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RESOLUTIONS

1984/52. 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, and its resolution 1983/75 of 29 July 1983,

1. *Decides* that the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Preparations for the Public Hearings on the Activities of Transnational Corporations in South Africa and Namibia shall commence its work no later than 1 August 1984, and requests it to report on the modalities and subjects of the hearings to the Commission on Transnational Corporations at its eleventh session;

2. *Calls upon* the regional groups that have not yet done so to nominate their representatives to the *Ad Hoc* Committee.

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1984/53. 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 Declara-

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

Recalling also General Assembly resolutions 38/36 of 1 December 1983 on the question of Namibia, and 38/39 D on sanctions against South Africa, 38/39 G on military and nuclear collaboration with South Africa, 38/39 I on investments in South Africa and 38/39 J on an oil embargo against South Africa, all of 5 December 1983,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 38/50 of 7 December 1983 on activities of foreign economic and other interests which are impeding the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Namibia and in all other Territories under colonial domination and efforts to eliminate colonialism, *apartheid* and racial discrimination in southern Africa,

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 activities of transnational corporations and measures being taken by Governments to prohibit investments in South Africa and Namibia¹ and the report of the Secretariat on the responsibilities of home

¹ E/C.10/1984/10.

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,² prepared pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/74 and decision 1983/182, both of 29 July 1983,

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 also 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 further 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 activities of transnational corporations and measures being taken by Governments to prohibit investments in South Africa and Namibia and the report of the Secretariat on the 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, prepared pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/74 and decision 1983/182;

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 which 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;

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 eleventh session;

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

² E/C.10/1984/19 and Add. I.

(d) To prepare an updated report on the activities of transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia, including an annex containing a list of all transnational corporations operating in South Africa and Namibia, to be submitted to the Commission at its eleventh session;

(e) To bring up to date for the eleventh session of the Commission the report of the Secretariat on the 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.

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1984/54. Tenth anniversary of the World Food Conference

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the Universal Declaration on the Eradication of Hunger and Malnutrition as adopted by the World Food Conference³ and the Programme of Action as adopted by the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development,⁴

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/71 of 29 July 1983 and General Assembly resolution 38/158 of 19 December 1983,

Noting with appreciation the documentation prepared for the tenth session of the World Food Council, in particular the report prepared in co-operation with the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat on the global assessment of resource flows through the United Nations system to the food and agriculture sector,⁵ requested by the Economic and Social Council in paragraph 10 of its resolution 1983/77 of 29 July 1983,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the World Food Council on the work of its tenth session,⁶ held at Addis Ababa from 11 to 15 June 1984, endorses the conclusions and recommendations of the Council,⁷ as adopted, and recommends them to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session for consideration;

2. *Recommends* that the General Assembly, at its thirty-ninth session, should appropriately mark the tenth anniversary of the World Food Conference, held at Rome from 5 to 16 November 1974, taking into ac-

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

⁴ 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.

⁵ WFC/1984/9.

⁶ WFC/1984/14; for the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 19* (A/39/19).

⁷ WFC/1984/14, part one.

count the ten-year assessment of the world food economy carried out by the World Food Council.⁸

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1984/55. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the interna- tional institutions associated with the United Nations

The Economic and Social Council,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General⁹ and the report of the President of the Economic and Social Council¹⁰ 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,

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 representative of the 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 38/51 of 7 December 1983 and Council resolution 1983/42 of 25 July 1983,

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 of 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

⁸ *Ibid.*, paras. 2-14.

⁹ A/39/293.

¹⁰ E/1984/123.

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 communiqué issued by the Summit Meeting of the heads of State and Government of the Front-line States and leaders of liberation movements, held at Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania, on 29 April 1984,¹¹

Bearing in mind the Bangkok Declaration and Programme of Action adopted by the United Nations Council for Namibia at its 424th meeting, held at Bangkok on 25 May 1984,¹²

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

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

tions 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 increased assistance to the people of Namibia, in consultation with the Organization of African Unity and the United Nations Council for Namibia, in particular in connection with the Nationhood Programme for Namibia;

5. *Also requests* 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. *Further requests* the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council 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. *Condemns* the latest attempts being made by the Government of South Africa to circumvent the implementation of the United Nations plan for the independence of Namibia, approved by the Security Council in its resolution 435 (1978) of 29 September 1978;

8. *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;

9. *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 United Nations system, with a view to strengthening further the existing measures for co-ordination of action to ensure the best use of available resources for assistance to the peoples of the colonial territories;

10. *Notes with satisfaction* the inclusion of Namibia, represented by the United Nations Council for Namibia, in the membership of various agencies and organizations within the United Nations system and urges those which have not yet granted full membership

¹¹ A/AC.115/L.611.

¹² A/39/286-S/16601, annex.

to the United Nations Council for Namibia to do so without delay;

11. *Notes with satisfaction also* 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 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 costs of the participation of those representatives;

12. *Recommends* that all States 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;

13. *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;

14. *Also 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;

15. *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 1984 of the Economic and Social Council;

16. *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;

17. *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 1985;

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

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1984/56. Assistance to the Palestinian people

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 38/145 of 19 December 1983,

Recalling also Council resolution 1983/43 of 25 July 1983,

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

Noting also the oral report made by the representative of the Secretary-General before the Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee of the Council on 9 July 1984, concerning the meeting on assistance to the Palestinian people held at Geneva on 5 and 6 July 1984 in response to General Assembly resolution 38/145,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people;¹³

2. *Expresses its thanks* to the Secretary-General for convening the meeting on assistance to the Palestinian people, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 38/145;

3. *Regards* such a meeting as a valuable opportunity to assess progress in economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people and to explore ways and means of enhancing such assistance;

4. *Draws the attention* of the international community, the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to the need to ensure that their aid to the occupied Palestinian territories is disbursed only for the benefit of the Palestinian people and is not used in any manner to serve the interests of the Israeli occupation authorities;

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

6. *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 Government concerned;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fortieth session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the progress made in the provision of assistance to the Palestinian people.

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¹³ A/39/265-E/1984/77

1984/57. International co-operation in the field of human settlements

A

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Recalling also General Assembly resolutions 32/162 of 19 December 1977 on institutional arrangements for international co-operation in the field of human settlements and 34/116 of 14 December 1979 on the strengthening of human settlements activities,

Reaffirming its belief that access to decent shelter is a basic human need and entitlement,

Reaffirming also its conviction that human settlements activities can play a major role in national economic and social development, particularly in the developing countries,

Recognizing the need for greater co-ordination and co-operation in the field of human settlements, as noted in the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the work of its twenty-fourth session,¹⁴

Taking note of Commission on Human Settlements resolution 7/4 of 10 May 1984, concerning the participation of youth in the solution of housing problems under conditions of lasting peace and security,¹⁵

Having considered the report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the work of its seventh session,¹⁶

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the work of its seventh session and the resolutions and decision contained therein;

2. *Takes note in particular* of Commission on Human Settlements resolution 7/5 of 9 May 1984¹⁷ on the question of a biennial cycle of sessions for the Commission, and again requests the Commission, pursuant to General Assembly decision 38/429 of 19 December 1983 and Economic and Social Council decision 1984/104 of 10 February 1984, to consider adopting a biennial cycle of sessions;

3. *Encourages* the Commission on Human Settlements to continue to contribute to the efforts of the developing countries in the development of human settlements;

4. *Recommends* to the General Assembly, for consideration and action at its thirty-ninth session, the

¹⁴ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/39/38), chap. V, sect. A.*

¹⁵ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 8 (A/39/8), annex I.A.

¹⁶ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 8 (A/39/8).

¹⁷ *Ibid.*, annex I.A.

resolutions adopted by the Commission at its seventh session which require action by the Assembly;

5. *Urges* the Commission on Human Settlements to continue to take account of and to provide adequate support for technical co-operation among developing countries in the formulation and implementation of its programmes on human settlements;

6. *Supports* the efforts of the Commission on Human Settlements and the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) to achieve greater harmonization and co-ordination of human settlements activities in the United Nations system, as envisaged by the General Assembly in resolutions 32/162 of 19 December 1977, 35/77 C of 5 December 1980 and 37/223 C of 20 December 1982, and the recommendations related to the cross-organizational programme analysis of the activities of the United Nations system in human settlements made by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its twenty-fourth session.¹⁸

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26 July 1984*

B

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF SHELTER FOR THE HOMELESS

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1981/69 B of 24 July 1981, in which it noted the recommendation of the Commission on Human Settlements and recommended to the General Assembly that it should proclaim the year 1987 International Year of Shelter for the Homeless,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 37/221 of 20 December 1982, in which the Assembly proclaimed the year 1987 International Year of Shelter for the Homeless,

Noting with great appreciation the strong support which the proclamation of an International Year of Shelter for the Homeless has received from Governments and from intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations throughout the world, as evidenced by the fact that more than one hundred countries have already designated national focal points for the Year,

Convinced that, in the implementation of strategies, programmes and projects for the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless, all possible means of co-operation—bilateral, multilateral and multi-bilateral—between and among international agencies and governmental and non-governmental organizations should be utilized to the full,

Having considered the conclusions and recommendations of the Commission on Human Settlements contained in its resolution 7/1 of 10 May 1984,¹⁹

1. *Welcomes* the conclusions and recommendations of the Commission on Human Settlements contained in its resolution 7/1;

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 38 (A/39/38), para. 369.

¹⁹ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 8 (A/39/8), annex I.A.

2. *Recommends* the General Assembly to adopt, at its thirty-ninth session, the draft resolution recommended for adoption by the Assembly in Commission on Human Settlements resolution 7/1;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Governments and other institutions that have made pledges of voluntary contributions to the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless, noting that more than 80 per cent of the amount of such pledges to date has come from developing countries;

4. *Again urges* those Governments that have not yet done so to announce their voluntary contributions as soon as possible and appeals to those that have already made pledges to consider increasing, if possible, the amount of such pledges;

5. *Requests* United Nations agencies and organizations, including the regional commissions, bilateral and multilateral financing institutions and other inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations concerned to review their policies and programmes with a view to incorporating in their activities the objectives of the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless.

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1984/58. Inclusion of Kiribati and Tuvalu in the list of the least developed countries

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3421 (XXX) of 8 December 1975 on the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, in which the Assembly urged the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to extend assistance to the newly independent and emerging States,

Recalling also General Assembly resolutions 31/156 of 21 December 1976, 32/185 of 19 December 1977, 34/205 of 19 December 1979, 35/61 of 5 December 1980 and 37/206 of 20 December 1982, in which the Assembly urged all Governments, in particular those of the developed countries, to lend their support, in the context of their assistance programmes, for the implementation of the specific action envisaged in favour of island developing countries, and in which it also called upon all organizations of the United Nations system to implement, within their respective spheres of competence, appropriate specific action in favour of island developing countries,

Recalling further resolutions 98 (IV) of 31 May 1976,²⁰ 111 (V) of 3 June 1979²¹ and 138 (VI) of 2 July

²⁰ See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Fourth Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.II.D.10 and corrigendum), part one, sect. A.

²¹ *Ibid.*, *Fifth Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.79.II.D.14), part one, sect. A.

1983²² of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, concerning specific action related to the particular needs and problems of island developing countries,

Recognizing the special problems faced by island developing countries, because of their smallness, remoteness, constraints in transport and communications, distance from market centres, limited internal markets, lack of natural resources, dependence on a few commodities, natural disasters, shortage of administrative personnel and heavy financial burdens,

Taking into account the fact that Kiribati and Tuvalu are island developing countries and are small and archipelagic, which makes the provision of services difficult and causes disproportionately high costs because of inter-island distances and the distribution of the population in small isolated pockets,

Concerned at the cumulative effect of the severe constraints on the economic development of Kiribati and Tuvalu, particularly those resulting from their geographical isolation,

Concerned also at the continued structural imbalances in the economies of the two countries, particularly their unavoidable dependence on imports,

1. *Calls the attention* of the international community to the special problems confronting Kiribati and Tuvalu as island developing countries with small populations;

2. *Appeals* to Member States, regional and inter-regional organizations and other intergovernmental organizations to provide financial, material and technical assistance to Kiribati and Tuvalu to enable them to establish the social and economic infrastructure that is essential for the well-being of their people;

3. *Invites* the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Development Programme, the World Food Programme, the International Labour Organisation, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the International Civil Aviation Organization, the World Health Organization, the World Bank, the International Telecommunication Union, the World Meteorological Organization, the International Maritime Organization, the International Monetary Fund and the International Fund for Agricultural Development to bring to the attention of their governing bodies, for their consideration, the special needs of Kiribati and Tuvalu;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to mobilize the financial, technical and economic assistance of the international community, in particular the developed countries and the appropriate organizations of the

²² *Ibid.*, *Sixth Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.83.II.D.6), part one, sect. A.

United Nations system, with a view to meeting the short-term and long-term development needs of Kiribati and Tuvalu;

5. *Requests* the appropriate organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to maintain and increase their current and future programmes of assistance to Kiribati and Tuvalu, to co-operate closely with the Secretary-General in organizing an effective international programme of assistance, and to report periodically to him on the steps they have taken and the resources they have made available to help those countries;

6. *Requests* the Committee for Development Planning, at its twenty-first session, as a matter of priority, to give due consideration to the question of the inclusion of Kiribati and Tuvalu in the list of the least developed countries and to submit its conclusions to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1985;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to prepare as soon as possible a mission which will assess the needs of, and prepare a programme of assistance for, Kiribati and Tuvalu and, if possible, to apprise the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session of the findings of the mission;

8. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1985 on the priority needs of Kiribati and Tuvalu and the assistance required from the international community.

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1984/59. Critical situation in Guinea

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting the statement made on 18 July 1984 before the Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee of the Council by the Minister for Planning and Statistics of Guinea concerning the difficult situation of his country, characterized by a subsistence economy, a lack of infrastructure, a low per capita income, a chronic deficit in the State budget and a very heavy foreign debt,

Noting also the reference by the Minister to the letter dated 8 June 1984 from the Head of State of Guinea to the Secretary-General, describing the social and economic situation of his country and requesting emergency aid from the international community and the United Nations in the economic, social and humanitarian fields,

Confirming the urgent need for international action to assist the Government of Guinea in its national reconstruction and rehabilitation efforts, taking account of the fact that Guinea is classified as one of the least developed countries,

1. *Appeals urgently* to all Member States and to intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and international financial institutions to contribute

generously to the reconstruction and rehabilitation of Guinea;

2. *Requests* the organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to expand their programmes of assistance to Guinea and to co-operate closely with the Secretary-General in organizing an effective international programme of assistance;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Government of Guinea, to organize a programme of social, economic and humanitarian assistance to support the actions of the Government with a view to discharging the urgent tasks of national reconstruction and rehabilitation;

4. *Invites* the Secretary-General, after consultation with the Government of Guinea, to report to the General Assembly, at its thirty-ninth session, the requisite information concerning the action to be taken or the proposals to be made with a view to providing the necessary aid to the Government of Guinea.

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1984/60. Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971, by which the Assembly established the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, 36/225 of 17 December 1981, by which it reaffirmed the mandate and strengthened the capacity of the Office, and 38/202 of 20 December 1983, in which it, *inter alia*, noted with interest the steps taken to strengthen the capacity of the Office, and of the United Nations system as a whole, to respond to disasters, and called for a further report on the matter to be submitted to the Assembly at its thirty-ninth session, through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1984,

Noting with appreciation the effective response of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, and of the international community, to recent major and continuing disaster situations,

Recognizing that shortage of resources continues to hamper the full achievement of the aim of rapid and effective response to the needs of countries affected by disasters and that, if this shortage is to be overcome, further efforts will be required by the international community to provide both funds and assistance in kind,

Considering that all possible new and innovative approaches should be examined with a view to improving further the rapid delivery of emergency relief,

Noting the wealth of expertise and training facilities that exists and that could be drawn upon by disaster-prone developing countries,

Recalling the importance attached in the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least

Developed Countries²³ to the reduction of losses caused by disasters of all kinds and the creation of infrastructures which would be beneficial in this regard,

Convinced of the absolute necessity of maintaining a sound financial basis, in accordance with repeated requests by the General Assembly, to ensure the continuation of the work of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator at its present level as a minimum,

Appreciating the contributions made by donors in supporting international relief operations, including those made to the Trust Fund of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator,

1. *Takes note with profound satisfaction* of the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator²⁴ and of the statement made by the Co-ordinator before the Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee of the Council on 17 July 1984, as well as of the report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the capacity of the United Nations system to respond to natural disasters and other disaster situations,²⁵ called for in paragraph 12 of General Assembly resolution 38/202;

2. *Recognizes* that information is one of the essential elements for the fulfilment of the mandate of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator as the focal point of the United Nations system for disaster relief co-ordination, and emphasizes the importance of improving the flow and quality of information during disaster relief operations so that a more complete picture of relief channels and activities, assistance received and unmet requirements may be available to all concerned;

3. *Stresses*, in this regard, the primary importance of inter-agency assessment missions organized by the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator with the participation of the appropriate organizations of the United Nations system and other relief bodies in order to ensure the effective co-ordination of disaster relief activities, assistance and requirements;

4. *Recognizes* the value of united appeals, launched after the joint development with the agencies concerned of concerted relief programmes based upon the findings of inter-agency assessment missions, to be sent at the invitation of the Government concerned, as a most effective tool for co-ordination, and urges Governments to continue to respond to such appeals accordingly;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to adapt procedures for the procurement of supplies by the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator in order to permit a timely response to the special and im-

mediate requirements of countries exposed to disasters or facing an emergency situation;

6. *Calls upon* those contributing assistance in kind to provide, when appropriate, special grants to cover the costs of transport and distribution of the assistance to and within the affected country;

7. *Requests* the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator to study, in co-operation with the parties concerned, the most appropriate steps to ensure the ready availability of relief supplies and transport equipment;

8. *Urges* Governments to increase their efforts to reduce delays in the provision of food assistance in response to natural disasters and other disaster situations;

9. *Recommends* that, as the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator phases out his emergency co-ordination responsibility in a given country, he should contribute to ensuring the necessary transition to the rehabilitation and reconstruction phase by passing on relevant data to competent organs and agencies of the United Nations system;

10. *Calls upon* Governments and international relief organizations to put at the disposal of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator the names and specializations of qualified disaster personnel available, in case of need, for inter-agency assessment missions, the execution of relief programmes or other disaster mitigation activities, and to inform him of existing disaster management training capabilities and opportunities for such training which could be offered to officials from developing countries;

11. *Encourages* the Co-ordinator to review, if necessary with the assistance of specialists made available by appropriate international bodies, the internal evaluation system of the Office;

12. *Recognizes* the importance of disaster prevention and preparedness at the regional and national levels in mitigating the effects of disasters, appreciates the work which the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator has performed in this area as far as the resources available in its Trust Fund have allowed, and encourages Governments to continue to draw upon the services available from the Office and other organizations concerned and to provide the necessary resources for this aspect of technical co-operation;

13. *Emphasizes* the essential need for the work of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator to be placed and kept on a sound financial basis, and appeals to the international community to make contributions to the Trust Fund for General Disaster Relief or to the Trust Fund of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator for the purposes set out in the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office.

²³ See *Report of the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Paris, 1-14 September 1981* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.82.I.8), part one, sect. A.

²⁴ A/39/267-E/1984/96.

²⁵ A/39/267/Add.1-E/1984/96/Add.1.

1984/61. Programme planning and co-ordination

A

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME AND CO-ORDINATION ON THE WORK OF ITS TWENTY-FOURTH SESSION

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the work of its twenty-fourth session,²⁶

I

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the work of its twenty-fourth session and endorses the conclusions and recommendations contained therein;²⁷

2. Emphasizes the importance of the programming and co-ordination functions carried out by the Committee and stresses the need for timely and full implementation of intergovernmental mandates concerning the submission of reports to the Committee by the organizations, organs and bodies of the United Nations system;

II

Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989 to incorporate the programme implications of the resolutions and decisions adopted by intergovernmental organs or international conferences

1. Endorses the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination concerning the proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989 to incorporate the programme implications of the resolutions and decisions adopted by intergovernmental organs or international conferences;²⁸

2. Reiterates that the medium-term plan should continue to serve as the framework for future biennial programme budgets;

3. Requests the Secretary-General, when preparing the future proposed revisions to the medium-term plan, to make every effort:

(a) To identify in the revisions the specific paragraphs of new legislative mandates on which the proposed revisions are based;

(b) To apply fully the methodology adopted by the General Assembly in resolution 34/224 of 20 December 1979 on medium-term planning in the United Nations, particularly in so far as it concerns the participation of sectoral and regional intergovernmental bodies in the review of medium-term plan proposals;

²⁶ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/39/38).*

²⁷ *Ibid.*, chap. X.

²⁸ *Ibid.*, paras. 301-323.

III

Operation of the new system for setting priorities

Requests the Secretary-General to redouble his efforts to ensure that, in future, the provisions of the relevant General Assembly resolutions, including resolutions 36/228 of 18 December 1981, 37/234 of 21 December 1982 and 38/227 of 20 December 1983, will be implemented more systematically;

IV

Programme performance for the biennium 1982-1983

Requests the Secretary-General to implement fully the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination concerning programme performance for the biennium 1982-1983²⁹ when preparing the programme performance report for the biennium 1984-1985;

V

Evaluation of the United Nations Development Programme-financed technical co-operation activities of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in the field of manufactures

1. Takes note with appreciation of the implementation of those recommendations cited in paragraph 79 of the report of the Secretary-General on the evaluation of the United Nations Development Programme-financed technical co-operation activities of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in the field of manufactures³⁰ which the Programme³¹ and the Organization³² had stated were under implementation before the finalization of the staff evaluation report;

2. Takes note of decision 84/15 of 29 June 1984 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme;³³

3. Invites the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and the Industrial Development Board of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization:

(a) To ensure that the above-mentioned recommendations will continue to be implemented systematically and that follow-up be will pursued actively;

(b) To adopt and implement the recommendations referred to in paragraph 81 of the report of the Secretary-General;

(c) To give careful consideration to the recommendations referred to in paragraphs 82 and 84 to 87 of the report of the Secretary-General;

²⁹ *Ibid.*, para. 342.

³⁰ E/AC.51/1984/7 and Corr.1 and Add.1.

³¹ See DP/1984/1.

³² See ID/B/C.3/122.

³³ See E/1984/C.3/L.2, annex; for the full report of the Governing Council on its organizational meeting for 1984 and on its thirty-first session, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1984, Supplement No. 10 (E/1984/20).*

(d) To request their secretariats to report to them on the recommendations referred to in paragraphs 83 and 87 of the report of the Secretary-General;

(e) To request their secretariats to continue efforts to improve their evaluation methodology;

(f) To study regularly the means likely to strengthen further the effectiveness and impact of technical co-operation activities in the manufactures sector;

4. *Invites* the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and the Industrial Development Board and its Permanent Committee to include this question in the agenda of their next sessions;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1987, through the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its twenty-seventh session, on the implementation of and follow-up to the above-mentioned recommendations;

6. *Invites* Member States to give careful consideration to the recommendations referred to in paragraphs 80 and 82 of the report of the Secretary-General;

VI

Cross-organizational programme analyses

1. *Welcomes* the improvements in the recent cross-organizational programme analyses, in particular the cross-organizational programme analysis of the activities of the United Nations system in human settlements;³⁴

2. *Invites* all organizations, organs and bodies of the United Nations system carefully to review and follow up the cross-organizational programme analyses in their respective sectors;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that future cross-organizational programme analyses, in particular the analysis of economic and technical co-operation among developing countries, will provide a critical analysis of gaps in coverage of the activities mandated and of questions of priorities, as well as of overlaps and co-ordination, taking into consideration problems which may exist in defining the relative competences of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development or in co-ordination between the activities of the two organizational units;

A. Cross-organizational programme analysis of the activities of the United Nations system in human settlements

4. *Invites* the Commission on Human Settlements, at its eighth session in 1985, to give due consideration to the cross-organizational programme analysis of the activities of the United Nations system in human settlements, as well as to the assessment and recommenda-

tions of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination;

5. *Invites* the Commission on Human Settlements, with the assistance of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), to exercise vigorously its co-ordination role;

B. Mandates of, and problems addressed by, the United Nations system in economic and technical co-operation among developing countries

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to refine further the criteria, proposed in his report on the question,³⁵ for identifying activities to be included in the analysis of the mandates of, and problems addressed by, the United Nations system in economic and technical co-operation among developing countries;

7. *Recommends* that the cross-organizational programme analysis of economic and technical co-operation among developing countries should contain a critical analytical assessment of the role of the United Nations system and the relationship between its activities and the mandates it has been given, including the difficulties encountered;

VII

Measures to improve secretariat support for the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination

1. *Regrets* that no concrete proposals were submitted to the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its twenty-fourth session;

2. *Reiterates* the recommendation of the Committee that the consultations referred to in the statement made by the Under-Secretary-General for Administration and Management before the Committee at its twenty-fourth session³⁶ should be held with the widest possible participation of Member States;

3. *Re-emphasizes* that the programme planning and evaluation functions of the Secretariat are an essential element of General Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977;

4. *Recommends* that the proposals referred to in paragraph 1 of the present section should take into account the integrity of the programming and co-ordinating functions of the Committee, as reflected in its mandate;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in his report to be submitted to the General Assembly pursuant to section II of its resolution 38/227 A, to take into account the views expressed by Member States at the twenty-fourth session of the Committee and at the second regular session of 1984 of the Council;

³⁵ A/39/154 and Corr.1-E/1984/46 and Corr.1, para. 98.

³⁶ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/39/38)*, para. 379.

³⁴ E/AC.51/1984/5 and Corr.1 and 3.

VIII

Preparation of the documentation for the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987

Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the arrangements set out in his report on the preparation of the documentation for the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987³⁷ will be followed.

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B

JOINT MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME AND CO-ORDINATION AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON CO-ORDINATION

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Chairmen of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on the nineteenth series of Joint Meetings of the two Committees,³⁸ devoted to the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,³⁹ with special emphasis on Africa, and to economic and technical co-operation among developing countries;

2. *Notes* the improvements made in the preparation of the Joint Meeting;

3. *Welcomes* the summing-up by the Secretary-General at the Joint Meeting;

4. *Notes*, however, that further progress could be made, particularly in achieving a real dialogue between the two bodies;

5. *Stresses* that the Joint Meetings should highlight the problems and difficulties faced by the specialized agencies;

6. *Recommends* in this context that:

(a) The Administrative Committee on Co-ordination should prepare for the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination a background paper on the subjects chosen for discussion at the twentieth series of Joint Meetings, that the background paper should be problem- and action-oriented, and that it should include problems faced by organizations in the field of interorganizational co-ordination;

(b) Interventions at the Joint Meetings should enable participants to focus on the problems and their solutions and to improve the dialogue between the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination.

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³⁷ E/AC.51/1984/10.

³⁸ E/1984/119.

³⁹ General Assembly resolution 35/56, annex.

C

Twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth sessions of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination

The Economic and Social Council

Recommends that the twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth sessions of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination should each be of five weeks' duration, on an experimental basis, in order to allow the Committee adequate time for the discussion, *inter alia*, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987.

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1984/62. Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on reporting to the Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Reporting to the Economic and Social Council"⁴⁰ and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon,⁴¹

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit and the preliminary comments of the Secretary-General thereon;

2. *Recognizes* the importance of the issues covered in the report;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to finalize his comments on the report;

4. *Requests* the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, at its twenty-fifth session, to study in depth the report of the Joint Inspection Unit, in accordance with its mandate, taking into account the views expressed by Member States and the comments made by the Secretary-General, and to submit its proposals on the report to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1985 for full consideration.

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1984/63. Consumer protection

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1981/62 of 23 July 1981, in which it requested the Secretary-General to continue consultations on consumer protection with the aim of pursuing, *inter alia*, the elaboration of a set of general guidelines for consumer protection, taking particularly into account the needs of the developing countries,

Recalling further its decision 1983/174 of 28 July 1983 and General Assembly resolution 38/147 of 19 December 1983,

Taking note of the discussions held during its first and second regular sessions of 1984,

⁴⁰ See A/39/281 and Add.1-E/1984/81 and Add.1.

⁴¹ A/39/281/Add.2-E/1984/81/Add.2.

Decides to transmit to the General Assembly for consideration with a view to their adoption, at its thirty-ninth session as agreed in resolution 38/147, the draft guidelines on consumer protection contained in the report of the Secretary-General on that question submitted to the Council in 1983,⁴² as well as the comments of States thereon.⁴³

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1984/64. Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States

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, and Assembly resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation, which laid down the foundations of the new international economic order,

Bearing in mind the adoption by the General Assembly, on 12 December 1974, of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 37/204 of 20 December 1982, in which the Assembly decided to carry out, at its thirty-ninth session, a comprehensive review of the implementation of the Charter, as provided for in article 34 thereof,

1. *Recommends* the General Assembly, at its thirty-ninth session, to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States in a suitable and appropriate manner at a plenary meeting on 12 December 1984;

2. *Invites* Governments and intergovernmental organizations which have not yet done so to submit to the Secretary-General their comments on the implementation of the Charter, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 37/204.

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1984/65. Implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 32/172 of 19 December 1977, by which the Assembly approved the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification,⁴⁴

⁴² E/1983/71.

⁴³ Contained in conference room paper No. 1, which was before the working group on this subject convened by the Vice-President of the Council.

⁴⁴ *Report of the United Nations Conference on Desertification, Nairobi, 29 August-9 September 1977* (A/CONF.74/36), chap. 1.

Recalling also paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 38/165 of 19 December 1983, by which the Assembly welcomed the decision of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme to devote two days, during its twelfth session, to a detailed assessment of the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification,

Having considered the reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the general assessment of progress in the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification, 1978-1984,⁴⁵ on the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification,⁴⁶ submitted in response to General Assembly resolution 32/172 and subsequent resolutions, in particular resolution 37/218 of 20 December 1982, and on the implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification,⁴⁷ submitted in response to paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 38/164 of 19 December 1983,

I

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN OF ACTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the general assessment of progress in the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification, 1978-1984, submitted pursuant to paragraph 9 of the Plan of Action approved by the General Assembly in resolution 32/172, and transmits it to the Assembly for consideration;

2. *Takes note with appreciation also* of the report of the Governing Council on the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification, submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 37/218, and transmits it to the Assembly for consideration;

3. *Takes note* of Governing Council decision 12/10 of 28 May 1984;⁴⁸

4. *Expresses its deep concern* that, during the seven years since the United Nations Conference on Desertification in 1977, desertification has continued to spread and intensify in developing countries, particularly in Africa;

5. *Welcomes* the reconfirmation by the Governing Council of the validity of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification, the reaffirmation of the central role of the United Nations Environment Programme in catalysing, co-ordinating and assessing the implementation of the Plan of Action at the international level, and the ap-

⁴⁵ UNEP/GC.12/9 and Corr.1.

⁴⁶ A/39/443, annex I.

⁴⁷ *Ibid.*, annex I.

⁴⁸ See the annex to the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the work of its twelfth session (E/1984/C.1/L.2; for the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 25* (A/39/25)).

proval by the Governing Council of concrete, time-bound activities to combat desertification over the next fifteen years;

6. *Concurs* with the invitation of the Governing Council to the General Assembly to expand the role of the Consultative Group for Desertification Control, which is financed from voluntary contributions, and invites all Governments, particularly those of donor members, to become more involved in the work of the Consultative Group;

7. *Urges* Governments of countries prone to or suffering from desertification to give priority to the establishment of national programmes to combat desertification and to consider setting up appropriate national machinery or assigning responsibility to existing national machinery, where appropriate, to that end;

8. *Urges* all Governments to increase their assistance, through appropriate channels, to countries suffering from desertification, including the financing of regional and subregional programmes;

9. *Welcomes* the decision of the Governing Council that a further overall assessment of progress in the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification should be carried out in 1992;

II

IMPLEMENTATION IN THE SUDANO-SAHELIAN REGION OF THE PLAN OF ACTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION

10. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification, submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 33/88 of 15 December 1978, 34/187 of 18 December 1979 and 38/164 of 19 December 1983, transmits it to the Assembly for consideration, and notes the decision of the Governing Council to include Ghana and Togo among the countries eligible to receive assistance through the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office;

11. *Expresses its satisfaction* at the positive assessment by the Governing Council of the activities carried out by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, as a joint venture of the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Development Programme, to assist the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region, on behalf of the United Nations Environment Programme, in implementing the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;

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

in combating desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region;

13. *Expresses its appreciation* to Governments, organizations of the United Nations system, and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that have contributed to the implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;

14. *Urges* all Governments, organizations of the United Nations system and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to strengthen their financial and technical support to the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region to assist them in the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification.

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1984/66. Amendment of the terms of reference of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific: membership of Vanuatu

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting that Vanuatu has become a member of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific in accordance with paragraph 3 of the terms of reference of the Commission,⁴⁹

Decides to amend paragraphs 3 and 4 of the terms of reference of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific accordingly.

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1984/67. Composition, terms of reference and programme of work of the Economic Commission for Latin America

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting with satisfaction the results of the twentieth session of the Economic Commission for Latin America, held at Lima from 29 March to 6 April 1984,⁵⁰

Having considered the decisions and recommendations adopted by the Commission at that session,

I

COMPOSITION AND TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMISSION

1. *Decides* to change the name of the Economic Commission for Latin America to "Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean", as recommended by the Commission in its resolution 455 (XX) of 6 April 1984;

2. *Endorses* Commission resolution 452 (XX) of 6 April 1984, by which the Commission welcomed the re-

⁴⁹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1984, Supplement No. 14 (E/1984/24), annex V.*

⁵⁰ *Ibid., Supplement No. 12 (E/1984/22).*

quest of the Government of Portugal and decided to admit that country as a full member of the Commission;

3. *Approves* the recommendation of the Commission that the French and Spanish versions of its terms of reference and rules of procedure⁵¹ should be amended by replacing the words “*la région des Antilles*” by “*la région des Caraïbes*” and the words “*la región de las Antillas*” by “*la región del Caribe*”;

4. *Decides*, therefore, to amend the terms of reference and rules of procedure of the Commission in order to incorporate the decisions contained in paragraphs 1 to 3 of the present resolution;

5. *Takes note with satisfaction* of Commission resolutions 453 (XX) and 454 (XX) of 6 April 1984, in which the Commission decided to admit the British Virgin Islands and the United States Virgin Islands as associate members of the Commission;

II

PROGRAMME OF WORK AND CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES OF THE COMMISSION

6. *Takes note* of resolution 465 (XX) of 6 April 1984 of the Economic Commission for Latin America on its programme of work and calendar of conferences, in particular the recommendations contained therein on the holding by the Commission of regional preparatory meetings for United Nations world conferences, and requests the Secretary-General to make every effort to reallocate existing resources for the holding in 1985 of a regional meeting to review the implementation of the Regional Plan of Action for Latin America and the Caribbean for the International Youth Year.⁵²

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1984/68. 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,⁵³ Council resolution 2097 (LXIII) of 29 July 1977 and General Assembly resolution 32/160 of 19 December 1977, by which the Assembly proclaimed a Transport and Communications Decade in Africa during the years 1978-1988,

Recalling also resolutions 435 (XVII) and 464 (XVIII), adopted on 30 April 1982 and 2 May 1983 by the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa,⁵⁴

Referring to Council resolution 1982/54 of 29 July 1982 and General Assembly resolutions 37/140 of 17 December 1982 and 38/150 of 19 December 1983,

Considering that the programme for the Decade requires regular adjustment throughout the Decade,

Noting with satisfaction the efforts made by the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa in the preparation of the plan of action for the second phase (1984-1988) of the Decade and the approval of that plan of action by the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning at its fourth meeting, held at Conakry from 7 to 11 February 1984,⁵⁵

Noting with satisfaction also that the Secretary-General has provided funds for the preparation and organization of the four consultative technical meetings to be held during the second phase of the Decade,

Aware of the report of the Executive Secretary on the implementation of the plan of action for the first phase (1980-1983) of the Decade⁵⁶ and the approved plan of action for the second phase (1984-1988),⁵⁷

Considering that the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa has endorsed the plan of action for the second phase of the Decade with regard to the transport and communications routes accorded priority in the Lagos Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Monrovia Strategy for the Economic Development of Africa⁵⁸ and the Final Act of Lagos,⁵⁹

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for the financial support he has provided for the organization of the consultative technical meetings and the preparations for the second phase of the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make every effort to secure and provide to the Economic Commission for Africa the additional resources needed for the implementation of the activities requested by the General Assembly in paragraph 9 of its resolution 38/150;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to make available to the Economic Commission for Africa, within existing resources, sufficient financial resources to enable it to ensure the preparation of relevant financing documents and the prompt follow-up of the interest expressed by donors and financial institutions during consultative technical meetings in financing projects for the Decade.

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⁵¹ E/CN.12/544.

⁵² See E/CEPAL/G.1287.

⁵³ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 7* (E/5941), vol. I, part three.

⁵⁴ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1982, Supplement No. 11* (E/1982/21), chap. V; and *ibid.*, 1983, *Supplement No. 13* (E/1983/44), chap. IV.

⁵⁵ See the report of the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning on its fourth meeting (E/ECA/CM.10/22).

⁵⁶ E/ECA/CM.9/7.

⁵⁷ E/ECA/CM.10/18.

⁵⁸ A/S-11/14, annex I.

⁵⁹ *Ibid.*, annex II.

1984/69. Development of the African remote-sensing programme

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting with appreciation the steps taken by the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa, as highlighted in his biennial report for 1982-1983,⁶⁰ towards the implementation of resolution 280 (XII), adopted on 28 February 1975 by the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa,⁶¹ concerning the introduction of remote-sensing technology into Africa, and resolution 313 (XIII), adopted on 1 March 1977 by the Conference of Ministers,⁶² concerning the establishment of a remote-sensing programme in Africa,

Recalling that the achievements reported by the Executive Secretary have been accomplished principally through the utilization of extrabudgetary resources which have continued to be inadequate for the development of the programme,

Mindful of General Assembly resolution 37/90 of 10 December 1982 on the Second United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space,

Requests the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to review the current programme of the Commission, with a view to reallocating funds for the implementation and development of the African remote-sensing programme.

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1984/70. Implementation of the programme for the Industrial Development Decade for Africa

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 35/66 B of 5 December 1980, by which the Assembly proclaimed the 1980s as the Industrial Development Decade for Africa, section II of Assembly resolution 36/182 of 17 December 1981, section II of Assembly resolution 37/212 of 20 December 1982 and section II of Assembly resolution 38/192 of 20 December 1983, concerning the Industrial Development Decade for Africa,

Recalling also resolutions 442 (XVII), adopted on 30 April 1982 by the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa,⁶³ concerning the formulation and implementation of a programme for the Industrial Development Decade for Africa, and 466 (XVIII), adopted on 2 May 1983 by the Conference of

⁶⁰ E/ECA/CM.10/11.

⁶¹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 10* (E/5657 and Corr.1), vol. I, part three.

⁶² *Ibid.*, *Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 7* (E/5941), part three.

⁶³ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1982, Supplement No. 11* (E/1982/21), chap. V.

Ministers,⁶⁴ concerning the implementation of the Industrial Development Decade for Africa,

Welcoming resolution CM/Res.941 (XL), adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity at its fortieth ordinary session, held at Addis Ababa from 27 February to 5 March 1984,⁶⁵

Reiterating the need to accord priority to the development of strategic core industries that provide intrasectoral and intersectoral linkages and essential input for the production and processing of natural resources, especially food and agricultural products,

Convinced of the need to undertake concerted action for the mobilization of financial resources, including technical assistance from the secretariats of the Economic Commission for Africa, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the Organization of African Unity and from other African and international organizations and bilateral and multilateral donor agencies, for the implementation of the programme for the Decade,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the General Assembly for its decision, in section II of resolution 38/192, to increase the allocation to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization from the regular budget of the United Nations by \$1 million in 1984 for assistance to African countries and to intergovernmental organizations in the implementation of the programme for the Industrial Development Decade for Africa, notes with interest the appeal made by the Seventh Conference of African Ministers of Industry, held at Addis Ababa from 26 to 28 March 1984,⁶⁶ that the allocations made by the General Assembly for the Decade should reach an annual level of at least \$5 million and be placed on a permanent basis, and calls upon the General Assembly to give it due attention; to this end, a similar arrangement should be considered for the Economic Commission for Africa to enable it and its Multinational Programming and Operational Centres to assist member States at the subregional level in their consultations, negotiations and investment promotion for multi-country projects;

2. *Welcomes with appreciation* the generous financial contributions made by a number of countries to the Economic Commission for Africa, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and some African regional centres for the implementation of activities related to the Decade;

3. *Reiterates* the repeated appeals made to the international community, particularly the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank, the African Development Bank, the Fund for International Development of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, the Arab Bank for Economic

⁶⁴ *Ibid.*, 1983, *Supplement No. 13* (E/1983/44), chap. IV.

⁶⁵ See A/39/207, annex.

⁶⁶ See the report of the Conference of African Ministers of Industry on its seventh meeting (E/ECA/CM.10/27).

Development in Africa and other international organizations, multilateral and bilateral agencies and financial institutions, to increase and intensify their technical and financial assistance, on preferential conditions, to African countries and to intergovernmental organizations in the formulation and implementation of the programme for the Decade.

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1984/71. International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace

The Economic and Social Council,

Convinced of the importance of the implementation of the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities to be undertaken prior to and during the International Youth Year,⁶⁷ as well as of the recommendations made by the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year for the further implementation of that Programme,⁶⁸ which were endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 37/48 of 3 December 1982,

Recognizing that the preparation for the observance of the International Youth Year will contribute to the reaffirmation of the goals of the new international economic order and to the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,⁶⁹

Aware that, for the International Youth Year to be successful and in order to maximize its impact and practical efficiency, adequate preparation and the widespread support of Governments, all specialized agencies, international, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the public will be required,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary measures to continue to strengthen the secretariat of the Economic Commission for Africa in order to enable it to fulfil the extended mandate entrusted to it in the field of youth, including the implementation of the Regional Plan of Action on Youth;⁷⁰

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General to use all means at his disposal, within the regular budget of the United Nations, to increase the resources allocated for the implementation of the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities to be undertaken prior to and during the International Youth Year;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the secretariat of the Economic Commission for Africa to

⁶⁷ A/36/215, annex, sect. IV, decision 1 (I).

⁶⁸ A/37/348, annex, appendix III.

⁶⁹ General Assembly resolution 35/56, annex.

⁷⁰ See E/ECA/CM.10/28, annex I; endorsed by the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa in resolution 494 (XIX) of 26 May 1984 (*Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1984, Supplement No. 11 (E/1984/21), chap. IV*)

take specific measures to increase the dissemination of information on youth.

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1984/72. Environment and development in Africa

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, which, *inter alia*, calls for methods to be devised to assist interested developing countries in dealing more adequately with the environmental aspects of development activities, for the international community to increase substantially its financial and technical support to drought-stricken countries suffering from desertification, for consideration to be given by all countries to the environmental aspects of industrialization in the formulation and implementation of their industrial policies and plans and for the improvement of the quality of life and the environment through, *inter alia*, the strengthening, in the context of human settlements planning, of measures to improve housing conditions,

Taking note of decisions 10/4 and 10/6 of 31 May 1982 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme,⁷¹ in which the Governing Council called for assistance to be provided to developing countries in addressing serious environmental problems related to poverty and underdevelopment,

Recalling also resolution 446 (XVII), adopted on 30 April 1982 by the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa,⁷² on the need to intensify regional co-operation for combating desertification in Africa, resolution 473 (XVIII), adopted on 2 May 1983 by the Conference of Ministers,⁷³ in which the Conference called for the organization of a scientific round-table on the climatic situation and drought in Africa, and resolution 474 (XVIII), adopted on 2 May 1983 by the Conference of Ministers,⁷⁴ in which the Conference called for the strengthening of African capabilities in environmental matters, especially the environmental co-ordination capabilities of the Commission, and for the encouragement of the development of environmental education and training programmes in member States,

Urges the General Assembly to consider seriously:

(a) The inclusion of reference to the United Republic of Tanzania in the terms of reference of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in order to enable that country to receive assistance in the implementation of programmes for combating desertification;

⁷¹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/37/25)*, part two, annex.

⁷² See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1982, Supplement No. 11 (E/1982/21)*, chap. V.

⁷³ *Ibid.*, 1983, *Supplement No. 13 (E/1983/44)*, chap. IV.

⁷⁴ *Ibid.*

(b) The expansion of the scope of the work of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office so as to enable it to assist the States members of the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference in implementing the recommendations of the United Nations Environment Programme on combating desertification and drought, in the same way as the Office is currently assisting the States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel.

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1984/73. Water resources development and follow-up to the Mar del Plata Action Plan

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 32/158 of 19 December 1977, by which the Assembly adopted the report of the United Nations Water Conference⁷⁵ and approved the Mar del Plata Action Plan,⁷⁶

Guided by resolution VIII of the United Nations Water Conference,⁷⁷ in which the regional commissions were called upon to play a central role in the promotion of intergovernmental co-operation as a follow-up to the Mar del Plata Action Plan on integrated water resources development and management,

Recalling also Council resolutions 2043 (LXI) of 5 August 1976, in which it requested the Secretary-General to make adequate provisions so as to enable the regional commissions to carry out their activities effectively, and 1979/67 of 3 August 1979, in which it recommended that the secretariats of the regional commissions should be provided with sufficient manpower and financial resources to enable them to discharge the expanded responsibilities assigned to them by the United Nations Water Conference in relation to the execution of the Mar del Plata Action Plan,

Recalling further the recommendation on institutional strengthening at the regional level contained in paragraph 82 (iii) of the Lagos Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Monrovia Strategy for the Economic Development of Africa,⁷⁸

Requests the Secretary-General to continue to strengthen the secretariat of the Economic Commission for Africa in the area of water resources so that water experts can be deployed to the Multinational Programming and Operational Centres to assist member States in the planning and execution of their water development activities and in the follow-up to the recommendations contained in the Mar del Plata Action Plan.

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⁷⁵ *Report of the United Nations Water Conference, Mar del Plata, 14-25 March 1977* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.77.II.A.12).

⁷⁶ *Ibid.*, chap. I.

⁷⁷ *Ibid.*, p. 78.

⁷⁸ A/S-11/14, annex I.

1984/74. Strengthening of the role of the Economic Commission for Africa as an executing agency

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 33/202 of 29 January 1979 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system, in which, *inter alia*, the Assembly decided that the regional commissions should have the status of executing agencies, in their own right, in respect of the categories of project described in and in conformity with paragraph 23 of the annex to its resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977,

Recalling also the agreement signed on 1 March 1977 between the United Nations Development Programme and the Economic Commission for Africa, designating the Commission as a participating and executing agency for the inter-country projects of the United Nations Development Programme,

Noting with satisfaction the progress that has been achieved within a short space of time by the Commission acting as an executing agency for the inter-country projects of the United Nations Development Programme and other such projects, with the result that it is currently one of the largest executing agencies for the inter-country projects in Africa financed by the Programme,

Noting with concern the administrative difficulties being experienced by the Commission in the implementation of those projects, owing to the lack of differentiation between the rules and procedures that apply to its role as an executing agency and those that govern its regular budgetary activities, both in the recruitment of project personnel residing outside Africa and those above level L-5 and in the procurement of project equipment and supplies costing more than \$20,000,

Noting with regret that the rate of implementation by the Commission of the inter-country projects of the United Nations Development Programme and other such projects has decreased substantially, owing to the above-mentioned constraints, which create unnecessary delays,

Bearing in mind the current critical economic situation in Africa and the expectation of member States that the secretariat of the Commission should play an increasing role in assisting them in the expeditious execution of operational projects funded from the resources of the United Nations system,

Requests the Secretary-General to consider the possibility of streamlining and, if necessary, relaxing the above-mentioned administrative constraints by aligning the rules and procedures of the Commission governing recruitment and procurement with those of other United Nations executing agencies so that the Commission will be able to execute projects promptly, thereby placing it on the same basis as the other executing agencies of the United Nations system.

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1984/75. Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1982/57 of 30 July 1982 and 1983/62 of 29 July 1983 on the proposed Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar,

Recalling also the conclusions contained in the interim report prepared by the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe,⁷⁹

Bearing in mind the need to take into account the principles of good-neighbourliness and co-operation among all parties interested in and concerned with the pursuit of this project,

1. *Invites* the Governments of Morocco and Spain to continue to provide information to, and to consult and co-operate with, Governments, international organizations, research institutions and universities in the Mediterranean area and elsewhere, the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe and to make concerted efforts in the pursuit of the development of the project for the Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar;

2. *Also invites* Governments, international organizations, research institutions and universities in the Mediterranean area and elsewhere to continue to co-operate with the Governments of Morocco and Spain and with the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe and to make concerted efforts in the pursuit of this project;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe, within available resources, with the additional resources necessary for the implementation of the recommendations on the proposed permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretaries of the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe to submit an interim report on the progress made with regard to the studies on this project, through the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe, to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1985.

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1984/76. Matters arising from the biennial report of the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa for 1982-1983

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling resolution 403 (XVI), adopted on 10 April 1981 by the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa,⁸⁰ on the biennial report of the Executive Secretary of the Commission for 1979-1980,

⁷⁹ E/1983/87/Add.1, sect. V.

⁸⁰ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement No. 14 (E/1981/54)*, chap. IV.

Recalling also section IV of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system, in which, *inter alia*, it is stipulated that the regional commissions should be enabled fully to play their role under the authority of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council as the main general economic and social development centres within the United Nations system for their respective regions,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 38/199 of 20 December 1983 on special measures for the social and economic development of Africa in the 1980s, in which, *inter alia*, the Assembly 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 Africa⁸¹ and the Final Act of Lagos⁸² and to contribute generously to the United Nations Trust Fund for African Development.

Convinced that a strengthened secretariat of the Economic Commission for Africa is an imperative necessity for the States members of the Commission, both individually and collectively, particularly in view of the current economic and social crisis facing Africa,

1. *Appeals* to the international community, particularly the developed countries of Western and Eastern Europe, North America, Japan and the members of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, other developing countries in a position to do so, and international and regional financial institutions to contribute generously at the Fifth Biennial Pledging Conference for the United Nations Trust Fund for African Development;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide additional resources to the Economic Commission for Africa as the centre for general social and economic development within the United Nations system for the African region so as to enable it, in general, to assist member States more effectively and, in particular, to develop the required capacity and capability in the field of evaluation of programmes and projects.

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1984/77. Mobilization of human and financial resources for the women's programme of the Economic Commission for Africa beyond the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace

The Economic and Social Council,

Aware that the goals and objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and

⁸¹ A/S-11/14, annex I.

⁸² *Ibid.*, annex II.

Peace have not yet been fully achieved, especially in Africa,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 33/143 of 20 December 1978, in section III of which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures to increase the number of women in posts in the United Nations Secretariat subject to geographical distribution to 25 per cent of the total over a four-year period,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 37/235 B of 21 December 1982, in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to intensify his efforts to implement fully section III of Assembly resolution 33/143 and section V of Assembly resolution 35/210 of 17 December 1980,

Recalling also resolution 21 adopted by the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,⁵³ in which the Secretary-General was requested, as an interim measure, to explore the possibility of redeploying vacant posts within the regional commissions to the women's programmes, and General Assembly resolution 35/136 of 11 December 1980,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 38/106 of 16 December 1983, in which the Assembly urged the Secretary-General, in consultation with the executive secretaries of the regional commissions, *inter alia*, to take urgently appropriate measures to ensure that all temporary and permanent senior women's programme officer posts in the regional commissions should be continued within the regular budgetary resources available to them,

1. *Urges* the Secretary-General and the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to do all in their power to provide a core group of posts from regular budgetary resources, through the redeployment of vacant posts and in the context of the proposals for the programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987, to the African Training and Research Centre for Women and to the women's programmes of the Multinational Programming and Operational Centres in order to ensure their long-term viability beyond the United Nations Decade for Women;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the United Nations Development Programme, the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women and the international community for the financial and technical assistance provided for the women's programme of the Economic Commission for Africa.

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⁵³ *Report of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Copenhagen, 14-30 July 1980* (United Nations publication. Sales No. E.80.IV.3 and corrigendum), chap. I, sect. B.

1984/78. Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific, 1985-1994

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting resolution 236 (XL) of 27 April 1984 of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific⁵⁴ concerning a transport and communications decade for Asia and the Pacific during the period 1985-1994,

Bearing in mind the imperative need to mobilize funds for the decade through reprogramming or extrabudgetary contributions,

Recalling paragraph 30 of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, annexed to General Assembly resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980,

Recalling also the section of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries⁵⁵ relevant to the improvement of transport and communications infrastructure,

Recalling further Council resolution 1983/69 of 29 July 1983 concerning a transport and communications decade in Asia and the Pacific during the period 1985-1994,

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

Recognizing the need for an integrated approach to the planning of transport and communications development and taking into account the positive contribution which the proclamation of a transport and communications decade for Asia and the Pacific during the period 1985-1994 would make towards the mobilization of support for such an approach,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/69 concerning the proclamation of a transport and communications decade in Asia and the Pacific,⁵⁶

1. *Endorses* resolution 236 (XL) of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, with a view to:

(a) Raising the transport and communications infrastructural facilities of developing member countries to a level commensurate with their development objectives and priorities, giving particular attention to the

⁵⁴ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1984, Supplement No. 14 (E/1984/24)*, chap. IV.

⁵⁵ See *Report of the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Paris, 1-14 September 1981* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.82.I.8), part one, sect. A.

⁵⁶ E/1984/116.

special needs of the least developed, land-locked and island developing countries of the region;

(b) Identifying systematically and in a comprehensive manner the problems of transport and communications in the region and working out feasible solutions;

(c) Promoting a more effective and efficient transport and communications network comprising all modes and means in an integrated way, in particular for development of intraregional and interregional transport and communications linkages, as well as in the fields of maintenance and co-ordination of networks, tariff setting and physical planning;

(d) Encouraging effective co-ordination and co-operation in the field of transport and communications in the region;

2. *Recommends* the General Assembly to proclaim a Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific during the period 1985-1994, in accordance with resolution 236 (XL) of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific;

3. *Urges* all relevant international organizations, particularly the United Nations Development Programme, to contribute effectively to the implementation of the regional action programme for the Decade;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to extend, within existing resources, all necessary facilities and support to the Executive Secretaries of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and the Economic Commission for Western Asia in their elaboration of a practical and integrated regional action programme for the Decade and to mobilize the necessary international support for the successful implementation of the programmes for the Decade;

5. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General to promote intergovernmental and inter-agency co-ordination at the regional and subregional levels;

6. *Invites* all Governments, in particular those of the developed countries and others in a position to do so, to contribute and participate effectively in the implementation of the regional action programme for achieving the objectives of the Decade;

7. *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 1986, and every two years thereafter until the end of the Decade.

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1984/79. Promotion of a system of customs transit for goods applicable world-wide

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking into account the need to facilitate the international exchange of goods,

Aware of the role played by transport in the international exchange of goods,

Taking into account also the economic requirements for the facilitation of transport and, to that end, the need for a system of customs transit applicable world-wide,

Convinced that it is possible to make significant progress in this direction by the adoption of a system of customs transit to be used in all regions of the world,

Noting from the experience gained in the application of the Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnets,⁴⁷ concluded under the auspices of the United Nations at Geneva on 14 November 1975, that the TIR system can meet the criteria of world-wide application and the requirements connected with the technical possibilities of implementation,

Convinced also that the world-wide application of the TIR system could contribute to the facilitation not only of customs transit as such, but also of transport as a whole, by reducing transport costs and bringing a number of additional technical and economic advantages in the international exchange of goods,

1. *Recommends* that Governments which have not yet done so should consider the possibility of accepting the Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnets of 14 November 1975 and should consequently introduce the TIR system in their national legislation and regulations;

2. *Recommends also* that the international, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations directly or indirectly concerned, particularly the regional commissions of the United Nations, should be encouraged to undertake the promotion of the TIR system and should endeavour to include this matter, wherever possible, in their own work programmes,

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General to reallocate available resources in order to make possible appropriate action with a view to promoting the world-wide application of the Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnets of 14 November 1975.

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1984/80. General policy-making structure of the Economic Commission for Western Asia

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1982/64 of 30 July 1982, by which it established, within the Economic Commission for Western Asia, a Standing Committee for the Programme, composed of all members of the Commission, as the main subsidiary organ of the Commission to assist it in the execution of its responsibilities for programme planning and review,

⁴⁷ ECE/TRANS/17; to be published in United Nations, *Treaty Series*, No. 16510.

Desirous of ensuring representation at the ministerial level at the annual sessions of the Commission,

1. *Takes note* of the decision of the Economic Commission for Western Asia that rule 1 (a) of the Commission's provisional rules of procedure⁸⁸ should be amended to read: "Normally annually, beginning on the Saturday of the third week of April";⁸⁹

2. *Decides* to designate the Standing Committee for the Programme of the Economic Commission for Western Asia as the Technical Committee and to add to its terms of reference, set out in paragraph 5 of Commission resolution 114 (IX) of 12 May 1982,⁹⁰ the consideration of the items of the provisional agenda for the annual session of the Commission, in preparation for the Commission's meeting at the ministerial level;

3. *Decides also* that the Technical Committee should meet for a four-day period immediately prior to a two-day meeting of the Economic Commission for Western Asia at the ministerial level.

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1984/81. Staff and administrative questions of the Economic Commission for Western Asia

The Economic and Social Council,

Deeply concerned about the high vacancy rate which has prevailed in the Economic Commission for Western Asia for a number of years,

Convinced that the high vacancy rate has had a serious impact on the work programme of the Commission,

Recognizing that repeated efforts have been made by the secretariat of the Commission to find qualified staff from unrepresented or under-represented States in the region covered by the Commission but that difficulties still persist in the recruitment of such staff,

Recognizing also the importance of knowledge of the Arabic language by the staff of the Commission for the effective performance of their work,

1. *Urges* unrepresented and under-represented States to endeavour to encourage competent personnel to work in the secretariat of the Economic Commission for Western Asia as staff members on a regular or fixed-term basis;

2. *Proposes* to the General Assembly that it should authorize the Secretary-General to take all necessary measures to enable the Economic Commission for Western Asia to recruit staff from any State member of the Commission to meet the Commission's personnel requirements;

⁸⁸ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 10 (E/5539)*, annex IV.

⁸⁹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1984, Supplement No. 15 (E/1984/25 and Corr 1)*, chap. I, resolution 125 (XI).

⁹⁰ *Ibid.*, 1982, *Supplement No. 12 (E/1982/22)* chap. I.

3. *Also proposes* to the General Assembly that all members of the Economic Commission for Western Asia should be treated in a manner consistent with their full membership in the Commission with regard to employment in the secretariat of the Commission.

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1984/82. Fortieth anniversary of the United Nations in 1985

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly decision 38/455 of 20 December 1983 on the commemoration of the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations in 1985,

Considering that the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system should contribute effectively to the observance of the anniversary,

1. *Decides* that, at the second regular session of 1985 of the Economic and Social Council, in the context of the general debate, special attention should be devoted to an assessment of the role of the United Nations in promoting international economic and social co-operation and to the consideration of ways of strengthening the role of the Organization and of further enhancing its effectiveness in this regard, and calls upon the Secretary-General to ensure that appropriate preparations are made for these discussions;

2. *Recommends* that the regional commissions and other subsidiary bodies of the Council and the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system should take full cognizance of the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations and participate actively in its observance;

3. *Invites* the competent intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council to develop appropriate activities in support of the anniversary.

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1984/83. Report of the Committee for Development Planning on its twentieth session

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Committee for Development Planning on its twentieth session⁹¹ and taking note of the statement made by the Committee at the conclusion of its work,⁹²

Taking note also of the statement made before the Council on 5 July 1984 by the Chairman of the Committee for Development Planning,⁹³

⁹¹ *Ibid.*, 1984, *Supplement No. 7 (E/1984/17)*.

⁹² *Ibid.*, p. v.

⁹³ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1984, Plenary Meetings*, vol. II, 24th meeting, paras. 54-77 (E/1984/SR.24)

1. *Decides* to advance the session of the Committee for Development Planning scheduled for April 1985 to the last quarter of 1984, as proposed, and to hold that session at Geneva, and to consider the proposed schedule of meetings of the Committee⁹⁴ at the organizational session for 1985 of the Council;

⁹⁴ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1984, Supplement N. 7 (E/1984/17)*, paras. 119-121.

2. *Expresses its appreciation* of the programme of work of the Committee for Development Planning⁹⁵ and invites the Committee to continue to present action-oriented recommendations.

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⁹⁵ *Ibid.*, para. 122.

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1984/158. Participation of the Intergovernmental Bureau for Informatics in the work of the Economic and Social Council

At its 30th plenary meeting, on 10 July 1984, the Council, having considered the application of the Intergovernmental Bureau for Informatics, decided, in accordance with rule 79 of the rules of procedure of the Council, that the Intergovernmental Bureau for Informatics might participate, on a continuing basis, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Council on questions within the scope of the activities of that organization.

1984/159. Review and appraisal of the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade

At its 46th plenary meeting, on 20 July 1984, the Council:

(a) Took note of the oral report made by the Chairman of the Committee on the Review and Appraisal of the Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade on the work of the Committee⁹⁶ and decided to endorse the arrangements outlined therein for the completion of the work of the Committee;

(b) Decided that the final report of the Committee should be submitted directly to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session;

(c) Decided to invite all Governments to make every effort to ensure the successful conclusion of the work of the Committee.

1984/160. Reports of the Secretary-General relating to the review and appraisal of the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade

At its 46th plenary meeting, on 20 July 1984, the Council took note of the reports of the Secretary-General on the review and appraisal of the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the

⁹⁶ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1984, Plenary Meetings*, vol. II, 46th meeting, paras. 1-8 (E/1984/SR.46).

Third United Nations Development Decade,⁹⁷ prepared in pursuance of General Assembly resolutions 37/202 of 20 December 1982 and 38/152 of 19 December 1983, and on the social aspects of development,⁹⁸ prepared in pursuance of Economic and Social Council decision 1983/123 of 26 May 1983, and decided to transmit those reports to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session for consideration.

1984/161. Scheduling of the sessions of the Trade and Development Board

At its 48th plenary meeting, on 25 July 1984, the Council decided to authorize the President of the Economic and Social Council to continue his consultations with the President of the Trade and Development Board on the question of the scheduling of the sessions of the Board and to report thereon to the Council at its organizational session for 1985.

1984/162. Provisional agenda and documentation for the eleventh session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations

At its 48th plenary meeting, on 25 July 1984, the Council approved the provisional agenda and documentation for the eleventh session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations, set out below.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND DOCUMENTATION FOR THE ELEVENTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS

1. Election of officers
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Recent developments related to transnational corporations and international economic relations.

Documentation

Report of the Secretariat on recent developments related to transnational corporations and international economic relations

Report of the Secretariat on transnational corporations in international trade and foreign direct investment by transnational corporations, including capital inflows and outflows

⁹⁷ A/39/115 and Corr.1-E/1984/49 and Corr.1.

⁹⁸ A/39/171-E/1984/54.

4. 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 and on the activities of the joint units established with the regional commissions
5. Work related to the formulation of a code of conduct and other international arrangements and agreements:
 - (a) Code of conduct;

Documentation
Report of the Secretariat on the code of conduct on transnational corporations
 - (b) Other international arrangements and agreements.

Documentation
Report of the Secretariat on developments under other international arrangements and agreements on matters related to transnational corporations
6. Transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia:
 - (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 of the Secretariat
 - (b) Organization of public hearings on the activities of transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia;

Documentation
Report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Preparations for the Public Hearings on the Activities of Transnational Corporations in South Africa and Namibia
 - (c) 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
7. Ongoing and future research.

Documentation
Report of the Secretariat
8. Comprehensive information system.

Documentation
Report of the Secretariat on the comprehensive information system on transnational corporations
9. International standards of accounting and reporting.

Documentation
Report of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting on its third session
10. The role of transnational corporations in transborder data flows.

Documentation
Report of the Secretariat
11. Technical co-operation:
 - (a) Review of the programme of technical co-operation;

Documentation
Report of the Secretariat on the programme of technical co-operation
 - (b) Measures to strengthen the negotiating capacity of developing countries in their dealings with transnational corporations.

Documentation
Report of the Secretariat

12. Work related to the definition of transnational corporations.

Documentation
Report of the Secretariat on the question of the definition of transnational corporations
13. Issues arising from decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council.

Documentation
Note by the Secretariat
14. Provisional agenda for the twelfth session of the Commission.
15. Adoption of the report of the Commission.

1984/163. Report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its reconvened special session

At its 48th plenary meeting, on 25 July 1984, the Council took note of the report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its reconvened special session, held from 11 to 29 June 1984,⁹⁹ and decided to transmit it to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session for consideration.

1984/164. World Conference on Fisheries Management and Development

At its 48th plenary meeting, on 25 July 1984, the Council:

(a) Noted with satisfaction the statement made on 17 July 1984 before the First (Economic) Committee by the Secretary-General of the World Conference on Fisheries Management and Development, convened by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations at Rome from 27 June to 6 July 1984;

(b) Decided to invite the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to submit the report of the World Conference on Fisheries Management and Development to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session for consideration.

1984/165. Ninth annual report of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes

At its 48th plenary meeting, on 25 July 1984, the Council welcomed the ninth annual report of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes.¹⁰⁰

1984/166. Review and analysis of agrarian reform and rural development

At its 48th plenary meeting, on 25 July 1984, the Council:

(a) Commended the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations for its comprehensive and systematic review¹⁰¹ of the progress achieved in agrarian reform and rural development in the context of the implementation of the Programme of Action as adopted by the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and

⁹⁹ E/1984/9/Add.2.

¹⁰⁰ WFP/CFA:17/19; transmitted to the Economic and Social Council as document E/1984/117.

¹⁰¹ E/1984/72, annex.

Rural Development¹⁰² and looked forward to a similar review in four years' time;

(b) Took note of the report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination concerning progress achieved by its Task Force on Rural Development;¹⁰³

(c) Approved the proposed future programme of work of the Task Force¹⁰⁴ and endorsed the recommendation of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination that the programme of work should be implemented taking into account the objectives of the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development.¹⁰⁵

1984/167. Industrial development co-operation

At its 48th plenary meeting, on 25 July 1984, the Council:

(a) Took note of the report of the Industrial Development Board on the work of its eighteenth session¹⁰⁶ and decided to transmit it, together with the recommendations of the Board, to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session for consideration;

(b) Took note also of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the third progress report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa on the Industrial Development Decade for Africa¹⁰⁷ and decided to transmit it to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session for consideration.

1984/168. Implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action on Science and Technology for Development

At its 48th plenary meeting, on 25 July 1984, the Council requested the organs and organizations of the United Nations system to consider ways and means of enhancing the co-ordination of their medium-term plans and programme budgets in the field of science and technology for development and to give special consideration to the guidelines of the Vienna Programme of Action on Science and Technology for Development¹⁰⁸ and its operational plan and to the resolutions of the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development.

1984/169. Report of the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development

At its 48th plenary meeting, on 25 July 1984, the Council took note of the report of the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development on its sixth session¹⁰⁹ and decided to transmit it to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session for consideration.

1984/170. Development and utilization of new and renewable sources of energy

At its 48th plenary meeting, on 25 July 1984, the Council took note of the report of the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy on its second session¹¹⁰ and of the recommendations contained therein and decided to transmit the report to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session for consideration.

1984/171. Reports considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with the question of operational activities for development

At its 48th plenary meeting, on 25 July 1984, the Council took note of the following reports:

(a) Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund;¹¹¹

(b) Extract from the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its organizational meeting for 1984 and its thirty-first session;¹¹²

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the establishment of a technical unit for technical co-operation among developing countries in ground-water resources development within the Centre for Waters at Zagreb, Yugoslavia;¹¹³

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on United Nations technical co-operation activities.¹¹⁴

1984/172. Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989

At its 48th plenary meeting, on 25 July 1984, the Council decided to endorse the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination with regard to the proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989, as contained in the report of the Committee on the work of its twenty-fourth session.¹¹⁵

¹⁰² 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.

¹⁰³ E/1984/50.

¹⁰⁴ *Ibid.*, sect. I.G.

¹⁰⁵ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 38* (A/39/38), para. 386.

¹⁰⁶ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 16 (A/39/16).

¹⁰⁷ A/39/301-E/1984/108.

¹⁰⁸ *Report of the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development, Vienna, 20-31 August 1979* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.79.I.21 and corrigenda), chap. VII.

¹⁰⁹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 37* (A/39/37).

¹¹⁰ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 44 (A/39/44).

¹¹¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1984, Supplement No. 9* (E/1984/19).

¹¹² E/1984/C.3/L.2; for the full report, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1984, Supplement No. 10* (E/1984/20).

¹¹³ E/1984/101.

¹¹⁴ DP/1984/42 and Add.1-3.

¹¹⁵ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 38* (A/39/38), chap. X, sect. B.

1984/173. Living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territories

At its 49th plenary meeting, on 26 July 1984, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territories¹¹⁶ and decided to transmit it to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session for consideration.

1984/174. Assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon

At its 49th plenary meeting, on 26 July 1984, the Council:

(a) Took note with appreciation of the oral report made on 17 July 1984 by the United Nations Co-ordinator of Assistance for the Reconstruction and Development of Lebanon pursuant to General Assembly resolution 38/220 of 20 December 1983 and of the statement made on 18 July 1984 by the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations Office at Geneva before the Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee of the Council.

(b) Expressed its appreciation for the relentless efforts undertaken by the Government of Lebanon in the implementation of the initial phase of reconstruction of the country, despite adverse circumstances;

(c) Appealed to all Member States and organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to continue and intensify their efforts to mobilize all possible assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon, in accordance with the relevant resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council.

1984/175. Reports of the Secretary-General relating to special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance

At its 49th plenary meeting, on 26 July 1984, the Council:

(a) Took note of the reports of the Secretary-General on a proposed draft convention on expediting the delivery of emergency relief¹¹⁷ and on the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region¹¹⁸ and decided to transmit those reports to the General Assembly;

(b) Took note of the summary report of the Secretary-General on the special economic assistance programme for Swaziland.¹¹⁹

¹¹⁶ A/39/233-E/1984/79.

¹¹⁷ A/39/267/Add.2-E/1984/96/Add.2.

¹¹⁸ A/39/211-E/1984/58.

¹¹⁹ E/1984/135.

1984/176. 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 49th plenary meeting, on 26 July 1984, the Council:

(a) Took note of the following documents:

(i) Report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "United Nations system co-operation in developing evaluation by Governments"¹²⁰ and the comments of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination thereon;¹²¹

(ii) Letter dated 6 February 1984 from the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to the Secretary-General;¹²²

(iii) Annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination for 1983/84;¹²³

(iv) Report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on expenditures of the United Nations system in relation to programmes;¹²⁴

(v) Note by the Secretary-General on the overview of the objectives and plans of the organizations of the United Nations system;¹²⁵

(vi) Note by the Secretary-General concerning the progress report of the World Health Organization on the Global Strategy for Health for All by the Year 2000;¹²⁶

(b) Took note of the reports of the Secretary-General on the analysis of the mandates of, and problems addressed by, the United Nations system in economic and technical co-operation among developing countries¹²⁷ and on the exchange of information on banned hazardous chemicals and unsafe pharmaceutical products¹²⁸ and decided to transmit those reports to the General Assembly.

1984/177. Revitalization of the Economic and Social Council

At its 49th plenary meeting, on 26 July 1984, the Council took note of the oral report made by the President¹²⁹ on the consultations he had held with delegations, in pursuance of Council decision 1983/181 of 29 July 1983, on the question of the revitalization of the Council.

¹²⁰ See A/38/333.

¹²¹ A/38/333/Add.1, annex.

¹²² E/1984/53.

¹²³ E/1984/66.

¹²⁴ E/1984/70.

¹²⁵ E/1984/87.

¹²⁶ See E/1984/122.

¹²⁷ A/39/154 and Corr.1-E/1984/46 and Corr.1.

¹²⁸ A/39/290-E/1984/120.

¹²⁹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/39/3), annex III.*

1984/178. Reports considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with the question of the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system, including the revitalization of the Council

At its 49th plenary meeting, on 26 July 1984, the Council took note of the following reports:

(a) Report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "United Nations Department of Technical Co-operation for Development"¹³⁰ and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon;¹³¹

(b) Report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "United Nations Department of International Economic and Social Affairs"¹³² and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon;¹³³

(c) Report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Office of Secretariat Services for Economic and Social Matters"¹³⁴ and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon;¹³⁵

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on the further implementation of General Assembly resolution 37/214 of 20 December 1982.¹³⁶

1984/179. Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the work of its twelfth session

At its 49th plenary meeting, on 26 July 1984, the Council took note of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the work of its twelfth session¹³⁷ and decided to transmit it to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session for consideration.

1984/180. Elections and nominations

At its 49th plenary meeting, on 26 July 1984, the Council took the following action with respect to vacancies in its subsidiary and related bodies:

COMMITTEE ON CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL

The Council elected Aura Guerra de Villaláz (Panama) and Miguel A. Sánchez Méndez (Colombia) members of the Committee for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1985.

¹³⁰ See A/38/172.

¹³¹ A/38/172/Add.1, annex.

¹³² See A/38/334.

¹³³ A/38/334/Add.1, annex.

¹³⁴ See A/39/94-E/1984/60.

¹³⁵ A/39/94/Add.1-E/1984/60/Add.1.

¹³⁶ A/39/97-E/1984/59.

¹³⁷ See E/1984/C.1/L.2; for the final text of the report, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/39/25)*.

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AND REPORTING

The Council elected SWAZILAND for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1985.

The Council postponed until a future session the election of two members from African States, one member from Eastern European States and one member from Latin American States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1985, and one member from Asian States and two members from Eastern European States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1985.

COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME AND CO-ORDINATION

The Council, in accordance with paragraph 7 of the annex to its resolution 2008 (LX) of 14 May 1976, nominated the BYELORUSSIAN SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC and YUGOSLAVIA for election by the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1985.

1984/181. Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories

At its 49th plenary meeting, on 26 July 1984, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories,¹³⁸ prepared in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 38/144 of 19 December 1983, and decided to transmit it to the Assembly at its thirty-ninth session for consideration.

1984/182. Biennial programme of work for the Second Committee of the General Assembly

At its 50th plenary meeting, on 27 July 1984, the Council, pursuant to General Assembly decision 38/429 of 19 December 1983, decided:

(a) To recommend to the General Assembly the consideration of the suggestions relating to the biennial programme of work for the Second Committee of the General Assembly as contained in the annex to the present decision;

(b) To request the Secretary-General to prepare accordingly proposals for a draft biennial programme of work for the Second Committee of the General Assembly and to submit it to the Assembly at its thirty-ninth session.

ANNEX

Suggestions relating to the biennial programme of work for the Second Committee of the General Assembly

1. The Second Committee of the General Assembly, in drawing up its biennial programmes of work, should endeavour to adopt, to the

¹³⁸ A/39/326-E/1984/111.

extent possible, a biennial cycle of consideration of reports submitted to it, with the exception of those reports which are specifically to be considered annually, once every three years or more, or on an *ad hoc* basis.

2. To this end, the Second Committee should consider all reports of standing intergovernmental bodies on a biennial basis, except the reports of the Economic and Social Council, the Trade and Development Board and the United Nations Development Programme. In alternate years, when those reports are not considered directly by the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council should consider and take action on them and, where appropriate, submit its recommendations to the Second Committee. In respect of those reports, the General Assembly, in those years, will act only on the recommendations of the Council.

3. The Second Committee should also consider, in principle, all recurrent Secretariat reports on a biennial basis, except the report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation on operational activities for development and all those reports which are specifically to be considered once every three years or more. The cycle of submission of Secretariat reports should henceforth conform to the biennial programme of work of the Second Committee.

4. Future requests for Secretariat reports to be submitted to the Second Committee should be in conformity with the biennial programme of work.

5. Intergovernmental bodies reporting to the Second Committee are further requested to consider adopting a biennial cycle of meetings in conformity with the biennial programme of work of the Second Committee.

6. The Second Committee should accordingly draw up its biennial programme of work with the following proposed breakdown and should review it periodically thereafter:

(a) Annual consideration:

- (i) General debate;
- (ii) Development and international economic co-operation;
- (iii) Report of the Economic and Social Council;
- (iv) Trade and development;
- (v) Operational activities for development: report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation;
- (vi) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme;

(b) Biennial consideration in odd years:

- (i) Environment;
- (ii) Human settlements;
- (iii) Science and technology for development;
- (iv) Economic and technical co-operation among developing countries;
- (v) Implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries;
- (vi) Effective mobilization and integration of women in development;
- (vii) United Nations Institute for Training and Research;
- (viii) United Nations University;
- (ix) Technical co-operation activities undertaken by the Secretary-General;
- (x) Role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries;
- (xi) Special programmes of economic assistance (first cluster of countries to be identified later);

(c) Biennial consideration in even years:

- (i) Industrialization;
- (ii) Food problems;
- (iii) New and renewable sources of energy;
- (iv) Development of the energy resources of developing countries;
- (v) Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator;

- (vi) World Food Programme;
 - (vii) United Nations Capital Development Fund;
 - (viii) United Nations Fund for Population Activities;
 - (ix) United Nations Volunteers programme;
 - (x) United Nations Children's Fund;
 - (xi) Implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region;
 - (xii) Special programmes of economic assistance (second cluster of countries to be identified later);
- (d) Consideration as required or at longer intervals:
- (i) Review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade;
 - (ii) Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States;
 - (iii) Immediate measures in favour of the developing countries;
 - (iv) Restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system;¹³⁹
 - (v) United Nations Special Fund;
 - (vi) United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration;
 - (vii) United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries;
 - (viii) Unified approach to development analysis and planning;
 - (ix) Long-term trends in economic development;
 - (x) Role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries.

1984/183. Venue of the twentieth session of the Economic Commission for Africa

At its 50th plenary meeting, on 27 July 1984, the Council decided to accept the invitation of the Government of Guinea to hold the twentieth session of the Economic Commission for Africa and eleventh meeting of the Conference of Ministers of the Commission at Conakry, in April 1985.

1984/184. Reports considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with the question of regional co-operation

At its 50th plenary meeting, on 27 July 1984, the Council took note of the following documents:

(a) Report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Contribution of the United Nations system to the conservation and management of Latin American cultural and natural heritage"¹⁴⁰ and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon;¹⁴¹

(b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the progress report of the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa on the implementation of the programme for the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa;¹⁴²

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on special measures for the social and economic development of Africa in the 1980s;¹⁴³

¹³⁹ The Second Committee should consider this item every three years, and the cycle of its consideration should correspond to that of the proposed medium-term plan by the General Assembly.

¹⁴⁰ See A/37/509.

¹⁴¹ A/38/170.

¹⁴² A/39/271-E/1984/98.

¹⁴³ A/39/289 and Add.1-E/1984/107 and Add.1.

(d) Progress report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the implementation of recommendations on regional programmes in the conservation and management of African wildlife¹⁴⁴ and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon;¹⁴⁵

(e) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa on the outcome of the round-table meeting on the climatic situation and drought in Africa;¹⁴⁶

(f) Report of the Secretary-General on regional co-operation;¹⁴⁷

(g) Report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/66 on interregional co-operation among developing countries;¹⁴⁸

(h) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Executive Secretaries of the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe on a Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar;¹⁴⁹

(i) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa on particular problems facing Zaïre with regard to transport, transit and access to foreign markets.¹⁵⁰

1984/185. Promotion of interregional economic and technical co-operation among developing countries

At its 50th plenary meeting, on 27 July 1984, the Council:

(a) Took note of the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in the implementation of Council resolution 1983/66 of 29 July 1983 on the promotion of interregional economic and technical co-operation among developing countries;¹⁵¹

(b) Decided to request the Secretary-General to continue to implement resolution 1983/66 and to report thereon to the Council at its second regular session of 1985.

1984/186. Report of the Secretary-General on confidence-building in international economic relations

At its 50th plenary meeting, on 27 July 1984, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on confidence-building in international economic relations,¹⁵² prepared in response to General Assembly resolution 38/196 of 20 December 1983.

1984/187. 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 50th plenary meeting, on 27 July 1984, the Council took note of the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States;¹⁵³

(b) *World Economic Survey 1984: Current Trends and Policies in the World Economy*;¹⁵⁴

(c) Summary of the economic and social survey of Asia and the Pacific, 1983;¹⁵⁵

(d) Summary of the economic survey of Latin America, 1983;¹⁵⁶

(e) Summary of the survey of economic and social conditions in Africa, 1982-1983;¹⁵⁷

(f) Summary of the survey of economic and social developments in the region of the Economic Commission for Western Asia, 1983;¹⁵⁸

(g) Report on recent economic developments in the region of the Economic Commission for Europe.¹⁵⁹

1984/188. Critical economic situation in Africa

At its 50th plenary meeting, on 27 July 1984, the Council decided:

(a) To request the General Assembly to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-ninth session an item entitled "Critical economic situation in Africa" so as to bring to a successful conclusion the initiatives taken by the Council at its second regular session of 1984;

(b) To transmit to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session the documents relating to that question which were before the Council at its second regular session of 1984, together with the relevant summary records.

1984/189. 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 1984

At its 50th plenary meeting, on 27 July 1984, 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 1984.¹⁶⁰

¹⁴⁴ See E/1984/3.

¹⁴⁵ E/1984/3/Add.1, annex.

¹⁴⁶ E/1984/109.

¹⁴⁷ E/1984/112 and Corr.1-3.

¹⁴⁸ E/1984/113.

¹⁴⁹ E/1984/114.

¹⁵⁰ E/1984/115.

¹⁵¹ E/1984/113.

¹⁵² A/39/312 and Corr.1 and Add.1-E/1984/106 and Corr.1 and Add.1.

¹⁵³ A/39/332-E/1984/105.

¹⁵⁴ E/1984/62 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.84.II.C.1).

¹⁵⁵ E/1984/69.

¹⁵⁶ E/1984/71.

¹⁵⁷ E/1984/75.

¹⁵⁸ E/1984/78 and Corr.1.

¹⁵⁹ E/1984/82.

¹⁶⁰ E/1984/152 and Corr.1.

