in the context of the deliberations on specific reports and should be circulated in advance. In this context, opportunities should be provided for members of the Committee to exchange views with the executive heads of the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system.

#### *II. Organization of the work of the Second Committee*

(a) The General Assembly may consider adopting a biennial programme of work for the Second Committee, apart from the general debate, and identifying questions for substantive consideration in alternate years; in other years, the Assembly will be kept informed of progress on such questions.

(b) The subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly in the economic field should ensure that their substantive contributions are made available in time to the Assembly, in the context of its biennial programme of work. Furthermore, those subsidiary bodies may consider adopting, on an experimental basis, a biennial cycle of meetings, in conformity with the biennial programme of work to be established for the Second Committee.

(c) The Economic and Social Council shall continue to assist the Second Committee in the organization of work and documentation, and shall make recommendations in this regard to the General Assembly for its consideration.

(d) In that context, the Council should also identify:

(i) Those issues on which it would take a final decision, particularly those issues which are considered in depth by its subsidiary bodies and/or those issues which are not included in the agenda of the General Assembly;



- (ii) Those issues which should be transmitted without debate to the Assembly for consideration and decisions;
- (iii) Those issues in respect of which the Council will substantively prepare the work of the Assembly by defining policy matters requiring special attention by the Assembly, and by formulating recommendations for action by the Assembly.

(e) The General Assembly may wish to consider making arrangements to have members of the Bureau of the Second Committee informally agreed upon at least two weeks before the beginning of the work of the Committee, so as to enable them, in consultation with Member States, to begin the preparation of the work of the Committee.

### III. *Deadlines for the submission of draft proposals, and consideration thereof by the Second Committee*

(a) The Second Committee, in organizing its work, should identify issues which would require lengthy informal consultations, and should, to the extent possible, spread the consideration of those issues evenly throughout the session.

(b) The deadline for the submission of draft proposals under various items of the agenda should be established when the Second Committee approves its organization of work. Greater efforts should be made to adhere to the deadlines. To this end, the Chairman of the Committee should play an active role, in consultation with delegations, in ensuring the observance of deadlines.

(c) Efforts should be made to keep to a minimum the number of draft proposals under each item. To the extent possible, the Committee should endeavour to adopt only one draft resolution or decision on each specific issue before it.

(d) Draft resolutions should be concise and should concentrate on policy recommendations addressed to Member States and organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system.

(e) Informal consultations on draft proposals have proved to be a useful procedure to expedite the work of the Second Committee. Further efforts should be made to improve the working methods and procedures of such informal consultations, including, to the extent possible, the establishment of a weekly programme of work for those consultations.

### **1983/165. Oral report by the President on the revitalization of the Economic and Social Council**

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 22 July 1983, the Council took note of the oral report on the revitalization of the Council<sup>83</sup> made by the President in pursuance of Council resolution 1982/50 of 28 July 1982.

<sup>83</sup> See E/1983/SR.38.

### **1983/166. Development and utilization of new and renewable sources of energy**

At its 39th plenary meeting, on 25 July 1983, the Council took note of the report of the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy on its first session<sup>84</sup> and decided to transmit it to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session for consideration.

### **1983/167. Science and technology for development**

At its 39th plenary meeting, on 25 July 1983, the Council took note of the reports of the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development on its special session<sup>85</sup> and on its fifth session,<sup>85</sup> and decided to transmit those reports to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session for consideration.

### **1983/168. International co-operation on the environment**

At its 39th plenary meeting, on 25 July 1983, the Council:

(a) Took note of the reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its eleventh session<sup>86</sup> and on the implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification,<sup>87</sup> and decided to transmit them, together with the recommendations of the Governing Council,<sup>88</sup> to the General Assembly for consideration and action;

(b) Noted with appreciation Governing Council decision 11/2 of 23 May 1983,<sup>89</sup> concerning the periodicity and duration of Governing Council sessions;

(c) Took note of Governing Council decision 11/3 of 23 May 1983<sup>89</sup> on the process of preparation of the environmental perspective, and decided to recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of the draft resolution annexed to that decision.

### **1983/169. International co-operation in the field of human settlements**

At its 39th plenary meeting, on 25 July 1983, the Council:

(a) Took note of the report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the work of its sixth session<sup>90</sup> and decided to transmit it, together with the recommen-

<sup>84</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 44 (A/38/44).*

<sup>85</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 37 (A/38/37).*

<sup>86</sup> E/1983/L.34; for the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/38/25).*

<sup>87</sup> UNEP/GC.11/10/Add.1.

<sup>88</sup> Governing Council decisions 11/2 and 11/3 and decision 11/7, part seven, sect. A, para. 3, and sect. B, para. 5.

<sup>89</sup> See E/1983/L.34, annex.

<sup>90</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 8 (A/38/8).*



dations of the Commission,<sup>91</sup> to the General Assembly for consideration and action;

(b) Also took note of the reports of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme for the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless<sup>92</sup> and on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territories,<sup>93</sup> and decided to transmit those reports to the General Assembly.

#### **1983/170. Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people in Lebanon**

At its 39th plenary meeting, on 25 July 1983, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people in Lebanon.<sup>94</sup>

#### **1983/171. A new international human order: moral aspects of development**

At its 39th plenary meeting, on 25 July 1983, the Council decided to transmit to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session the draft resolution annexed to the present decision, the relevant documents submitted to the Council pursuant to Assembly resolution 37/225 of 20 December 1982,<sup>95</sup> and the comments made thereon by Governments and by the Council during its consideration of the matter at its second regular session of 1983.<sup>96</sup>

#### **ANNEX**

#### **Declaration on a new international human order: moral aspects of development**

##### *The General Assembly*

*Adopts* the following Declaration:

#### **DECLARATION ON A NEW INTERNATIONAL HUMAN ORDER: MORAL ASPECTS OF DEVELOPMENT**

*We, the Members of the United Nations,*

*Bearing in mind* certain of the principles and objectives enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, such as reaffirmation of faith in the dignity and worth of the human person, promotion of social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom, and employment of international machinery for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples,

*Recalling* that, as stated in Article 55 of the Charter, the United Nations shall promote higher standards of living, full employment, and conditions of economic and social progress and development,

*Recognizing* that the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights<sup>97</sup> and the Declarations of the Rights of the Child, on Social Progress and Development, on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief, on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, on the Rights of Disabled Persons, on the Rights of Mentally Retarded Persons, and the United Nations Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of

Racial Discrimination<sup>98</sup> reflect the concern of the United Nations for all members of the human family,

*Also bearing in mind* that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights<sup>99</sup> sets a common standard of human rights and obligations to be achieved for all peoples and that everyone is entitled to a social and international order in which the rights and freedoms set forth in the Declaration can be fully realized,

*Recalling* the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order,<sup>100</sup> the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States<sup>101</sup> and the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,<sup>102</sup>

*Noting* that the United Nations has not fully and effectively achieved its objectives, as embodied in the Charter, in the field of economic and social development,

*Reaffirming* the principles contained in those covenants, conventions and declarations, particularly that:

(a) The recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world,

(b) These rights derive from the inherent dignity of the human person,

(c) The ideal of human beings enjoying freedom from fear and want can be achieved only in conditions in which everyone is guaranteed the enjoyment of economic, social and cultural rights, as well as civil and political rights,

(d) The obligations of States under the Charter of the United Nations include the promotion of universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms,

(e) The individual, having duties to other individuals and to the community to which he belongs, has a responsibility to promote and respect the rights of his fellow human beings,

*Stressing* that the primary responsibility for the development of developing countries rests with them and that it will greatly facilitate their efforts to meet desired development goals under a just and equitable international economic order if economic and social disparities are reduced among peoples and nations,

*Recognizing* that a contributing factor to the failure of development has been the lack of political will, co-operation and understanding and of a full appreciation of the reality of interdependence and common interest among peoples and States,

*Believing* that all countries and peoples have to draw from the moral well-springs of equity, justice, mutual understanding and co-operation in the resolution of the economic and social ills that afflict mankind today,

*Recognizing* that it is in the interest of all States members of the international community that the developing countries should be able to achieve their development goals, and that the developed countries have a moral responsibility to assist in facilitating that process,

*Realizing* the need to promote the simultaneous attainment of economic and social goals and to create a condition of global growth and prosperity based on a new international human order which emphasizes the moral and humanistic approach to development,

*Reaffirming* that human beings, as well as States, constitute the membership of the international community,

*Solemnly proclaim* our common determination to establish and enhance the development and evolution of a new international human order, with emphasis on the moral aspects of development, based on the principles of equity, sovereign equality, common interest and co-operation among all States, regardless of their political and economic

<sup>91</sup> *Ibid.*, annex I, sect. A.

<sup>92</sup> A/38/233-E/1983/74 and Corr.1.

<sup>93</sup> A/38/278-E/1983/77.

<sup>94</sup> A/38/207-E/1983/65.

<sup>95</sup> E/1983/68 and Add.1 and 2; E/1983/89.

<sup>96</sup> See E/1983/SR.17-30.

<sup>97</sup> General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

<sup>98</sup> General Assembly resolutions 1386 (XIV), 2542 (XXIV), 36/55, 2263 (XXII), 3447 (XXX), 2856 (XXVI) and 1904 (XVIII).

<sup>99</sup> General Assembly resolution 217 A (III).

<sup>100</sup> General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI).

<sup>101</sup> General Assembly resolution 3281 (XXIX).

<sup>102</sup> General Assembly resolution 35/56, annex.

systems, and on the principles of equality, mutual respect and co-operation among all peoples;

And to that end

Declare that:

## I

1. The growth and progress of societies, and the stability of Governments and States, are inextricably and inseparably linked to the growth, progress and stability of the human being;
2. The growth and development of the human being is the fundamental goal of any society, Government or State;
3. The development of a human being must consist in a balanced development of body and mind and of spiritual faculties;
4. The human being—man, woman or child—is simultaneously the subject and the object of development;
5. As the subject of development, the human being should be the ultimate beneficiary of the development process;
6. The development process must aim at furthering the collective well-being and happiness of all humankind;
7. Governments and States are in the best position to provide the environment that would ensure the balanced development of the human being and his self-realization;
8. In order to provide for such an environment, development must, *inter alia*, aim towards the following goals:
  - (a) Meeting the basic needs and wants of human beings, which are essential for the sustenance of life under acceptable standards of living;
  - (b) Furthering the economic betterment of all peoples;
  - (c) Improving their quality of life by providing the minimum elements in their pursuit of happiness and meaning beyond mere existence and subsistence;
  - (d) Helping in the fulfilment of the human being in his wholeness and in the total realization of his economic, social and spiritual needs and aspirations;

## II

1. In order to achieve a new international human order, development programmes should be designed and carried out at the level of the people, who are the principal instruments and beneficiaries of the development process; development should be carried out to the full extent of popular participation, the people who are the beneficiaries of development being fully involved so as to ensure that their interests are respected, and bearing in mind that popular participation is necessary for the success of development programmes;
2. A new international human order also requires the strengthening and expansion of programmes of assistance to refugees, the disabled, the physically handicapped and the aged; the United Nations should similarly sustain and expand assistance to children; it should extend assistance programmes to human beings in the greatest need, regardless of sex, race or religion, bearing in mind that all humankind is the concern of the United Nations;
3. States, in pursuit of the new international human order, should furthermore work towards the implementation of United Nations declarations on, *inter alia*, the peaceful settlement of international disputes, the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and the prohibition of the use of nuclear and thermonuclear weapons, international co-operation for disarmament, the suppression and punishment of the crime of *apartheid* and the elimination of all forms of racial discrimination, the protection of the human environment and the establishment of a new international economic order;
4. It is in the interest of the international community if nations and peoples in a position to do so assist the less well-endowed among them, and that the former have a moral responsibility to facilitate the process of economic and social development of the latter;
5. In order to achieve a new international human order, all States, Governments, governmental and non-governmental organizations and entities, as well as individuals, are called upon to use all efforts to

apply the principles and to attain the goals set forth in the present Declaration.

### 1983/172. Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance

At its 40th plenary meeting, on 28 July 1983, the Council:

(a) Took note of:

- (i) The oral report made by the Joint Co-ordinator for Special Economic Assistance Programmes, on behalf of the Secretary-General, on assistance to Benin, Botswana, Cape Verde, the Central African Republic, Chad, the Comoros, Djibouti, the Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Lesotho, Liberia, Mozambique, Sierra Leone, Tonga and Uganda;
- (ii) The oral report made by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, on behalf of the Secretary-General, on assistance to refugees in Somalia, assistance to displaced persons in Ethiopia, humanitarian assistance to refugees in Djibouti and assistance to student refugees in southern Africa;

(b) Took note further of the statements made by delegations during the discussion of the item entitled "Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance" at the second regular session of 1983 of the Council;

(c) Decided to appeal to all Member States, organs and organizations of the United Nations system, and to other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, to continue their efforts to provide the necessary assistance, pursuant to the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council.

### 1983/173. Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination

At its 40th plenary meeting, on 28 July 1983, the Council, recalling General Assembly resolution 34/214 of 19 December 1979, paragraph (c) of Council decision 1979/67 of 3 August 1979 and Council decision 1980/185 of 25 July 1980 regarding the improvement of communication between the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and intergovernmental bodies, decided to review, at its organizational session for 1984, the functioning of the Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, and to request the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, at its resumed twenty-third session, and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, at its second regular session of 1983, to submit their comments in this regard to the Council at its organizational session for 1984.

### 1983/174. Consumer protection

At its 40th plenary meeting, on 28 July 1983, the Council decided:

(a) To take note of the report of the Secretary-General on consumer protection<sup>103</sup> and of the statements made on the draft guidelines contained therein by delegations during the discussion of the item entitled "International co-operation and co-ordination within the United Nations system" at the second regular session of 1983 of the Council;

(b) To take note also of the comments made during a preliminary exchange of views on the draft guidelines for consumer protection, conducted at the second regular session of 1983 of the Council;

(c) To transmit the report of the Secretary-General, together with a synopsis of the comments made thereon and any written comments on the guidelines that have been or will be received from Governments, to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session;

(d) To urge strongly that those Governments that have not yet provided comments on the draft guidelines do so at the earliest opportunity;

(e) To recommend the General Assembly to determine the procedure for the consideration of the draft guidelines in the light of paragraphs (c) and (d) above, with a view to their adoption by the Assembly at its thirty-ninth session.

**1983/175. Reports considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with the question of international co-operation and co-ordination within the United Nations system**

At its 40th plenary meeting, on 28 July 1983, the Council took note of the following reports:

(a) Annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination for 1982/83;<sup>104</sup>

(b) Report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on the strengthening of the co-ordination of information systems in the United Nations system;<sup>105</sup>

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the implications of declaring an international year for the mobilization of financial and technological resources for food and agriculture in Africa;<sup>106</sup>

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on co-operation between the United Nations and the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation.<sup>107</sup>

**1983/176. Report of the Committee on Natural Resources on its eighth session and provisional agenda and documentation for the ninth session of the Committee**

At its 40th plenary meeting, on 28 July 1983, the Council:

(a) Took note of the report of the Committee on Natural Resources on its eighth session;<sup>108</sup>

(b) Approved the provisional agenda and documentation for the ninth session of the Committee, set out below.

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND DOCUMENTATION FOR THE NINTH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**

1. Election of officers
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
3. Mineral resources:
  - (a) Trends and salient issues
  - (b) Prospects for the development of non-metallic raw materials

*Documentation*

Report of the Secretary-General on trends and salient issues in the development of mineral resources

Report of the Secretary-General on prospects for the development of non-metallic raw materials, with special reference to bentonite, mica, magnesite, feldspar, fluorspar and baryte
4. Energy resources: trends and salient issues

*Documentation*

Report of the Secretary-General on trends and salient issues in the development of energy resources
5. Water resources development: progress in the implementation of the Mar del Plata Action Plan and the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade

*Documentation*

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made by Governments and by international organizations in the implementation of the objectives of the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade

Report of the Secretary-General on the overall progress made by Governments in the implementation of the Mar del Plata Action Plan

Report of the Secretary-General on the development of integrated approaches and programmes regarding education and training in the field of water resources in developing countries

Report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the establishment and upgrading of regional and subregional networks for training in the field of water resources
6. New techniques, including remote sensing, for identifying, exploring and assessing natural resources

*Documentation*

Report of the Secretary-General on the application of computer technology in mineral exploration and development
7. 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
8. Permanent sovereignty over natural resources

*Documentation*

Report of the Secretary-General on permanent sovereignty over natural resources
9. Utilization of subsurface space

*Documentation*

Progress report of the Secretary-General on the development and utilization of subsurface space
10. Co-ordination of programmes within the United Nations system in the field of natural resources

<sup>103</sup> E/1983/71.

<sup>104</sup> E/1983/39.

<sup>105</sup> E/1983/48.

<sup>106</sup> A/38/277-E/1983/96.

<sup>107</sup> A/38/236-E/1983/75.

<sup>108</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1983, Supplement No. 8 (E/1983/19 and Corr.1).*

#### Documentation

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

11. Draft provisional agenda and documentation for the tenth session of the Committee
12. Adoption of the report of the Committee

#### 1983/177. Reports considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with its general discussion of international economic and social policy, including regional and sectoral developments

At its 40th plenary meeting, on 28 July 1983, the Council took note of the following documents:

(a) *World Economic Survey 1983: Current Trends and Policies in the World Economy*;<sup>109</sup>

(b) Report of the Committee for Development Planning on its nineteenth session;<sup>110</sup>

(c) Summary of economic conditions in Africa;<sup>111</sup>

(d) Summary of the economic and social survey of Asia and the Pacific, 1982;<sup>112</sup>

(e) Report on recent economic developments in the region of the Economic Commission for Europe;<sup>113</sup>

(f) Summary of the economic survey of Latin America, 1982;<sup>114</sup>

(g) Summary of the survey of economic and social developments in the region of the Economic Commission for Western Asia, 1983;<sup>115</sup>

(h) Note by the Secretary-General on international co-operation in tax matters.<sup>116</sup>

#### 1983/178. Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories

At its 40th plenary meeting, on 28 July 1983, the Council took note of the reports of the Secretary-General on permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories<sup>117</sup> and on the implications, under international law, of the United Nations resolutions on permanent sovereignty over natural resources, on the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories and on the obligations of Israel concerning its conduct in those territories.<sup>118</sup>

<sup>109</sup> E/1983/42 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.83.II.C.1).

<sup>110</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1983, Supplement No. 6 (E/1983/16)*.

<sup>111</sup> E/1983/37.

<sup>112</sup> E/1983/51.

<sup>113</sup> E/1983/52.

<sup>114</sup> E/1983/73.

<sup>115</sup> E/1983/78.

<sup>116</sup> E/1983/107.

<sup>117</sup> A/38/282-E/1983/84.

<sup>118</sup> A/38/265-E/1983/85.

#### 1983/179. Elections and nominations

1. At its 40th plenary meeting, on 28 July 1983, the Council took the following action with respect to vacancies in its subsidiary and related bodies:

##### COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

The Council elected HAITI to fill a vacant seat allocated to Latin American States, for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1984.

##### COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS

The Council elected ALGERIA and the IVORY COAST to fill two vacant seats allocated to African States; it was determined by lot that Algeria would serve for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1984 and the Ivory Coast for a two-year term beginning on the same date.

The Council also elected the GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC to fill a vacant seat allocated to Eastern European States, for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1984.

##### COMMISSION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

The Council elected TURKEY to fill a vacant seat allocated to Western European and other States, for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1984.

##### COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS

The Council elected the PHILIPPINES to fill a vacant seat allocated to Asian States, for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1984.

The Council also elected CZECHOSLOVAKIA to fill a vacant seat allocated to Eastern European States, for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1984.

##### COMMITTEE ON FOOD AID POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES

The Council elected INDIA to fill a vacant seat allocated to Asian States, for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1984.

##### WORLD FOOD COUNCIL

The Council nominated HUNGARY for election by the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1984.

##### COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

The Council elected CZECHOSLOVAKIA to fill a vacant seat allocated to Eastern European States, for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1986.

The Council postponed until a future session the election of:

(a) Two members from Asian States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1984;

(b) Three members from Asian States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1986;

(c) One member from Eastern European States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1986.

2. The Council postponed until a future session the election to the Sessional Working Group of Governmental Experts on the Implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights of one member from Asian States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1985 and one member from Latin American States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1984.

3. The Council also postponed until a future session the election to the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting of one member from Asian States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1985 and three members from Eastern European States, one member, who would be determined by lot, to serve for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1984, and the other two members to serve for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1985.

#### **1983/180. Meetings of the executive secretaries of the regional commissions**

At its 41st plenary meeting, on 29 July 1983, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the meetings of the executive secretaries of the regional commissions.<sup>119</sup>

#### **1983/181. Revitalization of the Economic and Social Council**

At its 41st plenary meeting, on 29 July 1983, the Council, bearing in mind the oral report made by the President at its second regular session of 1983,<sup>120</sup> in pursuance of Council resolution 1982/50 of 28 July 1982, decided to request the President to continue his informal consultations with delegations on the question of the revitalization of the Council, and to report to it thereon in 1984.

#### **1983/182. Provisional agenda and documentation for the tenth session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations**

At its 41st plenary meeting, on 29 July 1983, the Council approved the provisional agenda and documentation for the tenth session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations, set out below.

#### **PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND DOCUMENTATION FOR THE TENTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS**

1. Recent developments related to transnational corporations and international economic relations

##### *Documentation*

Updated material on the third integrated study on transnational corporations in world development

Report on the role of transnational corporations in the implementation of the International Development Strategy

2. Activities of the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations

(a) Reports on the activities of the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations

##### *Documentation*

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations

Report on the activities of the joint units with the regional commissions

(b) Allocation of resources among the programme elements of the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations

##### *Documentation*

Note on the allocation and use of resources among the programme elements of the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations

3. Work related to the formulation of a code of conduct and other international arrangements and agreements

(a) Code of conduct

##### *Documentation*

Report on the code of conduct on transnational corporations

(b) Bilateral, regional and international arrangements on matters relating to transnational corporations

##### *Documentation*

Report of the Secretariat

4. International standards of accounting and reporting

##### *Documentation*

Report of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting on its second session

5. Policy analysis and research

(a) Activities of transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia and collaboration of such corporations with the racist minority régime in that area

##### *Documentation*

Report on the activities of transnational corporations and on measures being taken by Governments to prohibit investments in South Africa and Namibia

Report of the *ad hoc* committee on the organization of public hearings on the activities of transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia

(b) Ongoing and future research

##### *Documentation*

Report on ongoing and future research, including a review of the research programme

Transnational corporations and the production, processing and marketing of primary commodities

(c) The role of transnational corporations in transborder data flows

##### *Documentation*

Report of the Secretariat

6. Comprehensive information system

##### *Documentation*

Report on the comprehensive information system on transnational corporations

<sup>119</sup> E/1983/86/Add.1 and Corr.1.

<sup>120</sup> See E/1983/SR.38 and Council decision 1983/165.

7. Technical co-operation  
*Documentation*  
Report on the programme of technical co-operation
8. Work related to the definition of transnational corporations  
*Documentation*  
Report of the Secretariat on the question of the definition of transnational corporations
9. Question of expert advisers  
*Documentation*  
Note by the Secretariat containing the list of candidates for expert advisers
10. Responsibilities of home countries with respect to the transnational corporations operating in South Africa and Namibia in violation of the relevant resolutions and decisions of the United Nations  
*Documentation*  
Report of the Secretariat

**1983/183. Report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its special session**

At its 41st plenary meeting, on 29 July 1983, the Council decided to transmit the report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its special session<sup>121</sup> to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session, for consideration and action.

**1983/184. Discontinuance of summary records, and calendar of conferences and meetings**

**I**

SUMMARY RECORDS OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

At its 42nd plenary meeting, on 29 July 1983, the Council:

(a) Recalling its resolutions 1979/69 of 2 August 1979 and 1981/83 of 24 July 1981 and its decision 1980/133 of 2 May 1980, decided to maintain, for a further period of two years, the discontinuance of the provision of summary records for the following subsidiary bodies:

Commission for Social Development;  
Commission on the Status of Women;  
Commission on Narcotic Drugs;  
Economic Commission for Europe;  
Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific;  
Economic Commission for Latin America;  
Economic Commission for Africa;  
Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations;  
Committee on Natural Resources;  
Committee for Programme and Co-ordination;  
Commission on Transnational Corporations;

(b) Recalling also its decision 1982/105 of 4 February 1982, decided to maintain, for a further period of two years, the discontinuance of the provision of summary records for its sessional committees (First (Economic) Committee, Second (Social) Committee and Third (Pro-

<sup>121</sup> E/1983/17-E/C.10/1983/S/5.

gramme and Co-ordination) Committee), and to list the participants in the general discussion held on each agenda item in the report of the Council to the General Assembly, starting in 1984.

**II**

CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS FOR 1984 AND 1985

At the same meeting, the Council, recalling paragraph 2 (i) of its decision 1983/101 of 4 February 1983, and having considered the views expressed by the Human Rights Committee<sup>122</sup> and the letter dated 5 July 1983 from the President of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its sixth session to the President of the Economic and Social Council,<sup>123</sup> decided:

(a) To request the General Assembly, at its thirty-eighth session, in the context of its consideration of the agenda item entitled "Pattern of conferences", to consider, in accordance with paragraph 2 (i) of Council decision 1983/101, the possibility of scheduling the meetings of the Human Rights Committee and the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women so that, starting in 1984, the reports of those Committees can be submitted to the Assembly through the Council at its first regular session, and the possibility of scheduling the meetings of the Trade and Development Board so that, starting in 1984, its report can be submitted to the Assembly through the Council at its second regular session;

(b) To request the General Assembly also to consider the possibility of scheduling the tenth and eleventh sessions of the World Food Council and the thirty-first and thirty-second sessions of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, with a view to ensuring the timely distribution of the reports of those bodies for consideration by the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session;

(c) To reiterate its request to the Council of the United Nations University to consider the possibility of rescheduling its meetings so that, starting in 1984, its report can be submitted to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session.

**III**

SCHEDULING OF THE ANNUAL SESSIONS OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

At the same meeting, the Council, recalling its decisions 1982/145 of 7 May 1982 and 1982/156 of 28 July 1982, and having considered the request made by the Commission on Human Rights in its resolution 1982/40 of 11 March 1982,<sup>124</sup> concerning the possibility of rescheduling the annual sessions of the Commission and, if necessary, of the Sub-Commission on Preven-

<sup>122</sup> See E/1983/L.20, paras. 7 and 8.

<sup>123</sup> E/1983/110.

<sup>124</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1982, Supplement No. 2 (E/1982/12 and Corr.1)*, chap. XXVI.

tion of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, with a view to enabling the Commission to meet later in the year, decided to continue for the time being the existing pattern of scheduling the annual sessions of the Commission.

#### IV

##### EIGHTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS

At the same meeting, the Council, having considered the recommendations made by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, both at its seventh special session<sup>125</sup> and at its thirtieth session,<sup>126</sup> decided:

(a) To authorize the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to hold, on an exceptional basis, a special session of five days' duration in 1984, at a time when it will not overlap with other meetings, within existing United Nations resources;

(b) To approve the provisional agenda and documentation for that session, as proposed by the Commission at its thirtieth session;<sup>127</sup>

(c) To recommend that the Commission should, in the future, pursuant to Council resolution 1768 (LIV) of 18 May 1973, adhere to the established biennial cycle of meetings.

#### V

##### SPECIAL SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

At the same meeting, the Council, having considered the request made by the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations concerning the reconvening of the Committee in 1984,<sup>128</sup> decided:

(a) To authorize the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to hold, on an exceptional basis, a special session of five days' duration in 1984;

(b) That the Committee should, in the future, pursuant to Council resolution 1768 (LIV) of 18 May 1973, adhere to the established biennial cycle of meetings.

#### VI

##### COMMITTEE ON THE REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE THIRD UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE

At the same meeting, the Council decided:

(a) To request the General Assembly, at its thirty-eighth session, to schedule one session of the Committee on the Review and Appraisal of the Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade;

(b) To consider the report of the Committee at its second regular session of 1984, together with the contribution of the subsidiary bodies of the Council in their respective sectors in applying the International Development Strategy as the policy framework in the formulation and implementation of their programmes of work and the medium-term plan, pursuant to paragraph 2 (e) and (f) of Council decision 1983/101.

#### 1983/185. Calendar of conferences and meetings for 1984 and 1985

At its 42nd plenary meeting, on 29 July 1983, the Council approved the calendar of conferences and meetings for 1984 and 1985.<sup>129</sup>

#### 1983/186. Comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development

At its 42nd plenary meeting, on 29 July 1983, the Council took note of the note by the Secretary-General,<sup>130</sup> to which was annexed the report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation on a comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development, and decided to transmit it to the General Assembly for consideration at its thirty-eighth session, together with the summary records of the discussion held by the Council on the question during its second regular session of 1983.<sup>131</sup>

#### 1983/187. Reports considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with the question of operational activities for development

At its 42nd plenary meeting, on 29 July 1983, the Council took note of the following documents:

(a) Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries on its third session;<sup>132</sup>

(b) Note by the Secretary-General on the review by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination of the arrangements for the exercise of the function of resident co-ordinator;<sup>133</sup>

(c) Extract from the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its thirtieth session;<sup>134</sup>

<sup>129</sup> E/1983/L.20/Add.1 and Corr.1.

<sup>130</sup> A/38/258-E/1983/82.

<sup>131</sup> E/1983/SR.34-36 and 42.

<sup>132</sup> DP/1983/35; for the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 39 (A/38/39)*.

<sup>133</sup> A/38/276-E/1983/103.

<sup>134</sup> E/1983/L.32; for the full report, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1983, Supplement No. 9 (E/1983/20)*.

<sup>125</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 3 (E/1982/13), chap. I, sect. A, draft resolution IV.

<sup>126</sup> *Ibid.*, 1983, Supplement No. 5 (E/1983/15), chap. I, sect. A, draft resolution IV.

<sup>127</sup> *Ibid.*, chap. I, sect. B, draft decision III.

<sup>128</sup> See E/1983/11, para. 2.

(d) Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund;<sup>135</sup>

(e) Report of the Secretary-General on United Nations technical co-operation activities;<sup>136</sup>

(f) Annual report for 1982 of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration.<sup>137</sup>

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<sup>135</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1983, Supplement No. 10 (E/1983/21).*

<sup>136</sup> DP/1983/18 and Add.1 and 2.

<sup>137</sup> DP/1983/34.

**1983/188. Summary of estimates of programme budget implications of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council during its first and second regular sessions of 1983**

At its 42nd plenary meeting, on 29 July 1983, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General containing the summary of estimates of programme budget implications of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Council during its first and second regular sessions of 1983.<sup>138</sup>

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<sup>138</sup> E/1983/127.