

**Report of the Population Commission
on its special session**

(Item 4)

At its 1845th meeting, on 17 November 1972, the Council decided (a) that the Population Commission should meet at approximately six-month intervals in the period between the conclusion of its special session (August 1972) and the opening of the World Population Conference, 1974; (b) that the name of the Advisory Committee on Global Population Strategy be changed to "Advisory Committee of Experts on the World Population Plan of Action", and that, consequently, the study on global population strategy should be renamed "Study on population problems, policies and priorities: technical background to the World Population Plan of Action"; (c) to reconsider its decision (resolution 1484 (XLVIII)) regarding the participation of specialists in the Conference and to this effect endorsed the views expressed by the Population Commission in paragraphs 45 and 46 of its report⁶

⁶ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 12 (E/5212).

on the role of specialists in the Conference; (d) that the Advisory Committee of Experts on the World Population Plan of Action should meet at least twice more, and that the number of experts on the Committee should be increased; (e) to take note of the report of the Population Commission on its special session.⁶

**Modification of the World Food Programme
budget cycle**

(Item 11)

At its 1842nd meeting, on 18 October 1972, the Council approved the amendment proposed by the United Nations/FAO Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Programme⁷ that the World Food Programme budget cycle should be biennial and that the first biennial period should be 1974-1975, which would coincide with the FAO biennial cycle.

⁷ Tenth annual report of the United Nations/FAO Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Programme (see E/5129).

SPECIAL QUESTIONS

**1731 (LIII). Question of the establishment of an
international university**

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1653 (LI) of 23 November 1971,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 2822 (XXVI) of 16 December 1971,

Recalling further that the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization took a decision on this question on 27 June 1972,⁸ in which the Board, *inter alia*, reaffirmed its commendation of the proposal to establish an international university under the auspices of the United Nations and expressed its agreement with the main conclusions of studies already conducted,

Recognizing the importance and value to the world community of an autonomous international university system under the auspices of the United Nations, with the full co-operation of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization according to the guidelines set out by the Panel of Experts on the Establishment of an International University,

⁸ See E/5155/Add.1.

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the reports of the Secretary-General⁹ and endorses the views and recommendations of the Secretary-General contained therein;

2. *Recommends* that the General Assembly take a decision on the establishment of an international university at its twenty-seventh session, taking into consideration the comments and observations on the subject made in the Economic and Social Council and at the seventeenth session of the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization;

3. *Recommends also* that the General Assembly take practical steps for implementation as soon as possible, including the creation of a founding committee composed of a limited number of experts representing major academic, educational and cultural trends in the world and charged with drafting the charter of the university;

4. *Emphasizes* the need for financial support for the international university to be made available through voluntary contributions by governmental and non-governmental sources.

*1839th plenary meeting
15 September 1972*

⁹ A/8510 and Add.1/Rev.1, E/5155 and Add.1.

Decision

**Report of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment
(Item 3)**

At its 1840th meeting, on 17 October 1972, the Council took note of the report of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment¹⁰ and the report of the Secretary-General thereon.¹¹

¹⁰ Document A/CONF.48/14, transmitted to the Council by a note by the Secretary-General (E/5211).

¹¹ Document A/8783, transmitted to the Council by a note by the Secretary-General (E/5217).