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FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF 1985

1985/1. Assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1984/5 of 17 May 1984 and General Assembly resolution 39/201 of 17 December 1984 concerning emergency assistance to the drought victims in Ethiopia,

Noting with appreciation the statement made by the Director of the Office for Emergency Operations in Africa,¹

Having heard the statement made by the Commissioner for Relief and Rehabilitation of Ethiopia on the situation in the drought-stricken areas,¹

Aware of the presence of rain in Ethiopia after many years of prolonged drought,

Recognizing the necessity of sufficient agricultural inputs to take advantage of the good rains,

Disturbed by the lack of sufficient inputs which would help to expedite the rehabilitation of the drought victims and make them self-supporting,

Convinced that long-term solutions are imperative in order to avoid the recurrence of a tragic human drama such as the one that recently unfolded in the disaster-stricken areas,

1. *Commends* the generous response of the international community to the tragic situation in Ethiopia;

2. *Expresses its deep gratitude* to all States, governmental and non-governmental organizations and individuals that have provided emergency humanitarian assistance to Ethiopia;

3. *Urges* all Member States, organs and organizations of the United Nations system, specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations to assist the Government of Ethiopia in its efforts to provide for the emergency needs of the drought victims and to deal with the problem of medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to mobilize resources for relief and rehabilitation, including assistance for the victims of drought who either wish to return to their villages of origin or are willing to settle in areas less prone to drought, and to report to the General Assembly at its fortieth session on the response of the international community to those efforts.

*21st plenary meeting
24 May 1985*

1985/2. University for Peace

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 34/111 of 14 December 1979, by which the Assembly approved the idea of establishing a University for Peace,

Also recalling General Assembly resolution 35/55 of 5

December 1980, by which the Assembly approved the establishment of the University for Peace,

Aware of the positive response of the international community to the establishment of that institution,

Considering that it is important to follow up the development of the University for Peace in its initial stage,

Recognizing the important work carried out by the University for Peace during the first stage of its institutional life,

1. *Decides* to request the University for Peace to submit a report to the Secretary-General on the various aspects of its development, its existing activities and its future plans, including programmes of post-graduate studies;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1986 the report submitted by the University for Peace in pursuance of paragraph 1 above;

3. *Decides* to consider this question at its first regular session of 1986.

*21st plenary meeting
24 May 1985*

1985/3. Population structure

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the recommendations of the World Population Conference, in particular those contained in the World Population Plan of Action, especially paragraphs 63, 64 and 66 thereof,² where emphasis is laid on the need to take fully into account the implications of changing proportions of youth, working-age groups and the aged, which affect a growing number of developed and developing countries,

Recalling also the recommendations of the International Conference on Population, in particular recommendations 57 and 58,³ in which the Conference called for an intensification of efforts in the execution of specific programmes related to youth and requested that further efforts should be made to analyse the issue of aging, particularly its implications for overall development,

Noting the findings of the studies undertaken in preparation for the World Assembly on Aging,

Affirming the need to implement the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities to be undertaken prior to and during the International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace,⁴

Affirming also the need to implement the International Plan of Action on Aging.⁵

² *Report of the United Nations World Population Conference, Bucharest, 19-30 August 1974* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.XIII.3), chap. I.

³ *Report of the International Conference on Population, 1984, Mexico City, 6-14 August 1984* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.84.XIII.8 and corrigenda), chap. I, sect. B.

⁴ A/36/215, annex, sect. IV, decision 1 (I).

⁵ *Report of the World Assembly on Aging, Vienna, 26 July to 6 August 1982* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.82.I.16), chap. VI, sect. A.

¹ See E/1985/SR.16.

Bearing in mind the deliberations of the Population Commission at its twenty-third session on the implications of the recommendations of the International Conference on Population,⁶

Taking note of General Assembly resolution 39/228 of 18 December 1984, by which the Assembly reaffirmed the need to pay attention to specific problems of population structure,

1. *Urges* all Governments, when formulating their social and economic policies, plans and programmes, to take fully into account the existing and anticipated demographic structures of their populations, paying particular attention to their relation to the following:

(a) The number of students and the need for teachers and schools, in connection with ongoing and future technological change;

(b) The changing organization and role of the family, particularly families made up of young people;

(c) The formation of new household and housing needs;

(d) The changing patterns of consumption and savings;

(e) The needs of youth for productive employment opportunities;

(f) The needs of the elderly for social and economic security, and their potential contribution to development;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in supporting the activities of Governments in these efforts, to consider fully the relevant aspects of changing age structures and in this respect:

(a) To continue the work of assessing current and future population structures in both developed and developing countries, paying particular attention to the increase in the proportions of youth and the aged in those populations;

(b) To continue and strengthen efforts to study the implications of changing population structure for social and economic development, for family and household structure, and for social services, medical care and other related fields;

(c) To continue and strengthen efforts to monitor and analyse policies to address specific requirements arising from changing population structure, especially for youth and the aged;

(d) To report to the Population Commission, on a timely basis, the findings of studies on these issues, as well as estimates and projections on the youth and the aged populations, and to make that information available to Governments, non-governmental organizations and others concerned.

*22nd plenary meeting
28 May 1985*

1985/4. Implications of the recommendations of the International Conference on Population

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 39/228 of 18 December 1984,

Having examined at its first regular session of 1985 the implications of the recommendations for the further implementation of the World Population Plan of Action made by the International Conference on Population,⁷ in order to

⁶ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1985. Supplement No. 5 (E/1985/25)*, chap. III, sect. B.

⁷ *Report of the International Conference on Population, 1984, Mexico City, 6-14 August 1984* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.84.XIII.8 and corrigenda), chap. I, sect. B.

provide overall policy guidelines within the United Nations system on population questions.

Recognizing the important role of international co-operation in the implementation of the recommendations,

Having considered the recommendations on the role of international co-operation, in particular recommendation 83,⁸ in which the Conference referred to the leading role of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities in population matters and urged that the Fund should be strengthened further, so as to ensure the more effective delivery of population assistance, taking into account the growing need in this field,

Having also considered recommendation 88⁸ on the review and appraisal of the World Population Plan of Action and the monitoring of population trends and policies and of multilateral population programmes of the United Nations system,

1. *Reaffirms* the role of the Population Commission as the principal intergovernmental body to arrange for studies and advise the Council on:

(a) The size and structure of populations and the changes therein;

(b) The interplay of demographic factors and economic and social factors,

(c) Policies designed to influence the size and structure of populations and the changes therein;

(d) Any other demographic questions on which either the principal or the subsidiary organs of the United Nations or the specialized agencies may seek advice;

2. *Welcomes* the information provided by the representative of the Secretary-General on the plans for carrying out the task entrusted to him in paragraph 13 of General Assembly resolution 39/228;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in carrying out this task, to take into account the views expressed by the Population Commission on the need for:

(a) Assessing the performance, achievements and effectiveness of the work of the United Nations system relating to research on demographic developments, formulation of population policies and provision of financial support and technical assistance for population activities;

(b) Consistency in policy guidelines of different organizations within the United Nations system, taking into account the distinctive role of each body;

(c) Improved communication, co-operation and co-ordination in population matters between the different organizations;

(d) Delivering population assistance to countries which request it, with efficiency and effectiveness;

4. *Invites* the Secretary-General, in carrying out this task, to avail himself of the advice of members of the Population Commission, the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, the specialized agencies and, as appropriate, related non-governmental organizations and experts in population and other relevant matters;

5. *Recommends*, in view of the growing commitment of the developing countries, increased efforts by the international community to mobilize resources, as called for in recommendations 79⁸ and 82⁸ of the International Conference on Population, for meeting the increasing need of the developing countries for assistance for population activities;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Economic and Social Council, through the Population Commission and, as appropriate, the Governing Council of

⁸ *Ibid.*, sect. B, para. 37.

the United Nations Development Programme, reports on the substantive and technical aspects of the monitoring of population trends and policies, and of multilateral population assistance, and an overview of population activities within the United Nations system;

7. *Invites* the Population Commission, at its twenty-fourth session, to review those reports and to transmit its views thereon to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1987.

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1985/5. Work programme in the field of population

The Economic and Social Council

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 3344 (XXIX) and 3345 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, concerning the recommendations of the World Population Conference and the further implementation of the World Population Plan of Action,

Recalling also Council resolution 1981/28 of 6 May 1981 on the strengthening of actions concerned with the fulfilment of the World Population Plan of Action,

Stressing the supportive role of the work programme of the United Nations system in the field of population in the attainment of the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade⁹ and the pursuit of goals of economic co-operation,

Having reviewed the preamble, the section on peace, security and population, and the sections containing the recommendations for action and for the further implementation of the World Population Plan of Action adopted by the International Conference on Population,¹⁰ at which it was reaffirmed that the principles and objectives of the World Population Plan of Action remained fully valid and which placed emphasis on a number of issues in the field of population that will continue to be included in the work programme, as appropriate,

Bearing in mind the Mexico City Declaration on Population and Development,¹¹

Reaffirming the role of the Population Commission in advising the Council on population questions,

Taking note of the report of the Population Commission on its twenty-third session¹² and the views expressed therein on the progress of work and on the work programme in the field of population,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the progress made in the implementation of the programme of work for the biennium 1984-1985 and the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue vigorously the work of monitoring world population trends and policies and the work necessary for the review and appraisal of the World Population Plan of Action;

(b) To strengthen and draw together the work on interrelationships between the role and status of women and population, following the guidelines of the recommendations of the International Conference on Population;

(c) To continue the work programme in mortality analysis, with special emphasis on age patterns, sex differentials and the relationship of mortality to other demographic and non-demographic processes;

(d) To continue the work programme in the areas of urbanization and internal and international migration, with special emphasis on the role of urban structures and their relationship to the development process; on the variety of population mobility; and on the demographic consequences of international migration for both sending and receiving countries;

(e) To continue the work programme in fertility and family planning, with special emphasis on the assessment of the impact of the family planning programme, key factors affecting fertility such as contraceptive use and marriage patterns, and adolescent fertility;

(f) To continue to prepare estimates of the size of population and demographic indicators, such as fertility, mortality and migration trends, and to prepare projections for all countries and areas of the world, by age and sex and by urban, rural and city population, including changes in population structures, families and households;

(g) To continue work in the area of population policies, with special emphasis on the Sixth Population Policy Inquiry among Governments, the population policy data bank, and research on the formulation, implementation and evaluation of all aspects of population policies;

(h) To continue research in the area of socio-economic development and population with emphasis on the demographic consequences of major development projects; the socio-economic consequences of the aging of populations; successful experiences in the integration of demographic factors into development planning; and improving the analysis of interactions between population, resources, environment and development;

(i) To continue the development of the international Population Information Network (POPIN);

(j) To continue technical co-operation activities in the field of population, fully utilizing the available interdisciplinary capacity of the United Nations, in three main fields:

(i) Training in demography and population matters, emphasizing in particular an interdisciplinary approach;

(ii) Evaluation and analysis of basic population and demographic data, using computer programmes for demographic analysis;

(iii) Population policy and development planning, in particular through the strengthening of appropriate national institutional mechanisms;

(k) To continue to undertake analysis and evaluation of experience gained in implementing technical co-operation activities in the field of population and to continue publishing the results thereof;

3. *Re-emphasizes* the importance of maintaining the effectiveness and efficiency of the global population programme and of continuing to strengthen co-ordination and collaboration among the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs, the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development, the regional commissions, the United Nations Fund for Population Activities and organizations of the United Nations system in the planning and execution of their population programmes, as well as the need for organizations of the United Nations system to strengthen collaboration and co-ordination with other appropriate intergovernmental and national organizations.

⁹ General Assembly resolution 35/56, annex.

¹⁰ *Report of the International Conference on Population, 1984, Mexico City, 6-14 August 1984* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.84.XIII.8 and corrigenda), chap. I, sect. B.

¹¹ *Ibid.*, chap. I, sect. A.

¹² *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1985, Supplement No. 5 (E/1985/25)*.

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1985/6. Status and role of women and population

The Economic and Social Council.

Considering that the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace is scheduled to be held at Nairobi from 15 to 26 July 1985,

Recalling that the International Conference on Population, in its recommendations for the further implementation of the World Population Plan of Action,¹³ identified the role and status of women as an area of priority action in the field of population,

Recalling also that the Mexico City Declaration on Population and Development¹⁴ emphasized the fact that the improvement of the status of women and the enhancement of their role were important goals in themselves and that the achievement of those goals would influence family life and size in a positive way,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 39/228 of 18 December 1984, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, reaffirmed the importance attached to the formulation and implementation of concrete policies which would enhance the status and role of women in the area of population policies and programmes,

1. Urges all Governments participating in the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, to incorporate fully into the forward-looking strategies for the advancement of women for the period up to the year 2000 those aspects of the Mexico City Declaration on Population and Development and the recommendations for the further implementation of the World Population Plan of Action which relate to the status and role of women in the context of population;

2. Requests the Secretary-General, in the framework of the ongoing monitoring, review and appraisal of progress made towards the implementation of the recommendations of the World Population Plan of Action, to focus periodically on those recommendations which make special reference to the relation between the role and status of women and population, and to report thereon to the Economic and Social Council, through the Population Commission.

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1985/7. International economic classifications

The Economic and Social Council.

Recalling its resolution 299 B (XI) of 12 July 1950,

Considering:

(a) The marked improvement in the international comparability of external trade statistics which has resulted since 1976 from the implementation by Governments and international agencies of the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC), Revision 2,

(b) The action taken by the Customs Co-operation Council to maintain the correspondence of the Customs Co-operation Council Nomenclature (CCCN) with SITC Revision 2,

(c) The action taken by the Customs Co-operation Council to revise the CCCN and group the headings

¹³ Report of the International Conference on Population, 1984, Mexico City, 6-14 August 1984 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.84.XIII.8 and corrigenda), chap. I, sect. B

¹⁴ *Ibid.*, chap. I, sect. A.

thereof under a detailed Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS),

(d) The proposed revision of SITC Revision 2,¹⁵ as described in the report of the Secretary-General on the harmonization of international economic classifications,¹⁶ to be known as the Standard International Trade Classification, Revision 3,

1. Recommends that Member States should report internationally data on external trade statistics according to the Standard International Trade Classification, Revision 3, as far and as soon as possible, it being understood that Member States may not wish to make the change until they would in any case be reviewing their customs nomenclature;

2. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To publish SITC Revision 3, together with commodity indexes and correlation codes between SITC Revision 3, the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System and the Customs Co-operation Council Nomenclature and between SITC Revision 3 and the Classification by Broad Economic Categories;¹⁷

(b) To continue and complete, as a matter of priority, the development of the convertibility indexes between SITC Revision 2 and the Standard Foreign Trade Classification used for external trade by States members of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance, and to establish similar convertibility indexes in respect of SITC Revision 3 and the Standard Foreign Trade Classification;

(c) To arrange that, beginning not later than with data for the full year 1988, the publication of SITC data by United Nations bodies should be, as far as possible, in the form of SITC Revision 3.

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1985/8. 1990 World Population and Housing Census Programme

The Economic and Social Council.

Having examined the report of the Statistical Commission on its twenty-third session,¹⁸

Recalling its resolution 1947 (LVIII) of 7 May 1975, in which it endorsed the development of the 1980 World Population and Housing Census Programme and recommended that States Members of the United Nations should take into account international recommendations relating to population and housing censuses when undertaking national censuses during the period 1975-1984, as well as its earlier resolutions endorsing previous decennial programmes,

Noting with satisfaction the unprecedented efforts made by States Members of the United Nations, in all regions, to carry out population and housing censuses as part of the 1980 World Population and Housing Census Programme and also the activities of the Secretary-General in support of national efforts in this regard,

Further recalling the importance placed on population censuses in the World Population Plan of Action adopted by the World Population Conference held in 1974¹⁹ and

¹⁵ PROVISIONAL SI/ESA/STAT/SER/M/34/Rev. 3 (second draft) and Corr. 1.

¹⁶ E/CN.3/1985/7.

¹⁷ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.XVII.7.

¹⁸ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1985, Supplement No. 6 (E/1985/26).

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

reaffirmed by the International Conference on Population held in 1984,²⁰

Takes note, in particular, of recommendation 65 adopted by the International Conference on Population, by which all countries were required to participate in the 1990 World Population and Housing Census Programme in order to assist, *inter alia*, in the evaluation of population and development trends at all levels,²¹

Convinced that periodic population and housing censuses, since they provide comparable information for a country as a whole and for each administrative area therein, are one of the primary sources of data needed for effective development planning, monitoring of population trends and policies and the sound administration of national and local activities aimed at fostering the improvement of living standards,

Stressing that population and housing censuses should provide valuable statistics and indicators for assessing the situation of various special population groups, such as women, children, youth, the elderly, refugees and the homeless, and changes therein,

Recognizing that population and housing censuses place heavy demands on the statistical and administrative resources of countries, and that careful preparatory work is essential for maximizing the usefulness and efficiency of census activities,

Further recognizing that census methodology is constantly advancing and that an exchange of national experience and know-how will significantly contribute to the quality and timeliness of census results and the efficiency and effectiveness of census operations,

1. *Recommends* that States Members of the United Nations should undertake to carry out population and housing censuses during the period 1985-1994, taking into account international and regional recommendations relating to population and housing censuses and giving particular attention to the timely publication of census results so that the censuses meet national data requirements;

2. *Requests* the States Members of the United Nations, in carrying out population and housing censuses, to continue to provide basic census results to the United Nations and other appropriate intergovernmental organizations to assist in the study of global and regional issues;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to proceed with the development of a 1990 World Population and Housing Census Programme, to be carried out during the period 1985-1994, and to make all necessary preparations with a view to assisting interested Member States to plan and carry out improved censuses during this period.

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1985/9. Work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 468 G (XV) of 15 April 1953, 645 G (XXIII) of 26 April 1957, 994 (XXXVI) of 16 December 1963, 1110 (XL) of 7 March 1966, 1488 (XLVIII) of 22 May 1970, 1744 (LIV) of 4 May 1973, 1973 (LIX) and 1974 (LIX) of 30 July 1975, 2050 (LXII) of 5 May 1977, 1979/42 of 11 May 1979, 1981/3 of 4 May 1981 and 1983/7 of 26 May 1983,

Noting the ever-increasing volume of dangerous goods in world-wide commerce and the rapid expansion of technology and innovation,

Bearing in mind the constant need to meet the growing concern for the protection of life and property through the safe transport of dangerous goods, while at the same time facilitating trade,

Aware that in order to achieve internationally harmonized laws, complete reliance is placed on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods by the specialized agencies and other international organizations and by interested Member States which are committed to taking the recommendations of the Committee as a basis for the formulation of their requirements and regulations,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods in the biennium 1983-1984²² and of the new and amended recommendations approved by the Committee for inclusion in its existing recommendations;²³

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To incorporate in the existing recommendations of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods all of the new and amended recommendations approved by the Committee at its thirteenth session;

(b) To publish the new and amended recommendations in all the official languages of the United Nations, in the most cost-effective manner, before the end of 1985 at the latest;

(c) To circulate the new and amended recommendations immediately after their publication to the Governments of Member States, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the other international organizations concerned;

3. *Invites* all Governments, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the other international organizations concerned to transmit to the Secretary-General their views on the Committee's work, together with any comments they may wish to make on the amended recommendations;

4. *Invites* all interested Governments and the international organizations concerned, when developing appropriate codes and regulations, to take full account of the recommendations of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods;

5. *Recommends* that, in view of the increasing concern being expressed in many international and regional bodies about environmental considerations in respect of the transport of dangerous substances, in particular hazardous wastes, transport requirements concerning the protection of the environment should take into account, *inter alia*, the recommendations of the Committee of Experts;

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to make available, within existing resources, the staff necessary for the adequate servicing of the Committee of Experts, recalling that the request made by the Council in this regard in resolution 1983/7 has not yet been implemented;

7. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a comprehensive report, as requested by the Council in resolution 1983/7, for submission to the Council at its second regular session of 1986, on the participation of Member States, particularly developing countries, in the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, taking into account, *inter alia*, the desirability of appointing observers as full members in view of their active participa-

²⁰ See *Report of the International Conference on Population, 1984, Mexico City, 6-14 August 1984* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.84.XIII.8 and corrigenda).

²¹ *Ibid.*, chap. I, sect. B, para. 33

²² E/1985/21 and Corr.

²³ ST/SG/AC.10/10 and Add.1-8.

tion in its work over a continuous period and, at the same time, of widening the decision-making base of the Committee through broader geographical representation, and to propose ways and means of encouraging the participation of developing countries in the future work of the Committee.

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1985/10. Public administration and finance for development

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 35/56 of 5 December 1980, the annex to which contains the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, 36/194 of 17 December 1981 on the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, particularly paragraph 3 thereof, 34/137 of 14 December 1979 on the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries, and 35/80 of 5 December 1980 and 39/219 of 18 December 1984 on the role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries,

Recalling also Council resolutions 1978/6 of 4 May 1978, 1978/75 of 8 November 1978, 1980/12 of 28 April 1980 and 1982/44 of 27 July 1982, concerning public administration and finance for development in the 1980s, and 1981/45 of 20 July 1981 and 1983/61 of 28 July 1983 on the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries,

Reiterating the importance of effective and responsive public administration systems for the economic and social development of developing countries,

Reiterating also the critical importance of developing and strengthening the public administration and finance capabilities of developing countries, in particular improving the performance of existing institutions, personnel and policies,

Concerned about the critical economic situation in Africa and the need for increased urgent assistance to African countries, *inter alia*, in the fields of institutional, managerial and financial resource development,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Seventh Meeting of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance,²⁴ held at Geneva from 17 to 26 October 1984, and the report of the Secretary-General thereon;²⁵

2. *Takes note* of the recommendations made by the Seventh Meeting of Experts and requests the Secretary-General to transmit them to the States Members of the United Nations for their review and appropriate action at the national level;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to further strengthen, taking into account the recommendations of the Seventh Meeting of Experts, the catalytic role of the United Nations programme in public administration and finance to assist developing countries in the improvement of their systems of public administration and finance for development;

4. *Invites* all organs, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system and the international community to take into account the Action Programme in Public Administration for Sub-Saharan Africa proposed by the

Seventh Meeting of Experts,²⁶ in formulating their programmes of assistance for countries in Africa;

5. *Invites* the United Nations Development Programme, in formulating its regional and interregional programmes, to bear in mind the need for improving the administrative and managerial capabilities of developing countries, especially the least developed among them, in the field of public administration and finance;

6. *Notes* the recommendation of the Seventh Meeting of Experts that its next meeting should be convened in 1987, and requests the Secretary-General to make the necessary preparations for that meeting, which, in reviewing the United Nations programme in public administration and finance in accordance with its mandate, should also deal in particular with:

(a) Challenges and constraints in public administration and finance in the developing countries;

(b) Development of computer-based management information systems in public administration and finance;

(c) The specific needs of the least developed countries, especially in the field of training;

(d) Strategies and measures for improving the performance of public enterprises and their contribution to national development;

(e) Support and assistance by the United Nations system for the developing countries in this field, including technical co-operation among developing countries;

(f) Progress in the implementation of the proposals and recommendations made by the Seventh Meeting of Experts.

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1985/11. Co-operation for the control of illicit drug trafficking and drug abuse in the African region

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 37/198 of 18 December 1982 and 38/98 and 38/122 of 16 December 1983,

Recalling, in particular, General Assembly resolution 39/142 of 14 December 1984, entitled "Declaration on the Control of Drug Trafficking and Drug Abuse",

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1845 (LVI) of 15 May 1974 on co-operation for drug law enforcement in the far east region and Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 6 (XXX) of 16 February 1983 on the need for activities in the African countries,²⁷

Recognizing the urgent need to establish co-ordination mechanisms for similar drug law enforcement co-operation in the African region,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 39/143 of 14 December 1984, in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to ensure that a meeting of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies would be convened in 1986,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to convene regular meetings of the operational heads of the national drug control and law enforcement agencies of States in the African region to study questions related to illicit drug traffic in the region and to establish more effective mechanisms for co-operation and mutual assistance in the

²⁴ E/1985/39/Add.1.

²⁵ E/1985/39.

²⁶ E/1985/39/Add.1, sect. II.

²⁷ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1983, Supplement No. 5 (E/1983/15)*, chap. X, sect. A.

suppression of illicit drug traffic within, from and into the region;

2. *Recommends* that the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control should consider providing the financial support for those regional meetings, including the travel expenses and subsistence of one participant from each State in the region if, in the absence of such support, the Government concerned would not be represented;

3. *Decides* that the first regional meeting will be held at the headquarters of the Economic Commission for Africa, following consultations with the Executive Secretary of the Commission to determine an appropriate date in 1987;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite observers from the International Criminal Police Organization, the Customs Co-operation Council and other competent international and intergovernmental organizations to participate in the regional meetings at their own expense;

5. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, at his discretion, to invite observers from States which request observer status and which are actively involved in countering the illicit drug traffic in the region to participate as observers in the meetings, on the understanding that any expenses incurred by their attendance shall be borne by the States concerned;

6. *Invites* the International Narcotics Control Board to participate as an observer in the regional meetings;

7. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report on the regional meetings to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs.

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1985/12. Measures against the diversion in international commerce of specific precursors, chemicals and solvents used in the illicit manufacture of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling that the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961,²⁸ and the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances²⁹ oblige Parties thereto to endeavour, to the best of their abilities, to apply such measures of supervision as may be practicable to substances which do not fall within the provisions of the conventions, but which may nevertheless be used for the illicit manufacture of substances falling within those provisions,

Aware that such substances include precursors, chemicals and solvents, the ready availability of which has led to an increase in the clandestine production of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances in many parts of the world,

Noting that particular vigilance is desired in the case of ephedrine, ephedrol, phenyl-2-propanone, ergotamine, anthranilic acid, piperidine, ethyl ether and acetic anhydride, which are frequently used for the illicit manufacture of amphetamine, methamphetamine (+)-Lysergide (LSD), methaqualone and phencyclidine, as well as cocaine and heroin,

Bearing in mind paragraphs 40 to 42 of the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1984,³⁰ in which is emphasized the need to take urgent measures, at both national and international levels, to monitor the movement of such substances in the international trade,

²⁸ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 520, No. 7515, p. 151.

²⁹ *Ibid.*, vol. 1019, No. 14956, p. 175.

³⁰ E/INCB/84/1 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.84.XI.4).

with a view to preventing their availability for the illicit manufacture of drugs.

1. *Invites* Governments, particularly of those countries in which illicit drug manufacture is known to take place, and which have not already done so, to introduce, consistent with domestic laws, a licensing or monitoring system for the supply and import of such precursors, chemicals and solvents used in the manufacture of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, or to prohibit the import of those substances where there is no licit need for them;

2. *Also invites* the Governments of countries in which such substances are manufactured, the Governments of countries which import them, and the Governments of countries in which illicit drugs are manufactured, to monitor international trade in those substances and to cooperate closely and exchange information promptly with regard to abnormal shipments which give rise to suspicion; to inform their law enforcement services of the existence of such information exchange programmes; and to keep the International Narcotics Control Board notified accordingly;

3. *Recommends* that Governments should seize any such substances, as well as any equipment used in, or intended for use in, any of the offences referred to in article 36 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, and article 22 of the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances;

4. *Invites* all Governments to supply to the Board and to concerned Governments, on a voluntary basis, such information as can be obtained on ephedrine, ephedrol, phenyl-2-propanone, ergotamine, anthranilic acid, piperidine, ethyl ether and acetic anhydride which may be useful for the detection and prevention of diversion;

5. *Decides* to include this question in the provisional agenda for the next regular session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the text of the present resolution to all Governments, for consideration and action as appropriate.

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1985/13. The need to reduce the risk of illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances carried by commercial carriers

The Economic and Social Council,

Bearing in mind that a high proportion of illicit narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances has been seized in connection with commercial carrier operations,

Convinced that commercial carriers have a responsibility to take an active role in improving employee integrity and the security of their operations in order to minimize the risk of illicit trafficking by their own employees or by those using the carriers' services,

Noting that physical safeguards at international ports and airports contribute significantly to the security efforts of the commercial carriers using those facilities,

Recognizing that various measures could be taken by Governments with a view to encouraging greater security at international ports and airports and to facilitating the detection and seizure of illicit drugs,

1. *Requests* Governments which have not yet done so to initiate or expand training programmes for their law enforcement agencies in order to promote intensified and more effective searches, better analysis of potential risks, and greater overall security within and around their international ports and airports.

2. *Urges* Governments which have not yet done so to develop ways of improving their security operations, together with officials of the commercial carriers which use their international ports and airports and to encourage those carriers to discharge their responsibility to improve employee integrity and the security of their operations;

3. *Also urges* Governments which have not yet done so to improve the capabilities of authorities at international ports and airports with a view to controlling access to cargo and commercial carriers;

4. *Requests* Governments to improve means of communication among themselves in order to permit the most rapid possible exchange of information concerning illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances by commercial carriers;

5. *Invites* the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control, the Division of Narcotic Drugs of the United Nations Secretariat, the Customs Co-operation Council, the International Criminal Police Organization and Governments to consider supporting the training of enforcement personnel in improved techniques of search and security, advising commercial carriers as well as authorities at international ports and airports on ways of improving employee integrity and the security of their operations, and implementing programmes to ensure that those security improvements are being carried out;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the text of the present resolution to all Governments for appropriate action.

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1985/ 14. Promotion of preventive education and community participation against drug abuse

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling article 38, paragraph 3, of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961,³¹ the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol,³² and article 20, paragraph 3, of the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances,³³

Recalling also its resolution 1981/9 of 6 May 1981,

Noting with concern the alarming spread of drug abuse in most parts of the world and its detrimental effects on all societies and individuals, particularly young people,

Recognizing that the elimination of the illicit supply of and demand for drugs is the ultimate objective of the community of nations,

Mindful that, given the present state of knowledge in the treatment of drug addiction, a permanent cure is not always an attainable objective,

Aware of the urgent need to protect future generations from the scourge of drug abuse,

Conscious of the impact that informed public opinion will have in increasing the effectiveness of the fight against drug abuse,

Recognizing that information aimed solely at emphasizing the dangers of drug abuse is often of limited effectiveness in discouraging drug misuse,

1. *Urges* the Governments of countries facing problems of drug abuse, as part of a comprehensive strategy, to give priority to programmes which aim to create in the young a deep respect for their own health, fitness and

³¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 520, No. 7515, p. 151.

³² *Ibid.*, vol. 976, No. 14151, p. 3.

³³ *Ibid.*, vol. 1019, No. 14956, p. 175.

well-being and, taking into account cultural and social factors, to provide appropriate information and judicious advice for all sectors of their communities with regard to drug abuse, its effects and the ways in which members of those communities can respond;

2. *Invites* Governments to enlist, as an ongoing strategy, the participation of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, youth groups, teachers and parents in carrying out preventive activities;

3. *Requests* Governments to share their experience in this field, through bilateral arrangements, the Division of Narcotic Drugs of the United Nations Secretariat, the World Health Organization, other specialized agencies, and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the present resolution to the Governments of Member States, the specialized agencies, and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations for their consideration and appropriate action

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1985/ 15. Improvement of the control of international trade in psychotropic substances listed in Schedules III and IV of the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1984,³⁴ especially that part concerned with trade in psychotropic substances.

Recognizing with concern that the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances³⁵ does not require import and export authorizations for international trade in substances listed in Schedules III and IV, thus facilitating the diversion of some of those substances into illicit channels,

Concerned that this lack of a treaty requirement makes it difficult for the competent authorities of both exporting and importing countries to prevent shipments of substances prohibited under article 13 of the Convention,

Bearing in mind that the International Narcotics Control Board needs relevant information in order to monitor effectively the international trade in substances listed in Schedules III and IV,

1. *Requests* all Governments, to the extent possible, voluntarily to extend the system of import and export authorizations provided for in article 12, paragraph 1, of the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances to cover international trade in substances listed in Schedule III;

2. *Also requests* all Governments to establish, in any event, mechanisms for monitoring exports of substances listed in Schedules III and IV in order that importing countries may be alerted, in advance, of shipments that may be a cause of concern;

3. *Further requests* all Governments, to the extent possible, to voluntarily furnish information to the International Narcotics Control Board on the countries of origin of imports and the countries of destination of exports of substances listed in Schedules III and IV;

4. *Requests* all Governments which have decided to prohibit the import of substances listed in Schedules III and IV of the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances to notify the Secretary-General of this decision, in

³⁴ E/INC/B/84/1 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.84.XI.4)

³⁵ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1019, No. 14956, p. 175.

accordance with article 13, paragraph 1, of the Convention;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the present resolution to all Governments for their consideration and implementation.

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1985/16. Supply of and demand for opiates for medical and scientific needs

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1979/8 of 9 May 1979, 1980/20 of 30 April 1980, 1981/6 of 6 May 1981, 1982/12 of 30 April 1982, 1983/3 of 24 May 1983 and 1984/21 of 24 May 1984, as well as Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 1 (XXIX) of 11 February 1981 entitled "Strategy and policies for drug control",³⁶

Having considered the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1984³⁷ on the demand and supply of opiates for medical and scientific needs,

Noting with concern the increasing production of opiate raw materials in excess of domestic need and for export in some non-traditional supplier countries, as brought out in that report,

Noting also with concern that the traditional supplier countries continue to hold large accumulated stocks of opiate raw materials which constitute heavy financial and other burdens for them,

Bearing in mind the urgent need to liquidate the accumulated stocks held by the traditional supplier countries with a view to achieving a lasting world-wide balance between demand and supply of opiates for medical and scientific purposes,

Taking note of the position set out in paragraph 58 of the report of the International Narcotics Control Board.

Noting with appreciation the consultations held and the steps taken by the International Narcotics Control Board to facilitate the implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1984/21,

1. *Urges* the Governments of those countries that have not already done so to take urgent and effective steps to implement Council resolution 1984/21;

2. *Urges* the Governments of importing countries to take urgent and effective steps to support the traditional supplier countries and to give to those countries all the practical assistance they can, in order to avoid the proliferation of sources of production of opiate raw materials for export;

3. *Urges* the Governments of producing and manufacturing countries which have recently set up additional capacities for export to take urgent and effective measures to restrict their production programmes to meeting mainly their domestic requirements;

4. *Requests* the International Narcotics Control Board to further pursue the implementation of the above-mentioned resolutions with the Governments of those countries which have not yet implemented them, and to devise such other measures as may be deemed appropriate with a view to promoting and monitoring the urgent implementation of those resolutions;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts towards the expeditious implementation of project

³⁶ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement No. 4 (E/1981/24)*, chap. XI, sect. A.

³⁷ E/INCB/84/1 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.84.XI.4).

A-1, on the reduction of excessive stocks of licit opiate raw materials, under the programme of action for the biennium 1984-1985 of the Basic Five-Year Programme of Action of the International Drug Control Strategy;³⁸

6. *Requests* the International Narcotics Control Board to assist, in consultation with the producing and consuming countries and the concerned United Nations bodies, in the implementation of project A-1;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the present resolution to all Governments for their consideration and implementation.

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1985/17. Review of the composition, organization and administrative arrangements of the Sessional Working Group of Governmental Experts on the Implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1988 (LX) of 11 May 1976, by which it noted the important responsibilities placed upon the Economic and Social Council by the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,³⁹ in particular those resulting from articles 21 and 22 of the Covenant, and expressed its readiness to fulfil those responsibilities,

Recalling its decision 1978/10 of 3 May 1978, by which it decided to establish a Sessional Working Group on the Implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, for the purpose of assisting the Council in the consideration of reports submitted by States parties to the Covenant in accordance with Council resolution 1988 (LX), and determined the composition of the Working Group.

Recalling also its resolution 1979/43 of 11 May 1979, by which it approved the methods of work of the Working Group, and its decision 1981/158 of 8 May 1981, by which it incorporated certain changes in, and modified the methods of work of, the Working Group,

Recalling further its resolution 1982/33 of 6 May 1982, by which it modified the composition, organization and administrative arrangements of the Sessional Working Group of Governmental Experts and decided to review the composition, organization and administrative arrangements of the Group at its first regular session of 1985.

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the composition, organization and administrative arrangements of the Sessional Working Group of Governmental Experts on the Implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and other bodies established in accordance with existing international instruments in the field of human rights,⁴⁰

Having considered the report of the Sessional Working Group of Governmental Experts on the Implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,⁴¹

Decides that:

(a) The Working Group established by Economic and Social Council decision 1978/10 and modified by Council

³⁸ See E/CN.7/1984/6; see also *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1985, Supplement No. 3 (E/1985/23 and Corr.1)*, para. 204.

³⁹ General Assembly resolution 2200 (XXI), annex.

⁴⁰ E/1985/17.

⁴¹ E/1985/18.

decision 1981/158 and resolution 1982/33 shall be renamed "Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights" (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee");

(b) The Committee shall have eighteen members who shall be experts with recognized competence in the field of human rights, serving in their personal capacity, due consideration being given to equitable geographical distribution and to the representation of different forms of social and legal systems; to this end, fifteen seats will be equally distributed among the regional groups, while the additional three seats will be allocated in accordance with the increase in the total number of States parties per regional group;

(c) The members of the Committee shall be elected by the Council by secret ballot from a list of persons nominated by States parties to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights under the following conditions:

(i) The members of the Committee shall be elected for a term of four years and shall be eligible for re-election at the end of their term, if renominated;

(ii) One half of the membership of the Committee shall be renewed every second year, bearing in mind the need to maintain the equitable geographical distribution mentioned in subparagraph (b) above;

(iii) The first elections shall take place during the Council's first regular session of 1986; immediately after the first elections, the President of the Council shall choose by lot the names of nine members whose term shall expire at the end of two years;

(iv) The terms of office of members elected to the Committee shall begin on 1 January following their election and expire on 31 December following the election of members that are to succeed them as members of the Committee;

(v) Subsequent elections shall take place every second year during the first regular session of the Council;

(vi) At least four months before the date of each election to the Committee the Secretary-General shall address a written invitation to the States parties to the Covenant to submit their nominations for membership of the Committee within three months; the Secretary-General shall prepare a list of the persons thus nominated, with an indication of the States parties which have nominated them, and shall submit it to the Council no later than one month before the date of each election;

(d) The Committee shall meet annually for a period of up to three weeks, taking into account the number of reports to be examined by the Committee, with the venue alternating between Geneva and New York;

(e) The members of the Committee shall receive travel and subsistence expenses from United Nations resources;

(f) The Committee shall submit to the Council a report on its activities, including a summary of its consideration of the reports submitted by States parties to the Covenant, and shall make suggestions and recommendations of a general nature on the basis of its consideration of those reports and of the reports submitted by the specialized agencies, in order to assist the Council to fulfil, in particular, its responsibilities under articles 21 and 22 of the Covenant;

(g) The Secretary-General shall provide the Committee with summary records of its proceedings, which shall be made available to the Council at the same time as the report of the Committee; the Secretary-General shall

further provide the Committee with the necessary staff and facilities for the effective performance of its functions, bearing in mind the need to give adequate publicity to its work;

(h) The procedures and methods of work established by Council resolution 1979/43 and the other resolutions and decisions referred to in the preamble to the present resolution shall remain in force in so far as they are not superseded or modified by the present resolution;

(i) The Council shall review the composition, organization and administrative arrangements of the Committee at its first regular session of 1990, and subsequently every five years, taking into account the principle of equitable geographical distribution of its membership.

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1985/ 18. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Recalling General Assembly resolution 34/180 of 18 December 1979, by which the Assembly adopted the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women annexed thereto,

Recalling also General Assembly resolutions 35/140 of 11 December 1980, 36/131 of 14 December 1981, 37/64 of 3 December 1982, 38/109 of 16 December 1983 and 39/130 of 14 December 1984, and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1983/1 of 17 May 1983, 1984/8 of 22 May 1984 and 1984/10 of 24 May 1984,

Having considered the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its fourth session,⁴² notably the recommendation concerning the submitting of the report of the Committee on the achievements of and obstacles experienced by States parties in the implementation of the Convention,⁴³

1. *Urges* all States that have not yet ratified or acceded to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women to do so as soon as possible, taking into account the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace to be held at Nairobi from 15 to 26 July 1985;

2. *Takes note* of the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its fourth session;

3. *Emphasizes* the importance of the strictest compliance by States parties with their obligations under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women;

4. *Urges* States parties to make all possible efforts to submit their initial implementation reports in accordance with article 18 of the Convention and requests the Committee in organizing its work to ensure that the reports of States parties are adequately reviewed within the quadrennial cycle envisaged;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the report of the Committee on the achievements of and obstacles experienced by States parties in the implementation of the Convention is considered in connection with the relevant agenda item at the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace;

⁴² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 45 (A/40/45).*

⁴³ *Ibid.*, para. 291.

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to make all efforts to ensure adequate servicing for the effective functioning of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women as a treaty body of the United Nations;

7. *Takes note once again* of the deliberations of the Committee at its third session concerning the inclusion in the agenda of a future session of an item on ways and means of implementing article 21 of the Convention,⁴⁴ which provides that the Committee may make suggestions and general recommendations based on the examination of reports;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women to the General Assembly at its fortieth session, as well as to the Commission on the Status of Women, for information.

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1985/19. Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

The Economic and Social Council.

Welcoming the consensus support for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination demonstrated by the General Assembly in its resolutions 38/14 of 22 November 1983 and 39/16 of 23 November 1984,

Mindful of the responsibilities conferred by the General Assembly upon the Council for co-ordinating and evaluating the activities undertaken in implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade.

Recalling the guidance provided to the Secretary-General by the General Assembly in its resolution 39/16,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade,⁴⁵

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

2. *Welcomes* the initiatives being taken to co-ordinate the full range of programmes under implementation by the United Nations system as they relate to the objectives of the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

3. *Also welcomes* the additional project, introduced during the thirty-ninth session of the General Assembly,⁴⁶ to organize a media round-table in Europe in 1985 concerning international legal issues relating to *apartheid*, racism and racial discrimination, and requests the Secretary-General to proceed with the implementation of that project;

4. *Invites* all Governments to take or continue to take all the necessary measures to combat all forms of racism and racial discrimination and to support the work of the Decade by making contributions to the Trust Fund for the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

⁴⁴ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 45 (A/39/45)*, vol. II.

⁴⁵ E/1985/16.

⁴⁶ See A/C.3/39/SR.34, para. 43.

5. *Invites* all Governments, United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies and other intergovernmental organizations, as well as interested non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, to participate in the implementation of the plan of activities for the period 1985-1989⁴⁷ by intensifying and expanding their efforts to ensure the rapid elimination of *apartheid* and all forms of racism and racial discrimination and to co-operate fully with the Council in its co-ordinating role of the activities related to the Second Decade;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit annual reports on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade, taking into account the relevant resolutions and recommendations of the United Nations, including the Programme for the first Decade annexed to General Assembly resolution 3057 (XXVIII) of 2 November 1973.

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1985/20. Ensuring the timely distribution of conference documents

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting with regret that the majority of the documents for the twenty-ninth session of the Commission for Social Development, one of which was the comprehensive 1985 report on the world social situation,⁴⁸ did not reach the Commission until the first meeting of the session,

Conscious of the Commission's responsibility for maintaining the quality of its deliberations and decisions,

Considering that adequate information on the contents of the documents relating to the items of the agenda of the Commission constitutes a prerequisite therefor,

Considering that representatives should be accorded sufficient time to study the documents adequately and to orient themselves further if required,

Recalling the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council,⁴⁹ in rule 6, paragraph 1, of which it is stated that the Secretary-General shall communicate, not less than six weeks before the opening of the session, the provisional agenda and transmit the basic documents related to each item appearing therein,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure, as a matter of priority and urgency, that from now on the distribution of the documents concerned will correspond strictly to the rules of procedure;

2. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that future reports on the world social situation are distributed no later than twelve weeks before the commencement of the session of the Commission.

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1985/21. World social situation

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 37/54 of 3 December 1982,

⁴⁷ See A/39/167-E/1984/33 and Add.1 and 2.

⁴⁸ E/CN.5/1985/2; to be issued as a United Nations publication (ST/ESA/165).

⁴⁹ E/5975/Rev.1 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.83.I.10).

Having considered the report of the Commission for Social Development on its twenty-ninth session,⁵⁰

1. *Endorses* the conclusions reached by the Commission for Social Development on the world social situation and on the 1985 report on the world social situation,⁵¹ annexed to the present resolution;

2. *Transmits* those conclusions to the General Assembly for its consideration.

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ANNEX

Conclusions of the Commission for Social Development

I. WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION

1. The Commission notes that recent years have seen a worsening of the social situation in many parts of the world, particularly in Africa, as a result of the disruptive consequences of the global economic crisis. Achievements registered in certain regions and countries or in specific areas of social development do not alter the fact that this deterioration affects the developing countries in particular. Long-lasting problems that have an important bearing on the situation remain unsolved. Additionally, new problems have appeared, both in developing and in industrial countries, and much remains to be done to achieve the various objectives adopted by the international community. Some countries appear to remain untouched by the general deterioration.

2. The Commission reaffirms that the ultimate aim of development is the constant improvement of the well-being of the entire population on the basis of its full participation in the process of development and a fair distribution of the benefits therefrom.

3. Four decades after the victory over fascism and nazism and the founding of the United Nations, pressing social problems continue to exist.

4. It is necessary to achieve the rapid and complete elimination of the obstacles to the economic and social progress of peoples. Colonialism, neo-colonialism, racism, racial discrimination, *apartheid*, aggression, occupation and foreign domination and all other forms of inequality and exploitation of peoples constitute major obstacles to the economic and social progress of developing countries and peoples. It is indeed regrettable that even after the four decades that have elapsed since the founding of the United Nations, progress in the eradication of *apartheid* in South Africa remains slow and unsatisfactory.

5. The existing inequities and imbalances in international economic relations are widening the gap between developed and developing countries, thereby constituting a major obstacle to the development of the developing countries and adversely affecting international relations and the promotion of world peace and security. The arms race and the aggravation of international tension continue to contribute to the deterioration of the world social situation. Disarmament would release resources that could be used for the development of developing countries and could contribute to the well-being and prosperity of all.

6. It is necessary to have a reduction of social and economic disparities and the adoption of measures to ensure the effective participation of all people in the preparation and execution of national policies for economic and social development, based on equal opportunities for all and a full enjoyment of human rights.

7. The adverse social situation reflects the lack of implementation of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development,⁵² other relevant United Nations charters and declarations in the social and economic fields, and the objectives and overall development goals adopted and reaffirmed in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade.⁵³

8. Certain social and economic changes have occurred that have had broad and negative repercussions on the elements constituting the social sphere. There is a need to adapt governmental policies to the new and urgent needs that have arisen.

9. Greater attention needs to be accorded to a unified approach to development, as well as to the pursuance of international economic poli-

cies in areas of trade, and monetary and fiscal policies consistent with the overall objectives of growth and development. The interdependence that exists between economic development and social development is much more apparent in developing countries facing a crushing debt burden, which at present is having a devastating impact on the social conditions of vulnerable groups. The worsening of the social situation has a serious impact in particular areas and countries, notably on employment and income distribution. Even though additional measures are required for social progress, economic development is an essential prerequisite. It has been stressed that social change and development can exert a positive influence in extricating societies from their economic difficulties. The establishment of the new international economic order has become of great importance for social progress.

10. A more rational use of various available resources should be made by Governments, communities, local authorities and voluntary organizations to deal with the worsening social situation, paying greater attention to the most essential and deserving aspects of social development.

11. The 1985 report on the world social situation and the discussion on the report in the Commission clearly indicate that existing approaches to socio-economic development have not always been able to solve the problems of mass poverty and underdevelopment. Alternative development methods are needed, involving, in particular, more effective participation by the people. Hopeful prospects for future progress towards social amelioration are emerging in developed countries. Technological marvels have appeared on the scene in those countries and been socially assimilated by them at a remarkable rate. The potential exists for applying existing and future technologies to the enhancement of social and productive life in the developing countries.

12. The social situation should be monitored in depth on a regular basis, paying special attention to the manner of implementation of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development and the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade.

II. 1985 REPORT ON THE WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION

13. The Commission, conscious of its responsibility for the serious consideration and discussion of the issues before it, expresses its concern at the considerable delay in the circulation of the documents, including the 1985 report on the world social situation,⁵¹ and urges the Secretary-General to ensure that the documents and the report to be considered by the Commission are distributed as prescribed under the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

14. The Commission is of the view that the report on the world social situation will better serve the purpose of analysis of the world social situation and trends if it is prepared at four-yearly intervals, as this provides a reasonable time-span for measuring change.

15. For the sessions held in the intervening years, the Commission should have before it a draft framework of the forthcoming report on the world social situation, to allow it to make suggestions in regard to the preparation of the report, and an updated report on the main issues and trends of international concern that have emerged since the last report on the world social situation was prepared.

16. The next report on the world social situation should envisage an overview of trends, within the framework of overall development, and of the impact of continuing imbalances in the world economy and international economic crises that particularly affect developing countries. The report should provide an intersectoral analysis of trends, issues and policies in the national, regional and international contexts. It should cover ways of overcoming obstacles to social progress, the relationship between peace and development, the need for disarmament and major international social and economic concerns, in line with the priorities indicated by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council.

17. The next report should also include a more thorough analysis of the impact of new and emerging technologies on socio-economic conditions, particularly in developing countries. It should analyse the progress that has been made in the international diffusion of appropriate technology and application of technology in improving social conditions in developing countries.

1985/22. National experience in promoting the cooperative movement

The Economic and Social Council,
Recalling General Assembly resolutions 2459 (XXIII) of 20 December 1968, 3273 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974,

⁵⁰ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1985, Supplement No. 4 (E/1985/24 and Corr.1).

⁵¹ E/CN.5/1985/2.

⁵² General Assembly resolution 2542 (XXIV).

⁵³ General Assembly resolution 35/56, annex.

31/37 of 30 November 1976, 33/47 of 14 December 1978 and 36/18 of 9 November 1981, and Council resolution 1983/15 of 26 May 1983.

Desiring to promote the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,⁵⁴

Bearing in mind the importance of the establishment and growth of co-operatives as an instrument for the full economic, social and cultural development of all members of society,

Reaffirming the important role played by co-operatives in the socio-economic development of developing countries,

Recognizing the necessity of training and educational programmes at various levels for the growth, diversification and professionalization of the management of co-operatives,

Convinced that the exchange among countries of national experience relating to the co-operative movement plays an essential role in strengthening co-operatives for the benefit of their members and in overcoming difficulties in the development of various co-operatives,

Convinced of the important role that co-operatives in the various sectors of the economy can play in improving the production, marketing and consumption of food, with particular reference to special population groups,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on national experience in promoting the co-operative movement;⁵⁵

2. *Invites* the regional commissions and specialized agencies concerned to make further efforts to promote the co-operative movement as an effective instrument for the improvement of the well-being of all people, and special population groups in particular;

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General to include pertinent information and data on the co-operative movement in developing and developed countries in relevant periodic United Nations publications;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, with particular attention to developing countries, in consultation with Member States, relevant organizations of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations, and drawing on the work already under way elsewhere in the United Nations system, a comprehensive report on national experience in promoting the co-operative movement, paying special attention, *inter alia*, to the following aspects of the question:

(a) The role of co-operatives in overall social and economic development, particularly in rural areas;

(b) The role of agricultural, savings, handicraft and other types of co-operative organizations in the production, marketing and consumption of food and related goods and services;

(c) The role of co-operative and co-operative-type organizations in promoting development in urban areas;

(d) The participation of all people, including women, youth, disabled persons and the aging, in co-operatives;

(e) The participation of peasants, including landless peasants, in co-operatives;

(f) The role and extent of government support in promoting co-operatives;

(g) Training and educational programmes to promote the effectiveness of co-operatives and make them more responsive to the needs of their members;

(h) Difficulties faced by countries in the establishment and development of co-operatives and their experience in overcoming them;

(i) Progress made in strengthening "movement-to-movement" activities;

(j) Progress made in promoting membership in and the growth of co-operatives;

5. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit that report, through the Commission for Social Development and the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its forty-second session for consideration under the item entitled "National experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress".

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1985/23. Youth in the contemporary world

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting with great interest the importance attached by the General Assembly and other United Nations bodies to the concerns of youth.

Recalling its resolutions 1979/16 of 9 May 1979, 1981/16 of 6 May 1981 and 1983/14 of 26 May 1983 on youth in the contemporary world, and General Assembly resolution 39/22 of 23 November 1984 on the International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace,

Noting with satisfaction that the Declaration on the Promotion among Youth of the Ideals of Peace, Mutual Respect and Understanding between Peoples,⁵⁶ continues to provide a useful basis and incentive for further action in the field of youth, at the national, regional and international levels,

Convinced that the preservation and strengthening of international peace and security are prerequisites for a secure and happy future for the youth of all countries,

Recognizing the importance of integrating young people into the overall life of society and of taking fully into account their special needs when formulating national plans and programmes,

Reaffirming the necessity of intensifying and consolidating the efforts of the United Nations so as to give effect to a co-ordinated and practical approach to the youth programmes of all the United Nations agencies involved, as well as strengthening co-operation with non-governmental youth organizations or organizations dealing directly with youth,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the situation of youth in the 1980s;⁵⁷

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure appropriate publicity for that report in the context of the activities undertaken for the observance of the International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace;

3. *Decides* that the Commission for Social Development should consider at its thirtieth session ways and means by which it could more effectively deal with youth issues within the appropriate guidelines to be prepared by the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year and approved by the General Assembly on the occasion of the observance of the International Youth Year;⁵⁸

4. *Decides* to include the theme "Youth in the contemporary world" in the provisional agenda for the thirtieth

⁵⁴ General Assembly resolution 35/56, annex.

⁵⁵ A/40/78-E/1985/10.

⁵⁶ General Assembly resolution 2037 (XX).

⁵⁷ A/40/64-E/1985/5.

⁵⁸ See General Assembly resolution 39/22.

session of the Commission under the appropriate item and that the Commission should consider a preliminary report of the Secretary-General on the appraisal of the results of the International Youth Year.

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1985/24. Welfare of migrant workers and their families

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1979/12 of 9 May 1979, 1981/21 of 6 May 1981 and 1983/16 of 26 May 1983,

Having taken note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the social situation of migrant workers and their families,⁵⁹

Concerned by the fact that the changing conditions of international migration resulting from current economic trends adversely affect the situation of migrants, whether they remain abroad under increasingly difficult conditions or return to their country of origin,

Aware of the new needs and problems emerging as a result of the changing migration patterns of migrant workers and their families,

Noting with concern the inadequacy or lack of programmes and social services to help migrant workers to adapt themselves to the language, culture and customs of the host country, and to settle down in decent material conditions and send for their families,

Recalling that the family is the natural and fundamental group unit of society and is entitled to protection by society and the State and that, in that context, the families of migrant workers are entitled to the same protection as the migrant workers themselves,

Noting with appreciation the progress made by the Working Group on the Drafting of an International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Their Families, established in accordance with General Assembly resolution 34/172 of 17 December 1979,

Recognizing the need for further efforts at the national, bilateral, regional and international levels to improve the social situation of migrant workers and their families,

1. Invites Member States to establish and/or expand programmes and services designed to improve the welfare of migrant workers and their families and to meet the new needs and problems emerging as a result of the changing circumstances of the international migration of labour;

2. Emphasizes that such programmes should give major attention to the protection of families of migrant workers and to a substantial improvement in the conditions for genuine integration of members of migrants' families, particularly women, children and youth, into the host society; special care should be paid to the education of children, so that they maintain and develop the knowledge of their maternal language and their cultural heritage;

3. Invites Member States, both countries of origin and host countries, to facilitate the reintegration of migrant workers and their families in the case of their return to their country of origin; the participation of the host country in that process is not to be regarded as a moral obligation only, but rather as a way of assisting those who actively contributed to building up the economy of the host country;

4. Affirms the need for the Governments of the

Member States concerned to enact or strictly apply legislation to prevent or punish discriminatory or xenophobic activities against migrants, to enable the migrant workers to enjoy the benefits of association within the law;

5. Requests the Secretary-General, in co-operation with intergovernmental organizations, specialized agencies and organs of the United Nations system, to prepare a document incorporating guidelines for establishing social services for migrant workers and their families;

6. Also requests the Secretary-General to encourage operational activities within available resources, and to consider the implementation of measures based on studies already conducted by the United Nations and other international organizations concerned to benefit migrant workers and their families;

7. Invites the intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned to continue and strengthen their efforts in this field, in co-operation with the United Nations;

8. Further requests the Secretary-General to report to the Commission for Social Development, at its thirtieth session, on the progress made in strengthening programmes designed to improve the social situation of migrant workers and their families and in meeting the needs and problems emerging as a result of the changing conditions of international migration.

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1985/25. International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling that the Declaration on Social Progress and Development, contained in General Assembly resolution 2542 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969, emphasized the interdependence of economic and social development and the wider process of growth and change, as well as the importance of a strategy of integrated development which takes full account, at all stages, of its social aspects,

Recalling also that the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, annexed to General Assembly resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980, called, *inter alia*, for the elimination of hunger and malnutrition, the achievement of full employment by the year 2000, health for all by the year 2000, appropriate population policies, the reduction of the infant mortality rate, the availability of safe water and adequate sanitary facilities by 1990, the attainment of a life expectancy of 60 years as a minimum by the year 2000, universal primary school enrolment by the year 2000, and the securing of the full participation of women in all sectors and at all levels of the development process,

Recalling further its resolution 1983/9 of 26 May 1983,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 39/162 of 17 December 1984, in which the Assembly expressed concern that the first review and appraisal of the implementation of the International Development Strategy had not been successfully carried out,

1. Urges the Committee on the Review and Appraisal of the Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, while carrying out the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Strategy, to examine fully the progress made towards the achievement of the social goals and objectives of the Strategy;

2. Invites Governments to carry out the adjustment, intensification or reformulation of the policy measures for

⁵⁹ E/CN.5/1985/8.

achieving the social goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy;

3. *Requests* the Committee for Development Planning, at its twenty-second session, to give due attention to the social dimensions relevant to the formulation of both economic and social policy measures designed to achieve the continuous raising of the material, spiritual and living standards of all members of society, and to make available its contribution to the Commission for Social Development at its thirtieth session;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit the results of the review and appraisal to the Commission for Social Development at its thirtieth session.

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1985/26. Interregional consultation on developmental social welfare policies and programmes

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1983/22 of 26 May 1983, concerning the taking of steps to convene an interregional consultation on developmental social welfare policies and programmes, within existing budgetary resources,

Recalling also its resolutions 1979/18 of 9 May 1979 and 1981/20 of 6 May 1981 on the strengthening of developmental social welfare policies and programmes,

Noting that government policy affects the well-being of all citizens and thus requires continuous interaction between its social, economic and other elements,

Aware of the serious consequences of the world-wide economic recession for the welfare of peoples and for the funding and delivery of social services which are even more essential now than in periods of economic growth,

Convinced that there is a need to reassess social welfare policy in the light of past experience and present issues, in order to arrive at effective strategies for the future,

Taking note of the efforts made to relate the concerns expressed in Council resolution 1983/22 to the preparations for the Fourth Conference of African Ministers of Social Affairs, held at Addis Ababa from 18 to 26 March 1985, the Third Asian and Pacific Ministerial Conference on Social Welfare and Social Development, to be held at Bangkok from 9 to 15 October 1985, the Pan-Arab Regional Conference on Social Welfare Policies, to be held in September 1985, and looking forward to similar conferences in Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General⁶⁰ concerning steps taken with a view to convening an interregional consultation on developmental social welfare policies and programmes and the necessity of the active involvement of regional intergovernmental organizations in this effort,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to proceed with the organization of the interregional consultation on developmental social welfare policies and programmes to be held, within existing budgetary resources, at Vienna, at an appropriate policy-making level, in the autumn of 1987 when regional preparations will be completed, and to which all States would be invited, with the objective of appraising present policies and programmes and developing themes and setting goals in the social field for the year 2000, taking into account the Declaration on Social Progress and Development;⁶¹

2. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to assist in the conduct of regional intergovernmental meetings, which would consider, *inter alia*, issues relating to the interregional consultation;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit, on the basis of consultations with Governments, to the Commission for Social Development at its thirtieth session for final comments, an annotated draft agenda for the interregional consultation, with relevant documentation to the extent possible.

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1985/27. Efforts and measures for securing the implementation and enjoyment by youth of human rights, particularly the rights to life, education and work

The Economic and Social Council,

Drawing attention to the exceptional importance of all forms of assistance in the large-scale integration of young people into the social and economic development of their respective countries on the basis of ensuring the economic, social, cultural, political and civil rights of youth, in particular the rights to life, education and work, in conditions of peace,

Convinced that it is necessary to ensure full enjoyment by youth of the rights stipulated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,⁶² in the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights⁶³ and in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,⁶³ with special regard for the rights to life, education and work, in conditions of peace,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 36/29 of 13 November 1981, 37/49 of 3 December 1982 and 38/23 of 22 November 1983, and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1979/16 of 9 May 1979, 1981/16 of 6 May 1981 and 1983/17 of 26 May 1983, in which, *inter alia*, the need to adopt appropriate measures for securing the implementation and the enjoyment by youth of human rights, particularly the rights to life, education and work, is recognized,

Considering that the fortieth anniversary of the victory in the Second World War occurs in 1985 and should serve to mobilize efforts and measures for the implementation and enjoyment by youth of the rights to life, education and work,

Convinced that youth can make a valuable contribution to efforts to create a new international economic order,

Recognizing that in many countries the majority of young people, under the prevailing conditions of social and economic crisis, are facing serious problems in the exercise of their rights, particularly the rights to life, education and work,

Aware of the fact that insufficient education and the unemployment of young people limits their ability to participate in the development process and, in this regard, emphasizing the importance of the secondary and higher education of young people, and their access to appropriate technical, vocational guidance and training programmes,

1. *Calls upon* all States, all governmental and non-governmental organizations, interested United Nations bodies and specialized agencies to continue to give priority to the formulation and implementation of effective meas-

⁶⁰ E/CN.5/1985/7 and Add.1.

⁶¹ General Assembly resolution 2542 (XXIV).

⁶² General Assembly resolution 217 A (III).

⁶³ General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

ures for securing the exercise by youth of the rights to life, education and work, in conditions of peace;

2. *Notes with concern* that there are at present a rapidly growing number of unemployed young people in the world, many of whom have never had work, and that with the growth of unemployment it is becoming increasingly difficult to ensure the basic social and economic rights of youth, especially the rights to life, education and work;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take into account the views expressed in the Commission for Social Development concerning ways and means of realizing the rights of youth, in particular the rights to life, education and work, and also the provisions of the present resolution, in the preparation of documentation for the forthcoming session of the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace;

4. *Requests* the Commission for Social Development to consider at its thirtieth session the progress achieved in connection with the participation of young people in the development of their respective countries and in the realization and exercise of their rights to life, education and work, in conditions of peace.

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1985/28. First review and appraisal of the implementation of the International Plan of Action on Aging

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 37/51 of 3 December 1982, in which the Assembly endorsed the International Plan of Action on Aging adopted by the World Assembly on Aging,⁶⁴ and requested the Economic and Social Council, through the Commission for Social Development, to review the implementation of the Plan of Action every four years, beginning in 1985,

Mindful of the International Plan of Action on Aging, in which, *inter alia*, it is pointed out that various problems of older people can find their real solution under conditions of peace,

Reaffirming General Assembly resolution 39/25 of 23 November 1984, in which the Assembly recognized the increasing awareness of issues related to aging in many countries and of the need to provide national authorities, at their request, with technical and financial assistance in their efforts to implement policies and programmes,

Noting with appreciation the efforts made by Member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to implement the principles and recommendations contained in the International Plan of Action on Aging and described in the report of the Secretary-General on the first review and appraisal of the implementation of the Plan of Action,⁶⁵

Recalling General Assembly resolution 39/228 of 18 December 1984, in which the Assembly endorsed the report of the International Conference on Population, containing the recommendations for further implementation of the World Population Plan of Action,⁶⁶ in recommendation 58 of which Governments were urged to reaffirm their

⁶⁴ See *Report of the World Assembly on Aging, Vienna, 26 July to 6 August 1982* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.82.I.16), chap. VI, sect. A.

⁶⁵ E/1985/6.

⁶⁶ *Report of the International Conference on Population, 1984, Mexico City, 6-14 August 1984* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.84.XIII.8 and corrigenda), chap. I, sect. B.

commitment to the implementation of the International Plan of Action on Aging.

Recalling also the reaffirmation in General Assembly resolution 39/228 of the need to pay attention to specific problems of population structures.

Reaffirming further General Assembly resolution 39/25, in which the Secretary-General was urged to include advisory services to developing countries that requested them in technical co-operation programmes,

Recalling further that the General Assembly, in resolution 37/51, requested the Secretary-General to continue to use the United Nations Trust Fund for the World Assembly on Aging to meet the rapidly increasing needs of the aging in the developing countries, in particular in the least developed ones.

Convinced that the Trust Fund has a unique contribution to make and a catalytic role to play in the technical co-operation field to implement the goals and recommendations of the International Plan of Action on Aging and to promote innovative and experimental activities in the field of aging.

Stressing the need for close and continuous working relationships between the Trust Fund and those bodies, organs and organizations of the United Nations system concerned with the question of aging, and the need for the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat to continue its role as the focal point for promoting the implementation of the International Plan of Action on Aging.

Expressing its appreciation to those Governments and non-governmental organizations which, through their contributions, have upheld the vital role of the Trust Fund.

Noting with concern the disparity between the current resources of the Trust Fund and the large number of requests for assistance, and the fact that the Trust Fund has not been able to consider all the deserving requests for technical assistance received owing to the minimal contributions received during the last two years.

Noting with appreciation the continuing support of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities for population assistance in the field of aging.

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on the first review and appraisal of the implementation of the International Plan of Action on Aging;

2. *Urges* Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to continue to strengthen their efforts to implement the principles and objectives of the International Plan of Action on Aging;

3. *Invites* Governments to strengthen or establish mechanisms, when necessary, to facilitate the co-ordinated planning and implementation of activities in the field of aging and, where appropriate, to establish a focal point for aging within the national office responsible for population activities;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to ensure a well co-ordinated system-wide response for the implementation of the Plan of Action at the national, regional and international levels;

5. *Urges* Governments and governmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as the specialized agencies, to exchange information and experience concerning the adoption of measures to meet the needs of the elderly, including those who contributed to the victory which ended the Second World War;

6. *Affirms* the role of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Department of Inter-

national Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat as a focal point for the exchange of such experience between the organizations of the United Nations system;

7. *Reaffirms* the importance of the provisions of the International Plan of Action on Aging regarding the necessity of halting the arms race and rechanneling the resources spent for military purposes to the needs of economic and social development, particularly for the improvement of the social status of the elderly;

8. *Urges* the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps to ensure that advisory and other services to developing countries that request them are provided to the extent feasible in technical co-operation programmes and/or through the resources of the Trust Fund for Aging;

9. *Urges* the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, as a leading organization in international population assistance, to sustain its financial support for technical co-operation activities in respect of aging, particularly in view of the importance given to that issue by the International Conference on Population in its recommendations for the further implementation of the World Population Plan of Action;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take concrete measures on an urgent basis to promote the financial viability and effectiveness of the Trust Fund;

11. *Urges* Governments and non-governmental organizations to continue and, where possible, to increase their contributions to the Trust Fund, and calls upon Governments and non-governmental organizations that have not yet done so to consider contributing to the Trust Fund;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in order to facilitate contributions by Governments, to include the Trust Fund, on an annual basis, among the programmes for which funds are pledged at the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities;

13. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-first session on the implementation of the present resolution, in particular on the measures and steps he has taken to further develop the Trust Fund.

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1985/29. The family

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1983/23 of 26 May 1983 on the role of the family in the development process,

Taking note with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General on the impact of development on the institution of the family,⁶⁷ and of its conclusions,

Emphasizing the need for the greatest importance to be given to the family as basic unit of society and natural environment for the growth and well-being of all its members,

Affirming the importance of national policies which meet the needs of families and enable them to perform their essential role,

Recognizing that consideration of the needs of families is made more necessary by the special constraints which families are experiencing in social situations that are often difficult, and that it has also become more complex as a result of the growing diversity that can be observed in the forms of the institution of the family.

⁶⁷ E/1985/9 and Corr.1.

1. *Renews* its invitation to Member States to expand their efforts at the national and community levels to consider, examine, identify and evaluate the needs of families and the ways in which those needs may be more effectively met;

2. *Appeals* to future United Nations meetings on developmental social welfare policies and programmes to include in their deliberations the question of development and families, paying particular attention to the support of the family unit as a framework in which and through which social welfare policies and programmes can provide more effective support to family members;

3. *Invites* the various regional meetings at ministerial level scheduled to take place in 1985 and 1986 to consider also the question of development and families, so that each region's concerns may be fully represented;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to obtain information, to be supplied by countries and relevant international organizations, on policies and programmes concerning families, and to promote the improvement of the scope, availability and comparability of statistics and indicators relating to families;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure consistency between the policies and concepts contained in United Nations programmes and plans of action having a bearing on the family, in co-operation with the Commission on the Status of Women, the Population Commission and other relevant bodies;

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to study the data available in the reports and action plans developed in the course of recent United Nations activities such as the World Assembly on Aging, the International Year of Disabled Persons, the International Year of the Child and the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, taking into account the need to strengthen policies for the welfare of the entire society;

7. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to study further the impact of development on the family as an institution and to submit a progress report to the Council at its first regular session of 1987, through the Commission for Social Development at its thirtieth session, on developments concerning national family policies and programmes;

8. *Invites* the General Assembly to consider the possibility of including in the provisional agenda of its forty-first session an item entitled "Families in the development process", with a view to considering a possible request to the Secretary-General to initiate a process of development of global awareness of the issues involved, directed towards Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and public opinion.

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1985/30. Co-ordination and information in the field of youth

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1979/27 of 9 May 1979, 1980/25 of 2 May 1980, 1981/25 of 6 May 1981, 1982/28 of 4 May 1982, 1983/26 of 26 May 1983 and 1984/44 of 21 May 1984, on co-ordination and information in the field of youth,

Recalling also General Assembly resolutions 34/151 of 17 December 1979, 36/28 of 13 November 1981, 37/48 of 3 December 1982, 38/22 of 22 November 1983 and 39/22 of 23 November 1984 on the International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace,

Considering that the process of preparation and obser-

vance of the International Youth Year, on the basis of the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities to be undertaken prior to and during the International Youth Year,⁶⁸ of the recommendations made by the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year and endorsed by the General Assembly, and of the relevant recommendations of the five regional meetings devoted to the International Youth Year held in 1983, has contributed to intensifying and improving the co-ordination of the activities of the United Nations and specialized agencies relating to youth.

Convinced of the importance of giving widespread publicity to the activities of the United Nations in the field of youth, especially in the context of the observance of the International Youth Year,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on co-ordination and information in the field of youth,⁶⁹

1. *Endorses* the conclusions contained in the report of the Secretary-General on co-ordination and information in the field of youth;

2. *Invites again* all United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, regional commissions and other intergovernmental organizations, as well as non-governmental organizations concerned, to consider at their regular meetings appropriate ways and means for the improvement of co-ordination and information in the field of youth in the context of the observance of the International Youth Year and of the follow-up of future programmes devoted to youth;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary measures for the successful organization of the appropriate number of plenary meetings at the fortieth session of the General Assembly, in 1985, designated as the United Nations Conference for the International Youth Year, in accordance with paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 39/22;

4. *Decides* to consider at its first regular session of 1986, on the basis of a report of the Secretary-General, the achievements in co-ordination and information in the field of youth.

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1985/31. Social aspects of development

The Economic and Social Council,

Mindful of the resolve enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom and for these ends to employ international machinery for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples,

Bearing in mind the relevant provisions of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,⁷⁰

Recalling the Declaration on Social Progress and Development,⁷¹

Recalling also the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order⁷² and the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,⁷³

Aware that the attainment of the goals of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade⁷⁴ calls for a concerted effort to promote genuine social development,

Convinced that men and women can achieve complete fulfilment of their aspirations only within a just social and political order and that it is consequently of cardinal importance to accelerate social and economic progress and the respect of human rights and fundamental freedoms everywhere, thus contributing to international peace and security,

Persuaded that social development can be promoted by friendly relations and co-operation among States with different social, economic or political systems, as well as by effective arms reduction and disarmament measures,

Aware that mounting economic problems in various parts of the world, unprecedented in the history of the United Nations, negatively affect and diminish the status of social development policies,

1. *Recognizes* the significance of social aspects of development and the constant need to elaborate their national and international dimensions;

2. *Calls upon* all Governments and all institutions, both national and international, to intensify their organizational, intellectual and financial efforts with a view to promoting the social aspects of development;

3. *Decides* to include the question of the social aspects of development in the provisional agenda for the thirtieth session of the Commission for Social Development.

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1985/32. National experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress

The Economic and Social Council,

Guided by the desire to promote a higher standard of life, full employment and conditions for economic and social progress and development,

Bearing in mind the Declaration on Social Progress and Development,⁷⁵

Mindful of the provisions of the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order,⁷⁶ as well as the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,⁷⁷

Noting its resolutions 1581 A (L) of 21 May 1971, 1667 (LII) of 1 June 1972 and 1746 (LIV) of 16 May 1973 concerning the importance of fundamental structural socio-economic changes for the strengthening of national independence and the achievement of the ultimate goals of social progress,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 3273 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974, 31/38 of 30 November 1976, 36/19 of 9 November 1981 and 38/25 of 22 November 1983, in which the Assembly reaffirmed the importance for every State to exercise its inalienable right to carry out fundamental social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress and the necessity of studying national experience in this field,

⁶⁸ A/36/215, annex, sect. IV, decision 1 (D).

⁶⁹ E/1985/42.

⁷⁰ General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

⁷¹ General Assembly resolution 2542 (XXIV).

⁷² General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI).

⁷³ General Assembly resolution 3281 (XXIX).

⁷⁴ General Assembly resolution 35/56, annex.

⁷⁵ General Assembly resolution 2542 (XXIV).

⁷⁶ General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI).

⁷⁷ General Assembly resolution 3281 (XXIX).

Desirous of securing a speedy and complete removal of all obstacles to the economic and social progress of peoples,

Convinced that peaceful coexistence and co-operation among States create favourable international conditions for the socio-economic development of all countries, in particular developing countries,

Considering that the exchange of national experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress would contribute to the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,⁷⁸

Reaffirming the sovereign and inalienable right of all peoples freely to determine their political status and freely to pursue their economic, social and cultural development,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on national experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress;⁷⁹

2. *Calls upon* all States to give special attention in their national development plans and programmes to the social aspects of development with a view to increasing the well-being of the population on the basis of its full participation in the process of development and a fair distribution of the benefits therefrom;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make arrangements for holding the interregional seminar called for in paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 38/25 within the resources already requested for sectoral and regional advisory services;

4. *Invites* all States to submit to the Secretary-General national reports on their experience in carrying out far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress;

5. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, in consultation with all States, a further report on national experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress, taking into account the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 36/19 and 38/25, and to submit it to the Assembly at its forty-second session through the Commission for Social Development and the Economic and Social Council;

6. *Requests* the Commission for Social Development to consider at its thirtieth session the question of national experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress.

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1985/33. Capital punishment

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1745 (LIV) of 16 May 1973, 1930 (LVIII) of 6 May 1975 and 1984/50 of 25 May 1984,

Recalling also General Assembly resolutions 2857 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971, 32/61 of 8 December 1977 and 39/118 of 14 December 1984,

Having examined the third quinquennial report of the Secretary-General on capital punishment,⁸⁰

Concerned at the fact that only 48 Governments responded to the questionnaire addressed to them for the preparation by the Secretary-General of the third quinquennial report,

1. *Invites* Member States to provide the Secretary-General with the information required for preparation of the fourth quinquennial report on capital punishment in 1990;

2. *Takes note* of the fact that in the period under review in the report of the Secretary-General some countries have abolished capital punishment, others have adopted a policy of reducing the number of capital offences or have reported not imposing death sentences on offenders, while others have retained capital punishment;

3. *Requests* the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control to keep the question of capital punishment under constant review;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in preparing the fourth quinquennial report, to draw on all available data, including current criminological research, and to invite the comments of specialized agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations on this question.

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1985/34. Implementation of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development

The Economic and Social Council,

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

"The General Assembly

"Recalling the Declaration on Social Progress and Development,⁸¹ based on the Charter of the United Nations and solemnly proclaimed on 11 December 1969,

"Recalling also its resolutions 2543 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969 and 34/59 of 29 November 1979 on the implementation of the Declaration,

"Recalling further its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 35/56 of 5 December 1980, the annex to which contains the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, 33/48 of 14 December 1978 on world social development, and 34/152 of 17 December 1979 and 37/54 of 3 December 1982 on the world social situation,

"Convinced that international peace and security, on the one hand, and social progress and economic development, on the other, are closely interdependent and influence each other,

"Bearing in mind that the ultimate aim of development is the constant improvement of the social situation of entire populations and ensuring their full participation in the process of development and the fair distribution of the benefits therefrom,

"Reaffirming that social progress and development shall be founded on respect for the dignity and value of the human person and shall ensure the promotion of human rights and social justice,

"Aware of the fact that, fifteen years after the adoption and proclamation of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development, its main objectives, embodied also in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, *inter alia*, elimination of unemployment, hunger, malnutrition and

⁷⁸ General Assembly resolution 35/56, annex.

⁷⁹ A/40/65-E/1985/7 and Add. I.

⁸⁰ E/1985/43.

⁸¹ General Assembly resolution 2542 (XXIV).

poverty, eradication of illiteracy, assurance of the right to universal access to culture, provision of health protection of the entire population, provision of free, universal education at the primary level, and promotion of human rights and social justice, have not yet been universally realized,

"*Recalling* that the peoples of the United Nations expressed in the United Nations Charter their determination to save future generations from the scourge of war and to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom,

"*Fully conscious* of the urgent need of intensifying the efforts by the international community and relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to achieve the objectives set forth in the Declaration on Social Progress and Development and in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

"1. *Reaffirms* the lasting validity and importance of the principles and objectives proclaimed in the Declaration on Social Progress and Development;

"2. *Urges* all States and relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to take the Declaration resolutely into consideration and in their policies, plans, programmes and the implementation machinery increasingly to take into consideration, as far as they are concerned, the principles, objectives, means and methods of the Declaration.

"3. *Urges* all Governments to take into account the provisions of the Declaration in their bilateral and multilateral relations in the field of development;

"4. *Recommends* that international organizations and agencies concerned with development should consider the Declaration as an important international document in the formulation of strategies and programmes designed to achieve social progress and development, and that it may be taken into consideration in the drafting of instruments that the United Nations may undertake in the field of social progress and development;

"5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a substantive report on possible ways and means of increasing the contribution of the relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, as far as they are concerned, to achieving the full realization of the principles and objectives contained in the Declaration and to submit it, through the Commission for Social Development and the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its forty-second session;

"6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to continue to inform the General Assembly, in a summary form in annexes to the reports on the world social situation, of the measures adopted by Governments—not included in other reports provided on a regular basis—and by the international organizations concerned for the realization of the provisions of the Declaration and for the implementation of the present resolution."

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1985/35. United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking into consideration General Assembly resolutions 37/52 of 3 December 1982, by which the Assembly adopted the World Programme of Action concerning Dis-

abled Persons,⁸² and 37/53 of 3 December 1982 on the implementation of the World Programme of Action, in which the Assembly proclaimed the period 1983-1992 United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons,

Also taking into consideration Council resolution 1983/19 of 26 May 1983, in which the Council, *inter alia*, requested the Secretary-General to monitor and support the implementation of the World Programme of Action by enlisting extrabudgetary resources,

Further taking into consideration General Assembly resolution 39/26 of 23 November 1984, in which the Assembly reiterated the need for an effective implementation of the World Programme of Action,

Taking note with appreciation of the reports of the Secretary-General on national experience in implementing the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons and related activities of the United Nations and other international organizations⁸³ and on the implementation of the World Programme of Action,⁸⁴

Concerned with the necessity of keeping alive the momentum generated by the International Year of Disabled Persons and of observing the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons and using it, in particular, as a time frame for the implementation of the World Programme of Action,

Noting that the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat has been designated, in paragraph 156 of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons, as the focal point within the United Nations system for coordinating and monitoring the implementation of the World Programme of Action, including its review and appraisal,

Recalling that in paragraph 195 of the World Programme of Action it is stated that the United Nations system should carry out a critical periodic evaluation of progress made in implementing the World Programme of Action and to that end should select appropriate indicators for evaluation in consultation with Member States, and that the Commission for Social Development should play an important role in this respect,

1. *Appeals* to Member States, organizations of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations to help make the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons more widely known as a time frame for the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons and to continue to take action to implement the objectives of the World Programme of Action;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to pursue his efforts, with a view to ensuring optimal utilization of resources in order to give appropriate publicity to the objectives of the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons proclaimed by the General Assembly as a long-term plan of action for the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to support, monitor and evaluate the implementation of the World Programme of Action, including its periodic revisions, as a major activity of the programme on disabled persons of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, and to continue to organize on a regular basis, at least once a year, the inter-agency meetings on the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons

⁸² A/37/351/Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1, annex, sect. VIII, recommendation 1 (IV).

⁸³ E/1985/4.

⁸⁴ A/39/191 and Corr.1.

for co-operation and harmonization of action by the United Nations system in this field;

4. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to enlist and utilize the resources of the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Year of Disabled Persons to meet growing requests for assistance, advisory services and technical co-operation programmes submitted by developing countries and organizations of disabled persons for the implementation of the World Programme of Action;

5. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to facilitate contributions by Governments, to include the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Year of Disabled Persons, on an annual basis, among the programmes for which funds are pledged at the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities;

6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to continue to keep the Commission for Social Development informed of progress made in the monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of the World Programme of Action.

*23rd plenary meeting
29 May 1985*

1985/36. Progress of work of the Commission for Social Development

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the terms of reference of the Commission for Social Development set forth in Economic and Social Council resolutions 10 (II) of 21 June 1946, 830 J (XXII) of 2 August 1961 and 1139 (XLI) of 29 July 1966,

Reaffirming the central role of the Commission for Social Development within the United Nations in considering matters relating to social development,

Reaffirming that, within the United Nations system, the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat has a major role to play in matters relevant to social development,

Recognizing the importance for the Commission for Social Development of exchanges of information on activities with other functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council with mandates in the social development sector, in particular the Commission on the Status of Women and the Population Commission,

Concerned that the Commission should have available to it sufficient information on social development activities within the United Nations system to enable it to make an appropriate contribution towards the fulfilment of overall development objectives, and to provide appropriate direction to the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs with respect to its work in the field of social development,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 36/228 A and B of 18 December 1981, in which guidelines were laid down by which organizations in the United Nations system were to create mechanisms for the evaluation of their work, and in which the Secretary-General was requested to strengthen the United Nations evaluation system through a series of five separate actions, including self-evaluation,

Recognizing that programmes in the field of social development are formulated within the framework of the medium-term plan, and of the biennial budgets established in accordance with that plan,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make available to the Commission for Social Development at future sessions such details as may be available of the proposed programme of work for the forthcoming biennium so as to

allow the Commission to make recommendations on matters pertaining to the social sector to the appropriate intergovernmental bodies;

2. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to make available to the Economic and Social Council information on areas of complementarity among the work programmes of the Commission for Social Development, the Commission on the Status of Women, the Population Commission and other relevant bodies, and to optimize the flow of information on social development within the United Nations system;

3. *Recommends* that the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, in preparing its overview reports for the Commission for Social Development, should draw on information relating to the activities of the specialized agencies in the social development field and such other information as it considers appropriate;

4. *Requests* the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination to review the current evaluation timetable and to study the possibility of conducting an in-depth evaluation of the effectiveness, relevance and impact of United Nations social development activities, with a view to submitting it to the Commission for Social Development.

*23rd plenary meeting
29 May 1985*

1985/37. The administration of justice and the human rights of detainees

The Economic and Social Council,

1. *Authorizes* the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to appoint a special rapporteur to carry out the work referred to in paragraph 1 of Sub-Commission resolution 1983/30 of 6 September 1983⁸⁵ and Commission on Human Rights resolution 1983/18 of 22 February 1983⁸⁶ and decision 1984/104 of 6 March 1984⁸⁷ on an annual basis;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to give the special rapporteur all the assistance he may require in his work;

3. *Requests* the special rapporteur to submit his first annual report to the Sub-Commission at its thirty-ninth session.

*25th plenary meeting
30 May 1985*

1985/38. United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1982/34 of 7 May 1982, authorizing the establishment annually of a working group on indigenous populations,

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

"The General Assembly,

"Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/34 of 7 May 1982, by which the Council authorized the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to establish annually a working group on indigenous populations,

"Taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1984/43 of 12 March 1984,⁸⁷

⁸⁵ See E/CN.4/1984/3 and Corr. 1 and 2, chap. XXI.

⁸⁶ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1983, Supplement No. 3* (E/1983/13 and Corr. 1), chap. XXVII.

⁸⁷ *Ibid.*, 1984, *Supplement No. 4* (E/1984/14 and Corr. 1), chap. II.

“*Convinced* that the establishment of a voluntary trust fund for indigenous populations would constitute a significant development for the future promotion and protection of the human rights of indigenous populations,

“*Decides* to establish a voluntary trust fund in accordance with the following criteria:

“(a) The name of the fund shall be the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations;

“(b) The purpose of the Fund shall be to assist representatives of indigenous communities and organizations to participate in the deliberations of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations by providing them with financial assistance, funded by means of voluntary contributions from Governments, non-governmental organizations and other private or public entities;

“(c) The only type of activity to be supported by the Fund is that described in subparagraph (b) above;

“(d) The only beneficiaries of assistance from the Fund shall be representatives of indigenous peoples’ organizations and communities:

“(i) Who are so considered by the Board of Trustees described in subparagraph (e) below;

“(ii) Who would not, in the opinion of the Board, be able to attend the sessions of the Working Group without the assistance provided by the Fund;

“(iii) Who would be able to contribute to a deeper knowledge on the part of the Working Group of the problems affecting indigenous populations and who would secure a broad geographic representation;

“(e) The Fund shall be administered in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations and other relevant provisions set forth in the annex to the note by the Secretary-General,⁸⁸ with the advice of a Board of Trustees composed of five persons with relevant experience on issues affecting indigenous populations, who will serve in their personal capacity; the members of the Board of Trustees shall be appointed by the Secretary-General for a three-year term renewable in consultation with the current Chairman of the Sub-Commission; at least one member of the Board shall be a representative of a widely recognized organization of indigenous people.”

25th plenary meeting
30 May 1985

1985/39. Situation in Equatorial Guinea

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1982/36 of 7 May 1982, 1983/35 of 27 May 1983 and 1984/36 of 24 May 1984,

Bearing in mind Commission on Human Rights resolution 1985/30 of 11 March 1985,⁸⁹

Considering that the conclusions and recommendations⁹⁰ of the expert appointed by the Secretary-General pursuant to Council resolution 1984/36 concerning his recent mission to Equatorial Guinea indicate that more needs to be done by the United Nations and the Government of Equatorial Guinea to implement and make better use of the plan of action⁹¹ proposed by the United Nations

⁸⁸ E/CN.4/Sub.2/1983/20.

⁸⁹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1985, Supplement No. 2 (E/1985/22)*, chap. II.

⁹⁰ E/CN.4/1985/9, chap. II.

⁹¹ *Ibid.*, annex II.

and accepted by the Government of Equatorial Guinea.

1. *Requests* the Government of Equatorial Guinea to consider the possibility of continuing to implement the plan of action, taking particular account of the expert’s new proposals, especially those concerning amendments to the Fundamental Law of that country;

2. *Further requests* the Government of Equatorial Guinea to take steps to facilitate the repatriation of all refugees and exiles, including the adoption of measures enabling all citizens of Equatorial Guinea to participate fully in the country’s political, economic, social and cultural affairs, thus helping to relieve the shortage of specialized personnel mentioned in the report of the expert;

3. *Appeals* to the Government of Equatorial Guinea to accede to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,⁹² the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights⁹² and the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,⁹² among other international instruments concerning human rights and fundamental freedoms;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in accordance with the report of the expert, to hold discussions with the Government of Equatorial Guinea with a view to carrying out the expert’s recommendations regarding assistance to that country, so that the plan of action can be fully implemented in the interests of the full and effective observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

5. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to appoint an expert to co-operate with the Government of Equatorial Guinea in the full implementation of the plan of action proposed by the United Nations and accepted by that Government;

6. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to consider this matter further at its forty-second session.

25th plenary meeting
30 May 1985

1985/40. Summary of arbitrary executions

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,⁹³ which guarantees the right to life, liberty and security of person,

Having regard to the provisions of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,⁹⁴ in which it is stated that every human being has the inherent right to life, that this right shall be protected by law and that no one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his life,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 34/175 of 17 December 1979, in which the Assembly reaffirmed that mass and flagrant violations of human rights were of special concern to the United Nations and urged the Commission on Human Rights to take timely and effective action in existing and future cases of mass and flagrant violations of human rights,

Mindful of General Assembly resolutions 36/33 of 9 November 1981, 37/182 of 17 December 1982, 38/96 of 16 December 1983 and 39/110 of 14 December 1984,

Taking note of resolution 1982/13 of 7 September 1982 of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,⁹⁵ in which the Sub-Commission recommended that effective measures should

⁹² General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

⁹³ General Assembly resolution 217 A (III).

⁹⁴ General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

⁹⁵ See E/CN.4/1983/4 and Corr. I.

be adopted to prevent the occurrence of summary or arbitrary executions,

Taking note also of the work done by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control in the area of summary and arbitrary executions,⁹⁶ including the elaboration of minimum legal guarantees and safeguards to prevent recourse to such extra-legal executions, to be considered by the Seventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders in 1985,

Deeply alarmed at the occurrence on a large scale of summary or arbitrary executions, including extra-legal executions,

1. *Strongly deploras, once again, the large number of summary or arbitrary executions, including extra-legal executions, which continue to take place in various parts of the world;*

2. *Appeals urgently to Governments, United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies, regional intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to take effective action to combat and eliminate summary or arbitrary executions, including extra-legal executions;*

3. *Takes note with appreciation of the report of Mr. S. Amos Wako, Special Rapporteur;⁹⁷*

4. *Decides to continue the mandate of the Special Rapporteur, Mr. S. Amos Wako, for another year, in order to enable him to submit further conclusions and recommendations to the Commission on Human Rights;*

5. *Requests the Special Rapporteur in carrying out his mandate to continue to examine situations of summary or arbitrary executions;*

6. *Also requests the Special Rapporteur in carrying out his mandate to respond effectively to information that comes before him, in particular when a summary or arbitrary execution is imminent or threatened*

7. *Considers that the Special Rapporteur in carrying out his mandate should continue to seek and receive information from Governments, United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, regional intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and to take due account of official declarations and government information which come to his attention;*

8. *Requests the Secretary-General to continue to provide all necessary assistance to the Special Rapporteur so that he may carry out his mandate effectively;*

9. *Urges all Governments and all others concerned to co-operate with and assist the Special Rapporteur;*

10. *Requests the Commission on Human Rights to consider the question of summary or arbitrary executions as a matter of high priority at its forty-second session under the item entitled "Question of the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms in any part of the world, with particular reference to colonial and other dependent countries and territories".*

*25th plenary meeting
30 May 1985*

1985/41. Elaboration of a second optional protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights aiming at the abolition of the death penalty

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting resolution 1984/7 of 28 August 1984 of the Sub-

⁹⁶ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1984, Supplement No. 6 (E/1984/16)*, chap. VII.

⁹⁷ E/CN.4/1985/17.

Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities⁹⁸ and Commission on Human Rights resolution 1985/46 of 14 March 1985⁹⁹ concerning the idea of elaborating a draft of a second optional protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights aiming at the abolition of the death penalty,

1. *Authorizes the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to entrust Mr. M. Bossuyt, as Special Rapporteur, with the task of preparing an analysis concerning the proposal to elaborate a second optional protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights aiming at the abolition of the death penalty;*

2. *Requests the Special Rapporteur to take into account the documents considered and the views expressed in the General Assembly, the Commission on Human Rights and the Sub-Commission in favour of or against the idea of elaborating such a protocol;*

3. *Invites the Special Rapporteur to present, on the basis of his analysis, recommendations for further consideration by the Sub-Commission at its thirty-ninth session;*

4. *Requests the Secretary-General to provide the Special Rapporteur with all necessary assistance for the completion of his task.*

*25th plenary meeting
30 May 1985*

1985/42. Question of a convention on the rights of the child

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 39/135 of 14 December 1984, by which the Assembly requested the Commission on Human Rights to give the highest priority to and to make every effort at its forty-first session to complete the draft convention on the rights of the child and to submit it, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its fortieth session,

Considering that it was not found possible to complete the work on the draft convention during the forty-first session of the Commission on Human Rights,

Taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1985/50 of 14 March 1985,¹⁰⁰

1. *Authorizes a meeting of an open-ended working group for a period of one week prior to the forty-second session of the Commission on Human Rights, with a view to completing the work on the draft convention on the rights of the child at that session;*

2. *Requests the Secretary-General to extend all facilities to the working group for its meeting prior to and during the forty-second session of the Commission to enable it to fulfil its task successfully, and notes the usefulness of providing the working group, in advance of its session, with such working documents as a compilation of all amendments and new proposals, and relevant provisions of other international instruments.*

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30 May 1985*

⁹⁸ See E/CN.4/1985/3, chap. XVIII.

⁹⁹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1985, Supplement No. 2 (E/1985/22)*, chap. II.

¹⁰⁰ *Ibid.*

1985/43. Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts of the Commission on Human Rights on allegations of infringements of trade union rights in the Republic of South Africa

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1984/42 of 24 May 1984,

Having examined the extract from the progress report of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts on southern Africa,¹⁰¹

Noting with grave concern that police and State interference in industrial disputes and repression against the independent black trade union movement have intensified,

Noting further with indignation the severe repression against trade unionists in the so-called "homelands",

1. *Takes notes of the extract from the progress report of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts on southern Africa;*

2. *Deplores the repression by the Government of South Africa against the growing independent black trade union movement;*

3. *Demands once again the cessation of persecution of trade unionists and repression of the independent black trade union movement by the Government of South Africa;*

4. *Calls once again for the immediate recognition of the unimpeded exercise of freedom of association and trade union rights by the entire population of South Africa, without discrimination of any kind;*

5. *Demands the immediate release of all trade unionists imprisoned for exercising their legitimate trade union rights and the lifting of the orders banning trade unionists and trade union organizations;*

6. *Requests the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts to continue to study the situation and to report thereon to the Commission on Human Rights and the Council;*

7. *Also requests the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts, in the discharge of its mandate, to consult with the International Labour Organisation and the Special Committee against Apartheid, as well as with international and African trade union confederations;*

8. *Decides to consider at its first regular session of 1986 the question of allegations of infringements of trade union rights in South Africa as a sub-item of the item entitled "Human rights questions".*

*25th plenary meeting
30 May 1985*

1985/44. Solemn commemorative ceremony in the light of General Assembly resolution 39/114

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of General Assembly resolution 39/114 of 14 December 1984, in which the Assembly declared that 8 and 9 May 1985 would be the days of the fortieth anniversary of victory over nazism and fascism in the Second World War and of that struggle against them,

Taking note also of Commission on Human Rights resolutions 1985/31 of 13 March 1985, entitled "Measures to be taken against all totalitarian or other ideologies and practices, including Nazi, Fascist and neo-Fascist, based on racial or ethnic exclusiveness or intolerance, hatred, terror, systematic denial of human rights and fundamental freedoms, or which have such consequences".

¹⁰¹ E/1985/41, annex.

and 1985/32 of 13 March 1985, entitled "Fortieth anniversary of the end of the Second World War",¹⁰²

Paying a tribute of respect to the peoples whose great efforts and sufferings led to the end of the Second World War and to the establishment of the United Nations forty years ago,

Recalling that the United Nations Organization embodies the resolve of peoples to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war and to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights and in the dignity and worth of the human person,

Noting that on 8 May 1985 the Economic and Social Council held a solemn commemorative ceremony in the light of General Assembly resolution 39/114, bearing in mind the continuing relevance of the Charter of the United Nations, in particular its emphasis on the importance of international co-operation towards peace, security and development, fundamental human rights and the dignity of the human person, and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

1. *Takes note, with appreciation, of the report of the Secretary-General¹⁰³ and decides to transmit it to the General Assembly;*

2. *Acknowledges with satisfaction that many States have taken measures for the solemn commemoration of this anniversary and of the founding of the United Nations;*

3. *Considers that the solemn commemoration by the Council of this anniversary should serve the promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms, in particular the fundamental right to life, liberty and security of person.*

*25th plenary meeting
30 May 1985*

1985/45. International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its decision 1984/124 of 24 May 1984 on the Statute of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women,

Further recalling General Assembly resolutions 39/122 of 14 December 1984 and 39/249 of 9 April 1985,

Having considered the report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its fifth session,¹⁰⁴

1. *Expresses its satisfaction for the significant achievements in the programme of work of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women;*

2. *Takes note of the decisions of the Board of Trustees contained in the report of its fifth session;*

3. *Notes the decision of the Board of Trustees by which it requested the Economic and Social Council to make an appeal for contributions from Governments and other potential donors;¹⁰⁵*

4. *Appeals to Governments and other potential donors to contribute to the Trust Fund established for the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women in view of the increasing importance of*

¹⁰² See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1985, Supplement No. 2 (E/1985/22)*, chap II.

¹⁰³ A/40/232-E/1985-40 and Add.1 and 2.

¹⁰⁴ E/1985/44.

¹⁰⁵ *Ibid.*, para. 16.

research and training for full participation of women in the development process at all levels.

26th plenary meeting
31 May 1985

1985/46. Women and development

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1982/50 of 28 July 1982 and 1983/78 of 29 July 1983, as well as its decision 1984/101 of 10 February 1984, by which it decided to review the question of women and development at its first regular session of 1985,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General reviewing the issue of women and development in the medium-term plans of the organizations of the United Nations system,¹⁰⁶

Confirming the importance of the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

Convinced of the importance of integrating women fully into all aspects of the development process both as agents and as beneficiaries,

Recognizing the need for greater coherence and efficiency of the policies and programmes related to women and development of the organizations of the United Nations system,

Bearing in mind its resolution 1984/12 of 24 May 1984, pursuant to which the Commission on the Status of Women, at its thirty-first session, will review the ways in which the needs and concerns of women can be integrated into all planning and programme activities of the United Nations system,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Secretary-General reviewing the issue of women and development in the medium-term plans of the organizations of the United Nations system, and the recommendations contained therein, as a first step towards a coherent approach by the organizations of the United Nations system to policies and programmes related to women and development;

2. *Urges* all United Nations bodies, including the regional commissions, and the specialized agencies which have not yet done so, to develop and implement comprehensive policies for women and development and to incorporate them into their medium-term plans, statements of objectives, programmes and other major policy statements;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, to take the initiative in formulating a system-wide medium-term plan for women and development, taking into account the priorities recommended by the Council, the recommendations of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, to be held at Nairobi from 15 to 26 July 1985, and the relevant decisions of the respective governing bodies of the organizations of the United Nations system, to be submitted, through the Committee on the Status of Women at its thirty-first session, to the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its twenty-sixth session and to the Council at its second regular session of 1986;

4. *Recommends* that future medium-term plans of the United Nations and the specialized agencies should contain intersectoral presentations of the various programmes dealing with issues of concern to women and that revisions of current plans should be considered in the light of the results of the Nairobi Conference;

5. *Also recommends* that in formulating programmes and projects it should explicitly be indicated where women constitute a significant proportion of the intended beneficiaries;

6. *Invites* the Commission on the Status of Women, beginning in 1986, to review regularly the priorities and strategies for the advancement of women of the organizations of the United Nations system and to report biennially to the Council on progress made system-wide in their implementation;

7. *Requests* the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination to undertake in 1989 a cross-organizational programme analysis in order to review systematically the activities for and resources allocated to the advancement of women, and requests the Secretary-General to submit the proposed general framework and approach of that cross-organizational programme analysis for comment to the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirty-second session;

8. *Decides* to transmit the report of the Secretary-General¹⁰⁶ to the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace for its consideration in formulating forward-looking strategies for the advancement of women at the international and regional levels;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Council at its regular sessions of 1986 on the implementation of the present resolution.

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31 May 1985

¹⁰⁶ E/1985/45.

DECISIONS

ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION FOR 1985

1985/101. Basic programme of work of the Economic and Social Council for 1985 and 1986

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BASIC PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE COUNCIL FOR 1985

1. At its 5th plenary meeting, on 8 February 1985, the Council, having considered the draft basic programme of work for 1985 and 1986 submitted by the Secretary-General,¹⁰⁷ approved the following provisional agenda for its first regular session of 1985:

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF 1985

(7-31 May 1985)

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
2. Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination
3. Implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
4. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
5. Activities for the advancement of women; United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace
6. International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
7. Assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia
8. Non-governmental organizations
9. University for Peace
10. Population questions
11. Statistical questions
12. Transport of dangerous goods
13. Cartography
14. Public administration and finance
15. Transnational corporations
16. Human rights
17. Social development
18. Narcotic drugs
19. Elections and nominations
20. Consideration of the provisional agenda for the second regular session of 1985

2. The Council decided, in connection with the provisional agenda for its first regular session of 1985:

(a) That agenda items 1 to 9 and 19 and 20 would be considered in plenary meeting, item 3 also being considered by the Sessional Working Group of Governmental Experts on the Implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, items 10 to 15 by the First (Economic) Committee, and items 16 to 18 by the Second (Social) Committee;

(b) To hold on 8 or 9 May 1985, during a meeting of its first regular session, a solemn commemorative ceremony in the light of General Assembly resolution 39/114 of 14 December 1984, and bearing in mind the continuing relevance of the Charter of the United Nations, in particular its emphasis on the importance of international co-operation towards peace, security and

development, fundamental human rights and the dignity of the human person, and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion;

(c) To consider, under the item entitled "Transnational corporations", the recommendations that may be made by the Commission on Transnational Corporations at its eleventh session concerning the report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Preparations for the Public Hearings on the Activities of Transnational Corporations in South Africa and Namibia.

3. The Council also approved, subject to rule 9, paragraph 4, of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council, the following provisional agenda for its second regular session of 1985:

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF 1985

(Geneva, 3-26 July 1985)

1. Opening of the session
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
3. General discussion of international economic and social policy, including regional and sectoral developments
4. Review of the immediate and longer-term aspects of the critical economic situation in Africa and the follow-up of the response by the international community and the United Nations system
5. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees¹⁰⁸
6. Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories
7. United Nations University
8. Regional co-operation
9. Transnational corporations
10. Food problems
11. Natural resources
12. Industrial development co-operation
13. Trade and development
14. International co-operation on the environment
15. International co-operation in the field of human settlements
16. Science and technology for development
17. Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance
18. Operational activities for development
19. International co-operation and co-ordination within the United Nations system
20. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987
21. 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
22. Countries stricken by desertification and drought
23. Calendar of conferences

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Reports brought to the attention of the Council
Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit

¹⁰⁸ In accordance with Council resolution 1623 (LI) of 30 July 1971, the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees should be transmitted to the General Assembly without debate, unless the Council decides otherwise, at the specific request of one or more of its members or of the High Commissioner, at the time of the adoption of its agenda.

¹⁰⁷ E/1985/1 and Add.1.

4. The Council decided, in connection with the provisional agenda for its second regular session of 1985:

(a) That items 1 to 7 would be considered in plenary meeting, items 8 to 16 and 22 by the First (Economic) Committee, and items 17 to 21 and 23 by the Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee;

(b) To give priority consideration at its second regular session of 1985 to the question of the review of the immediate and longer-term aspects of the critical economic situation in Africa and the follow-up of the response by the international community and the United Nations system, and to take up at its first regular session of 1985 the question of a second priority issue for its second regular session;

(c) To consider in detail, under the item entitled "Regional co-operation", in pursuance of paragraph 1 (h) of its resolution 1982/50 of 28 July 1982 and taking into account the joint recommendations made by the executive secretaries of the regional commissions, the question of interregional co-operation to promote and support activities related to economic co-operation among developing countries and technical co-operation among developing countries, giving due regard to the Caracas Programme of Action,¹⁰⁹

(d) To undertake an in-depth review of the reports of the Industrial Development Board and the World Food Council, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 39/217 of 18 December 1984, and to submit recommendations thereon to the Assembly for consideration and action;

(e) Not to consider proposals on the reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme, the Commission on Human Settlements and the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development, except specific recommendations contained therein which require action by the Council and proposals on matters relating to the co-ordination aspects of the work of those bodies, and to request those bodies to draw to the attention of the Council matters which require action by the Council, particularly in the co-ordination of the activities of the United Nations system in their respective fields; introductory statements to those reports will be dispensed with;

(f) Not to consider the parts of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme dealing with the United Nations Capital Development Fund, United Nations technical co-operation activities and the United Nations Volunteers programme, except for the recommendations contained therein which require action by the Council;

(g) To consider in 1985, in view of the urgency of the subject-matter, the reports of the Secretary-General on the work of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator and the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region, and thereafter to consider those reports on a biennial basis in even years.

5. The Council also decided to consider the report of the Council of the United Nations University on a biennial basis in even years, starting in 1986.

6. The Council further decided to review at its organizational session for 1986, in the light of General Assembly resolution 39/217, the periodicity of the annual reports submitted by the Secretariat to the Assembly through the Council, other than those referred to in paragraph 4 (g) above.

7. The Council requested the Secretary-General, in his reports to be submitted to the General Assembly through the Council, to draw attention to matters which require action by the Council, particularly in the field of co-ordination of questions in the United Nations system.

8. The Council decided to direct all its subsidiary bodies to take into consideration and, as required, to act upon the relevant resolutions and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session.

II

QUESTIONS FOR INCLUSION IN THE PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE COUNCIL FOR 1986

9. The Council took note of the following list of questions for inclusion in its programme of work for 1986.

A. FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF 1986 (6-30 May 1986)

Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (General Assembly resolutions 38/14 of 22 November 1983 and 39/16 of 23 November 1984, and Council resolution 1984/43 of 24 May 1984)

Implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Council resolution 1988 (LX) of 11 May 1976 and decision 1981/158 of 8 May 1981)

Report of the Sessional Working Group of Governmental Experts on the Implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Relevant reports submitted by States parties to the Covenant and by the specialized agencies

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women)

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

Report of the Human Rights Committee (article 45 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights)

International co-operation in tax matters

Report of the *Ad Hoc* Group of Experts on International Co-operation in Tax Matters (Council resolution 1980/13 of 28 April 1980)

Population questions

Report of the Secretary-General on action taken on the recommendations of the International Conference on Population for the further implementation of the World Population Plan of Action (General Assembly resolution 39/228 of 18 December 1984)

Human rights

Report of the Commission on Human Rights on its forty-second session (Council resolutions 5 (I) of 16 February 1946 and 9 (II) of 21 June 1946)

Adverse consequences for the enjoyment of human rights of political, military, economic and other forms of assistance given to the racist and colonialist régime of South Africa (General Assembly resolution 39/15 of 23 November 1984)

Human rights violations and disabled persons (Council resolution 1984/26 of 24 May 1984)

Implications of scientific and technological developments for human rights (General Assembly resolution 39/132 of 14 December 1984)

Report of the Secretary-General on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights in the Asian region (General Assembly resolution 39/116 of 14 December 1984)

United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons (Council resolution 1984/26 of 24 May 1984)

Report of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities on the report of the special rapporteur on human rights violations and disabled persons

Report of the Commission on Human Rights on its forty-second session

¹⁰⁹ A/36/333 and Corr.1, annex.

Social development

Report of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control on its ninth session (General Assembly resolution 415 (V) of 1 December 1950 and Council resolutions 1584 (L) of 21 May 1971 and 1979/19 of 9 May 1979 and decisions 1981/192 of 24 July 1981 and 1981/194 of 21 October 1981)

Human rights in the administration of justice (General Assembly resolution 39/118 of 14 December 1984)

Activities for the advancement of women: United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its thirty-first session (Council resolutions 11 (II) of 21 June 1946 and 1147 (XLI) of 4 August 1966)

Integration of women in all aspects of development (General Assembly resolution 39/128 of 14 December 1984)

Report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (Council resolution 1998 (LX) of 12 May 1976)

B. SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF 1986 (2-25 July 1986)

General discussion of international economic and social policy, including regional and sectoral developments (General Assembly resolution 118 (II) of 31 October 1947 and Council resolution 1724 (LIII) of 28 July 1972)

World Economic Survey

Summaries of the surveys of the economic conditions of the five regions prepared by the regional commissions (Council resolution 1724 (LIII) of 28 July 1972)

Report of the Committee for Development Planning on its twenty-second session (Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX) of 28 July 1965 and 1625 (LI) of 30 July 1971)

Report of the Secretary-General on confidence-building in international economic relations (General Assembly resolution 39/226 of 18 December 1984)

Report of the Secretary-General on a unified approach to development analysis and planning (General Assembly resolutions 38/179 of 19 December 1983 and 39/217 of 18 December 1984)

*Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees*¹¹⁰ (General Assembly resolution 428 (V) of 14 December 1950)

Regional co-operation

Report of the Secretary-General on regional co-operation (Council decision 1979/1 of 9 February 1979)

Annual report of the Secretary-General on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa¹¹¹ (General Assembly resolution 32/160 of 19 December 1977)

Annual progress report of the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa (Council resolution 1983/67 of 29 July 1983 and General Assembly resolution 38/150 of 19 December 1983)¹¹¹

Report of the Secretary-General on the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific, 1985-1994 (Council resolution 1984/78 of 27 July 1984 and General Assembly resolution 39/227 of 18 December 1984)

Transnational corporations

Report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its twelfth session (Council resolution 1913 (L.VII) of 5 December 1974)

Food problems

Report of the World Food Council on its twelfth session¹¹² (General Assembly resolution 3348 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974)

¹¹⁰In accordance with Council resolution 1623 (LI) of 30 July 1971, the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees should be transmitted to the General Assembly without debate, unless the Council decides otherwise, at the specific request of one or more of its members or of the High Commissioner, at the time of the adoption of its agenda.

¹¹¹Subject to review by the Council, in the light of General Assembly resolution 39/217 on the biennial programme of work of the Second Committee.

¹¹²The report will be considered by the General Assembly in 1986.

Report of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes (General Assembly resolution 3404 (XXX) of 28 November 1975)

Industrial development co-operation

Report of the Industrial Development Board on its twentieth session¹¹² (General Assembly resolution 2152 (XXI) of 17 November 1966)

International co-operation in the field of human settlements

Report of the Commission on Human Settlements on its ninth session¹¹³ (General Assembly resolution 32/162 of 19 December 1977 and Council resolution 1978/1 of 12 January 1978)

Science and technology for development

Report of the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development on its eighth session (General Assembly resolution 34/218 of 19 December 1979)

Development and utilization of new and renewable sources of energy

Report of the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy on its third session (General Assembly resolution 37/250 of 21 December 1982)

Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance

Oral report of the Secretary-General on the status of assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda (Council resolution 1983/46 of 28 July 1983)

Implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region (Council resolution 1982/49 of 28 July 1982 and General Assembly resolution 38/225 of 20 December 1983)

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator¹¹² (General Assembly resolution 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971)

Operational activities for development

Report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation on a comprehensive policy review of the operational activities of the United Nations system (General Assembly resolution 35/81 of 5 December 1980)

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its thirty-third session (General Assembly resolution 2029 (XX) of 22 November 1965)

Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund (General Assembly resolution 802 (VIII) of 6 October 1953)

International co-operation and co-ordination within the United Nations system

Report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on its twenty-sixth session (Council resolution 2008 (LX) of 14 May 1976)

Report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination for 1985/86 (Council resolution 13 (III) of 21 September 1946)

Report of the Chairmen of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on the Joint Meetings of the two Committees (Council resolutions 1171 (XLI) of 5 August 1966, 1472 (XLVIII) of 13 January 1970 and 2008 (LX) of 14 May 1976)

Report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on expenditures of the United Nations system in relation to programmes (Council decision 1980/103 of 6 February 1980)

Report of the Secretary-General on protection against products harmful to health and the environment (General Assembly resolutions 37/137 of 17 December 1982, 38/149 of 19 December 1983 and 39/229 of 18 December 1984)

Programme planning

Report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on its twenty-sixth session (Council resolution 2008 (LX) of 14 May 1976)

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

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (Council resolution 2100 (LXIII) of 3 August 1977)

¹¹³The Commission on Human Settlements is expected to consider, at its eighth session, the question of a biennial cycle of sessions for the Commission.

Assistance to the oppressed people of South Africa and their national liberation movement provided by the specialized agencies and other institutions within the United Nations system (General Assembly resolution 33/183 K of 24 January 1979)

Trade and development

Report of the Trade and Development Board (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964)

United Nations University

Report of the Council of the United Nations University¹¹² (General Assembly resolution 3081 (XXVIII) of 6 December 1973)

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Reports brought to the attention of the Council

Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit

1985/102. Countries stricken by desertification and drought

At its 5th plenary meeting, on 8 February 1985, the Council decided to include an item entitled "Countries stricken by desertification and drought" in the provisional agenda for its second regular session of 1985 and to consider that item at the same time as the item entitled "International co-operation on the environment".

1985/103. Resumed session of the Committee on the Review and Appraisal of the Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade

At its 5th plenary meeting, on 8 February 1985, the Council:

(a) Decided that the Committee on the Review and Appraisal of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade should hold a resumed session beginning with a formal meeting on 6 May 1985, to be followed by up to nine formal or informal meetings ending on 17 May 1985, drawing on the facilities provided for the first regular session of 1985 of the Council, as available;

(b) Requested the Bureau of the Council, in preparing the organization of the work of the first regular session of the Council, to take into account the requirements of the resumed session of the Committee, without adversely affecting the work of the Council;

(c) Requested the Secretary-General to prepare a report on the status of the implementation of the International Development Strategy, focusing on the achievement of the goals and objectives of the Strategy;

(d) Decided further that an annotated outline of the Secretary-General's report should be submitted to the Committee at its resumed session in May 1985;

(e) Recommended that informal consultations should be held among delegations or groups of delegations, with the assistance of the Bureau of the Committee, to consider the procedural and organizational aspects of the work of the Committee at its resumed session;

(f) Decided to consider future arrangements for the work of the Committee at its first regular session of 1985, on the basis of the recommendations of the Committee.

1985/104. Draft convention against the illicit traffic in narcotic drugs

At its 5th plenary meeting, on 8 February 1985, the Council, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 39/141 of 14 December 1984, decided:

(a) To request the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, at its thirty-first session, to initiate, as a matter of priority, the preparation of a draft convention against illicit traffic in narcotic drugs which considers the various aspects of the problem as a whole, in particular those not envisaged in existing international instruments, and, to that end, to transmit to the Commission as a working paper the draft convention annexed to Assembly resolution 39/141;

(b) To request the Commission to report to the Council, if possible at its first regular session of 1985, on the results achieved in this respect.

1985/105. Scheduling of the sessions of the Human Rights Committee

At its 5th plenary meeting, on 8 February 1985, the Council, having considered the decision adopted by the Human Rights Committee at its 571st meeting on 8 November 1984¹¹⁴ and the interim arrangement proposed in response to Council decision 1983/101 of 4 February 1983, by which the Council invited the Human Rights Committee to consider the possibility of rescheduling its meetings so that its report, starting in 1984, could be submitted to the General Assembly through the Council at its first regular session, decided to agree to the interim arrangement proposed and, without prejudice to further consideration by the Council of the present arrangements at a future session, to authorize the Secretary-General to transmit the annual report of the Human Rights Committee directly to the General Assembly.

1985/106. Scheduling of the sessions of the Trade and Development Board

At its 5th plenary meeting, on 8 February 1985, the Council, having considered the letter dated 22 January 1985 from the President of the Trade and Development Board, addressed to the President of the Council¹¹⁵ in pursuance of Council decision 1984/161 of 25 July 1984 on the scheduling of the sessions of the Board, decided:

(a) To invite the Trade and Development Board to pursue its efforts to find a flexible and practical approach to the resolution of this issue;

(b) To consider, at its second regular session of 1985, the report of the Board on its thirtieth session;

(c) To request the Secretary-General, without prejudice to further consideration of the present arrangements by the Council at a future session, to transmit the report of the Board on its fourteenth special session and its thirty-first session directly to the General Assembly.

1985/107. Review of the functioning of the Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination

At its 5th plenary meeting, on 8 February 1985, the Council, reiterating its resolution 1984/61 B of 26 July 1984, recommended that the Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination for 1985 should focus on the effectiveness and co-ordination of relief efforts in Africa by United Nations organs and specialized agencies.

¹¹⁴ See E/1985/L.1.

¹¹⁵ E/1985/50.

1985/108. Resumed twenty-first session of the Committee for Development Planning

At its 5th plenary meeting, on 8 February 1985, the Council, recalling its resolution 1984/83 of 27 July 1984, decided to authorize the Committee for Development Planning to resume its twenty-first session and to hold that session at United Nations Headquarters from 20 to 23 April 1985, bearing in mind that meetings of working groups of the Committee provided for in the regular budgetary allocations for the biennium 1984-1985 will be cancelled, as necessary, in order to finance the resumed session within existing resources.

1985/109. Twentieth session of the Economic Commission for Africa and eleventh meeting of the Conference of Ministers of the Commission

At its 5th plenary meeting, on 8 February 1985, the Council, recalling its decision 1984/183 of 27 July 1984 and having considered the note by the Secretariat regarding the change of venue of the twentieth session of the Economic Commission for Africa,¹¹⁶ decided, without prejudice to paragraph 4 (f) of General Assembly resolution 31/140 of 17 December 1976, that the twentieth session of the Economic Commission for Africa and eleventh meeting of the Conference of Ministers of the Commission should be held at the headquarters of the Commission at Addis Ababa.

1985/110. Resolution of the Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean concerning El Salvador

At its 5th plenary meeting, on 8 February 1985, the Council:

(a) Took note of the fact that the Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean adopted, on 28 June 1984, resolution 472 (PLEN.17), concerning assistance to El Salvador,¹¹⁷ without signifying any agreement on the part of the Council with the contents of paragraph 2 thereof regarding the treatment of countries as least developed countries;

(b) Emphasized, in this connection, that as a general practice the existing procedures for the inclusion of countries in the list of the least developed countries should be followed by all the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system.

1985/111. Membership of subsidiary bodies of the Council: elections, appointments and confirmations

1. At its 4th and 5th plenary meetings, on 8 February 1985, the Council took the following action with regard to vacancies on its subsidiary bodies:

INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD

The Council elected Mr. S. Oguz Kayaalp (Turkey) for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 1 March 1987.

¹¹⁶ E/1985/L.13.

¹¹⁷ See E/1985/15.

COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

The Council elected MALI for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1988.

The Council postponed until a future session the election of one member from Asian States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1988.

COMMISSION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

The Committee postponed until a future session the election of one member from Eastern European States and two members from Western European and other States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1987.

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

The Council elected ARGENTINA for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1988.

The Council postponed until a future session the election of three members from Asian States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1986, one member from Latin American States and one member from Western European and other States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1988.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS ON INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS OF ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING

The Council postponed until a future session the election of one member from Asian States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1985; three members from Eastern European States, two members for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1985 and one member for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1987; and two members from African States and one member from Latin American States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1987.

SESSIONAL WORKING GROUP OF GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS

The Council elected MEXICO for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1986.

The Council elected ECUADOR and SENEGAL for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1987.

The Council postponed until a future session the election of two members from Asian States, one for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1985 and the other for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1987.

2. At its 4th plenary meeting, the Council confirmed the nominations, by their Governments, of the following representatives on functional commissions of the Council:¹¹⁸

STATISTICAL COMMISSION

Luis Beccaria (Argentina)
Jessé de Souza Montello (Brazil)
Zhang Sai (China)
Fidel Vascos-Gonzalez (Cuba)
Olavi E. Niitamo (Finland)
Kiron Chandra Seal (India)

¹¹⁸ See E/1985/11/Rev.1 and Add.1-3.

Saburo Kawai (Japan)
 Stephen Kuzmich (New Zealand)
 Syed Habeeb Husain (Pakistan)
 Luis Ruiz Maya-Perez (Spain)
 Aleksandr Afanasievich Zhuk (Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic)
 John Boreham (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)
 Dorothy M. Tella (United States of America)

POPULATION COMMISSION

José Baldivia (Bolivia)
 Sergio Martins Thompson-Flores (Brazil)
 Jean Bourgeois-Pichat (France)
 Hermann Schubnell (Germany, Federal Republic of)
 Jagdis Chundur Mohith (Mauritius)
 Thamarak Karnpisit (Thailand)
 Tandogan Tokgöz (Turkey)
 Irina Vladimirovna Khainatskaya (Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic)
 Vincent P. Barabba (United States of America)

COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

María Teresa Infante Barros (Chile)
 Kleanthis Vakis (Cyprus)
 Paul Vorre (Denmark)
 Luis Ortiz (Ecuador)
 Mauricio Rosales (El Salvador)
 Anna Maria Cavallone (Italy)
 Eliakim Milton Masale (Kenya)
 Dato' Yahya bin Abdul Wabab (Malaysia)
 Michal Dobroczyński (Poland)
 Prakorb Juangbhanich (Thailand)
 Folly-Glijdjo Akakpo (Togo)
 Nicholas D. Kitikiti (Zimbabwe)

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Robert H. Robertson (Australia)
 Felix Ermacora (Austria)
 Li Luye (China)
 Sadako Ogata (Japan)
 Raphael M. Kiilu (Kenya)

Thabo Makeka (Lesotho)
 Marcus M. Kofa (Liberia)
 José Manuel Lacleta (Spain)
 Hector Wilfred Jayewardene (Sri Lanka)
 José Francisco Sucre-Figarella (Venezuela)

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Maria de Lourdes Castro e Silva de Vincenzi (Brazil)
 Elena Kostantinovna Romanovich (Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic)
 Maureen O'Neil (Canada)
 Colette Gadioux (France)
 Sheila Dikshit (India)
 Yoko Nuita (Japan)
 Liliane Dubois (Mauritius)
 Mahasin Gailani (Sudan)
 Feiza Kefi (Tunisia)
 Elia Borges de Tapia (Venezuela)

1985/112. Twentieth session of the Economic Commission for Africa and eleventh meeting of the Conference of Ministers of the Commission

At its 6th plenary meeting, on 22 March 1985, the Council, recalling its decision 1985/109 of 8 February 1985 and taking note of the offer subsequently made by the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania¹¹⁹ to act as host to the twentieth session of the Economic Commission for Africa and eleventh meeting of the Conference of Ministers of the Commission in accordance with the terms of paragraph 5 of section 1 of General Assembly resolution 31/140 of 17 December 1976, decided that the twentieth session of the Economic Commission for Africa and eleventh meeting of the Conference of Ministers of the Commission should be held at Arusha in April 1985, in accordance with the aforementioned terms of Assembly resolution 31/140.

¹¹⁹ See E/1985/59.

FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF 1985

1985/113. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations

At its 11th plenary meeting, on 10 May 1985, the Council:

(a) Took note of the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations;¹²⁰

(b) Decided to grant the following non-governmental organizations consultative status:

CATEGORY I

Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan Council of North and South America

CATEGORY II

American Mideast Educational and Training Services, Inc.
 Anglican Consultative Council
 Arab Women Solidarity Association
 Association of African Women for Research and Development
 Christian Children's Fund, Incorporated
 Covenant House

European Federation of Conference Towns
 General Arab Women Federation
 General Conference of the Seventh Day Adventists
 Housewives in Dialogue
 Human Rights Advocates, Inc.
 Indigenous World Association
 Institute of Cultural Affairs (International)
 Institute of Social Studies Trust
 Inter African Union of Lawyers
 Inter-University European Institute on Social Welfare
 International Association of Women in Radio and Television
 Islamic African Relief Agency
 Italian Centre of Solidarity
 Latin American Federation of Associations of Relatives of Disappeared Detainees
 Liberal International (World Liberal Union)
 National Aboriginal and Islander Legal Services Secretariat
 Save the Children Fund (United Kingdom)
 Unión Iberoamericana de Colegios y Agrupaciones de Abogados
 Women's Missionary Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Church
 World Vision International

ROSTER

Asian Non-governmental Organizations Coalition for Agrarian Reform and Rural Development

¹²⁰ E/1985/19 and Corr.1.

Dayemi Complex, Dhaka
 Hunger Project, The
 International Assets Valuation Standard Committee
 International Association for Driving Instruction and Traffic Education
 International Emergency Action
 International Federation for the Protection of the Rights of Ethnic, Religious, Linguistic and Other Minorities
 International Movement for the Apostolate of Children
 International Society for General Semantics
 International New Towns Association
 PACE—United Kingdom
 Parliamentary Association for Euro-Arab Co-operation
 SUNSAT Energy Council

(c) Decided to reclassify one organization from category II to category I consultative status and seven others from the Roster to category II consultative status, as follows:

CATEGORY I

Zonta International

CATEGORY II

International Association of Judges
 International Committee on the Management of Population Programmes
 International Social Science Council
 Population Council, The
 Union of International Technical Associations
 World Association for Element Building and Prefabrication
 World Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Associations

1985/114. Withdrawal of consultative status

At its 11th plenary meeting, on 10 May 1985, the Council decided to withdraw consultative status from the International Police Association.

1985/115. Provisional agenda and documentation for the session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to be held in 1987

At its 11th plenary meeting, on 10 May 1985, the Council approved the provisional agenda and documentation set out below for the session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to be held in 1987.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND DOCUMENTATION FOR THE SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS TO BE HELD IN 1987

1. Election of officers
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
3. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations
Documentation
 New applications for consultative status
 Deferred applications for consultative status and deferred requests for reclassification
4. Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in categories I and II consultative status with the Economic and Social Council
Documentation
 Quadrennial reports on the activities of non-governmental organizations in categories I and II consultative status with the Economic and Social Council
5. Review of future activities
6. Provisional agenda and documentation for the session of the Committee to be held in 1989
7. Adoption of the report of the Committee

1985/116. Resumed session of the Committee on the Review and Appraisal of the Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade

At its 15th plenary meeting, on 15 May 1985, the Council:

(a) Took note with appreciation of the oral report made at that meeting 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 Decade¹²¹ and endorsed the recommendations of the Committee;

(b) Decided that the Committee should resume its session from 6 to 16 September 1985 and endorsed the Committee's request to its Chairman to prepare a new text on the review and appraisal of the Strategy to enable the Committee to further its work with a view to its completion at that session.

1985/117. International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

At its 21st plenary meeting, on 24 May 1985, the Council:

(a) Took note of the note by the Secretary-General¹²² transmitting the general comments of the Human Rights Committee relating to articles 1 and 14 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, adopted at its twenty-first session, and those relating to article 6 of the Covenant, adopted at its twenty-third session;

(b) Decided to request the Secretary-General to transmit the annual report of the Human Rights Committee directly to the General Assembly at its fortieth session.

1985/118. Provisional agenda and documentation for the twenty-fourth session of the Population Commission

At its 22nd plenary meeting, on 28 May 1985, the Council approved the provisional agenda and documentation for the twenty-fourth session of the Population Commission set out below.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND DOCUMENTATION FOR THE TWENTY-FOURTH SESSION OF THE POPULATION COMMISSION

1. Election of officers
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
3. Action by the United Nations to implement the recommendations of the World Population Conference, 1974: monitoring of population trends and policies and review and appraisal of progress towards the implementation of the World Population Plan of Action
Documentation
 Concise report of the Secretary-General on monitoring of population trends and policies (Council decision 87 (LVIII))
 Note by the Secretary-General on the preparations for the third review and appraisal of the World Population Plan of Action
4. Programme of work in the field of population for the biennium 1988-1989 and implementation of the programme budget for 1986-1987
Documentation
 Note by the Secretary-General on the proposed programme in the field of population for the biennium 1988-1989

¹²¹ See E/1985/SR.15.

¹²² E/1985/56.

Report of the Secretary-General on progress of work in the field of population for 1986-1987

5. Provisional agenda for the twenty-fifth session of the Commission
6. Adoption of the report of the Commission

1985/119. Population questions

At its 22nd plenary meeting, on 28 May 1985, the Council decided to invite the governing bodies of appropriate organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to take the necessary and appropriate measures for the effective implementation of the report of the International Conference on Population,¹²³ containing the recommendations of the Conference, within their respective spheres of competence and mandates.

1985/120. Report of the Secretary-General on the world population situation

At its 22nd plenary meeting, on 28 May 1985, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General containing the summary and conclusions of the biennial report on the world population situation.¹²⁴

1985/121. Report of the Population Commission

At its 22nd plenary meeting, on 28 May 1985, the Council took note of the report of the Population Commission on its twenty-third session.¹²⁵

1985/122. Report of the Statistical Commission on its twenty-third session and provisional agenda and documentation for the twenty-fourth session of the Commission

At its 22nd plenary meeting, on 28 May 1985, the Council:

(a) Took note of the report of the Statistical Commission on its twenty-third session;¹²⁶

(b) Approved the provisional agenda and documentation for the twenty-fourth session of the Commission set out below.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND DOCUMENTATION FOR THE TWENTY-FOURTH SESSION OF THE STATISTICAL COMMISSION

1. Election of officers
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
3. Special issues
 - (a) Communications between national and international statistical agencies

Documentation

Report on current and potential future communications among national and international statistical agencies and ways to enhance them

(b) Special problems in the statistically least developed among the developing countries

Documentation

A report, following up discussion of this matter at the twenty-third session of the Commission and including a consideration of the

¹²³ Report of the International Conference on Population, 1984, Mexico City, 6-14 August 1984 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.84.XIII.8 and corrigenda).

¹²⁴ A/40/190-E/1985/20.

¹²⁵ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1985, Supplement No. 5 (E/1985/25).

¹²⁶ Ibid., Supplement No. 6 (E/1985/26).

statistical problems and priorities and the appropriateness of existing international statistical guidelines for these countries.

- (c) The interrelations between statistical services and the emerging network of data bases

Documentation

Report on the development of networks of data bases incorporating data bases of interest to national and international statistical agencies and their implications for statistical services

4. Dissemination of international statistics

Documentation

Report on action taken following the Commission's consideration of agenda items 3 (a) and (c) at the twenty-third session

5. National accounts and balances

(a) System of National Accounts (SNA)

Documentation

Report on progress in the revision of the System of National Accounts

Report on the state of basic economic information used in the System of National Accounts

Report on links between the System of National Accounts, balance-of-payments statistics, government finance statistics and financial institution statistics

(b) System of Balances of the National Economy (MPS)

Documentation

Report of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance on the revision of the System of Balances of the National Economy

Draft basic methodological provisions for the compilation of the System of Balances of the National Economy

(c) Links between the System of National Accounts and the System of Balances of the National Economy

Documentation

Report on the elaboration of the conceptual framework of SNA and MPS comparisons and related experimental calculations

6. International economic classifications

Documentation

Progress report on the harmonization of international economic classifications

Draft of the revised International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC)

Draft of the Central Product Classification

7. Price statistics

Documentation

Report on phase V of the International Comparison Project (ICP)

8. Industry, energy and environment statistics

(a) Industrial statistics

Documentation

Report of draft recommendations for a statistical programme for household and small-scale industries

Draft recommendations for a statistical programme for household and small-scale industries

(b) Energy statistics

Documentation

Report on energy statistics, including statistics on new and renewable sources of energy

(c) Environment statistics

Documentation

Report on the environment statistics programme, including the methodological work carried out and progress towards collection and dissemination of environment statistics

9. Demographic and social statistics

(a) Population and housing censuses

Documentation

Report on preparations for the World Population and Housing Census Programme, 1985-1994

Draft supplementary recommendations for the World Population and Housing Census Programme, 1985-1994

(b) Social statistics and indicators

Documentation

Progress report on the co-ordination of work on social statistics and social indicators

10. Technical co-operation

Documentation

Report on technical co-operation in statistics rendered by the United Nations system, other international organizations and countries

Report containing an assessment of the effectiveness of technical co-operation in statistics

Report on the National Household Survey Capability Programme (NHSCP)

Report of the World Bank on prototype surveys of the Living Standards Measurement Study (LSMS) and plans for future work

11. Co-ordination and integration of international statistical programmes

Documentation

Report on the eleventh session of the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Co-ordination

12. Programme implementation

Documentation

Overall review of the results of the statistical work of the international organizations

Updated information on the work of the Statistical Office

13. Programme objectives and planning

Documentation

Report on the plans in statistics of the international organizations, concentrating on important planned changes, that is, new activities and activities to be cancelled or significantly modified

Proposed work programme of the Statistical Office for the biennium 1988-1989 and information on the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1990-1995

14. Provisional agenda for the twenty-fifth session of the Commission

15. Report of the Commission on its twenty-fourth session

1985/123. Note by the Secretary-General on the enlargement of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

At its 22nd plenary meeting, on 28 May 1985, the Council took note of the note by the Secretary-General on the enlargement of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods.¹²⁷

1985/124. Third United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas

At its 22nd plenary meeting, on 28 May 1985, the Council:

(a) Approved the recommendation made by the Third United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas to convene the Fourth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas in 1989;¹²⁸

(b) Decided to request the Secretary-General to take measures, where appropriate, to implement the other recommendations made by the Third United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas,¹²⁹ taking fully into account the views on the recommendations expressed at the first regular session of 1985 of the Economic and Social Council.

¹²⁷ E/1985/37.

¹²⁸ E/1985/38, annex, para. 19.

¹²⁹ *Ibid.*, annex.

1985/125. Report of the Secretary-General on the Third United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas

At its 22nd plenary meeting, on 28 May 1985, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the Third United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas.¹³⁰

1985/126. Mobilization of personal savings

At its 22nd plenary meeting, on 28 May 1985, the Council decided to request the Secretary-General to prepare and circulate for information, before the end of June 1985, a brief report on the Third International Symposium on the Mobilization of Personal Savings in Developing Countries, held at Yaoundé in December 1984.

1985/127. Organization of public hearings on the activities of transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia

At its 22nd plenary meeting, on 28 May 1985, the Council decided:

(a) To approve the recommendations contained in the report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Preparations for the Public Hearings on the Activities of Transnational Corporations in South Africa and Namibia¹³¹ and the publicity programme described in the report of the Secretary-General;¹³²

(b) To invite all Member States to co-operate with the United Nations with a view to ensuring the successful holding of fair, balanced and objective hearings aimed at the eradication of the system of *apartheid*.

1985/128. Provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-second session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

At its 22nd plenary meeting, on 28 May 1985, the Council approved the provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-second session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs set out below.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND DOCUMENTATION FOR THE THIRTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS

1. Election of officers
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
3. Implementation and development of international instruments on the control of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on the implementation of the international drug control treaties

Note by the Secretary-General on the status of multilateral treaties

Note by the Secretary-General on the status of new instruments against the illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances

4. Situation and trends in drug abuse and the illicit traffic

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the review of drug abuse and measures to reduce illicit demand

Report of the Secretary-General on the review of the illicit traffic

¹³⁰ E/1985/38 and Add. I.

¹³¹ E/C.10/1985/8.

¹³² E/C.10/1985/18 and Corr. I.

Note by the Secretary-General on reports from subsidiary organs concerning the illicit trade

Report of the 1986 meeting of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies

5. Action related to international drug control taken at the international level:

- (a) Review and implementation of the International Drug Abuse Control Strategy;
- (b) International drug control bodies of the United Nations and specialized agencies;
- (c) International Narcotics Control Board;
- (d) United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control;
- (e) Intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on review and implementation of the International Drug Abuse Control Strategy

Note by the Secretary-General on international drug control bodies of the United Nations and specialized agencies

Note by the Secretary-General on the report of the International Narcotics Control Board

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1986

Note by the Secretary-General on the report of the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control

Report of the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control

Note by the Secretary-General on intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council

6. Programme of future work and priorities

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on the programme of future work and priorities

7. Other matters

8. Report of the Commission on its thirty-second session

1985/129. Report of the International Narcotics Control Board

At its 22nd plenary meeting, on 28 May 1985, the Council took note of the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1984.¹³³

1985/130. Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

At its 22nd plenary meeting, on 28 May 1985, the Council took note of the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its thirty-first session¹³⁴

1985/131. Statement of the Secretary-General on the question of narcotic drugs

At its 22nd plenary meeting, on 28 May 1985, the Council took note of the statement made by the Secretary-General at the 21st meeting of the Council, on 24 May 1985, on the question of narcotic drugs.¹³⁵

1985/132. Reporting procedure under article 16 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

At its 22nd plenary meeting, on 28 May 1985, the Council, taking note of the recommendation contained in

paragraph 34 of the report of the Sessional Working Group of Governmental Experts on the Implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,¹³⁶ decided, while maintaining the current programme of biennial reports for the first cycle of the reporting procedure under article 16 of the Covenant, to prolong by one year the periodicity of reporting under the second and subsequent cycles of the reporting procedure.

1985/133. Provisional agenda and documentation for the thirtieth session of the Commission for Social Development

At its 23rd plenary meeting, on 29 May 1985, the Council approved the provisional agenda and documentation for the thirtieth session of the Commission for Social Development set out below.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND DOCUMENTATION FOR THE THIRTIETH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

1. Election of officers
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
3. World social situation, with special focus on Africa, including the elimination of all major social obstacles

Under this item the topics of interest to the Commission include overall issues of development and social progress such as the implementation and the review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade; the realization of the implementation of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development; the social aspects and consequences of fundamental changes in the world economy, related in particular to the establishment of the new international economic order; the process of social development and structural socio-economic transformation, including that related to the equitable distribution of income; the social aspects and consequences of issues such as unemployment, inflation, the role of transnational corporations, armament and disarmament, including the adverse effects of the arms race on social progress, and main emerging social issues of international concern.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the main social issues and trends of international concern that have emerged since the preparation of the last report on the world social situation (Council resolution 1985/21)

Report of the Secretary-General on national experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress (Council resolution 1985/32)

Report of the Secretary-General on achieving the full realization of the principles and objectives contained in the Declaration on Social Progress and Development (Council resolution 1985/34)

4. Trends and strategies for social integration through popular participation and policies for the advancement of specific social groups

Under this item issues of interest to the Commission include action to enhance popular participation for social integration, promotion of co-operatives and other local organizations, progress achieved in the preparation of the interregional consultation on developmental social welfare policies and programmes and on strategies adopted at the national level in favour of the family. The Commission will make an assessment of the implementation of the International Youth Year in considering the theme of youth in the contemporary world. The question of aging will be considered in the context of the implementation of the International Plan of Action on Aging. With respect to disabled persons, national experience in implementing the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons will be analysed. The improvement of the situation of migrant workers and their families will be examined.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the role of popular participation in the formulation and implementation of strategies and policies for social integration and comparison of regional and national

¹³³ E/INCB/84/1 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.84.XI.4).

¹³⁴ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1985, Supplement No. 3* (E/1985/23).

¹³⁵ See E/1985/SR.21.

¹³⁶ E/1985/18.

experiences, particularly in developing countries (Council resolution 1983/13)

Report of the Secretary-General on national experience in promoting the co-operative movement (Council resolution 1985/22)

Report of the Secretary-General containing an annotated draft agenda for the interregional consultation on developmental social welfare policies and programmes (Council resolution 1985/26)

Report of the Secretary-General on developments concerning national family policies and programmes (Council resolution 1985/29)

Preliminary report of the Secretary-General on the appraisal of the results of the International Youth Year (Council resolution 1985/23)

Report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons (Council resolution 1985/35)

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in strengthening programmes designed to improve the social situation of migrant workers and their families and in meeting the needs and problems emerging as a result of the changing conditions of international migration (Council resolution 1985/24)

5. Other matters before the Commission

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress of work for the biennium 1985-1986

Note by the Secretary-General on the social welfare and social development activities of the regional commissions for the biennium 1985-1986 (Council resolution 1981/20)

Report of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development on the activities of the Institute during the period 1 November 1984 to 31 December 1986

6. Provisional agenda for the thirty-first session of the Commission

7. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its thirtieth session

1985/134. Provisional rules of procedure for United Nations congresses on the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders

At its 23rd plenary meeting, on 29 May 1985, the Council decided to approve the amendments adopted by the Sixth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, held at Caracas from 25 August to 5 September 1980, to rule 6 and to paragraph 1 of rule 44 of the provisional rules of procedure for United Nations congresses on the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders, approved by the Council in its decisions 1979/25 of 9 May 1979 and 1980/105 of 6 February 1980.¹³⁷

The Council also decided that, at the Seventh Congress, to be held at Milan from 26 August to 6 September 1985, the provisional rules of procedure should be modified, as appropriate, to take into account the appointment of the Secretary-General of the Congress pursuant to Council resolution 1984/45 of 25 May 1984.

The Council further decided to defer until a later date consideration of other amendments to the provisional rules of procedure proposed by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control at its eighth session.¹³⁸

1985/135. Report of the Secretary-General on the social aspects of rural development

At its 23rd plenary meeting, on 29 May 1985, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General

on the social aspects of rural development.¹³⁹

1985/136. Report of the Commission for Social Development

At its 23rd plenary meeting, on 29 May 1985, the Council took note of the report of the Commission for Social Development on its twenty-ninth session¹⁴⁰

1985/137. Study of the problem of discrimination against indigenous populations

At its 25th plenary meeting, on 30 May 1985, the Council, recalling its earlier resolutions authorizing the study on the human rights of indigenous populations and expressing its appreciation for the report¹⁴¹ prepared by Mr. Martínez Cobo, Special Rapporteur of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, requested the Secretary-General to issue the full report of the Special Rapporteur in a consolidated form and to disseminate it widely to Governments, specialized agencies, regional intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and academic and research institutions, and decided that the conclusions and recommendations of the report should be printed, with a suitable introduction to be prepared by the Secretary-General.

1985/138. General decision concerning the establishment of a working group of the Commission on Human Rights to examine situations referred to the Commission under Economic and Social Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII) and those situations of which the Commission is seized

At its 25th plenary meeting, on 30 May 1985, the Council approved the decision of the Commission on Human Rights, in its decision 1985/106 of 5 March 1985,¹⁴² to set up a working group composed of five of its members to meet for one week prior to its forty-second session to examine such particular situations as might be referred to the Commission by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities at its thirty-eighth session under Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII) of 27 May 1970 and those situations of which the Commission is seized.

1985/139. Discontinuance of consideration of the human rights situation in Uruguay

At its 25th plenary meeting, on 30 May 1985, the Council, noting Commission on Human Rights decision 1985/107 of 8 March 1985,¹⁴² encouraged the Government of Uruguay to persist in its endeavours fully to restore respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms throughout the country and decided, as requested by the Government of Uruguay, that the material relating to Uruguay which had been before the Commission under Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII) of 27 May 1970 should no longer be restricted

¹³⁷ See E/1985/L.23. For the printed text, see *Sixth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, Caracas, 25 August-5 September 1980: Report prepared by the Secretariat* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.81.IV.4), chap. I, sect. B.

¹³⁸ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1984, Supplement No. 6 (E/1984/16)*, chap. I, draft resolution 1

¹³⁹ E/1985/8.

¹⁴⁰ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1985, Supplement No. 4 (E/1985/24 and Corr.1)*.

¹⁴¹ E/CN.4/Sub.2/476 and Add.1-6; E/CN.4/Sub.2/1982/2 and Add.1-7; and E/CN.4/Sub.2/1983/21 and Add.1-8.

¹⁴² See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1985, Supplement No. 2 (E/1985/22)*, chap. II.

1985/140. Situation of human rights in South Africa

At its 25th plenary meeting, on 30 May 1985, the Council, noting Commission on Human Rights resolution 1985/8 of 26 February 1985,¹⁴² approved the Commission's decision to renew the mandate of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts on southern Africa. The Council also approved the authorization given by the Commission to the Chairman of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group to participate in conferences, symposia, seminars or other events connected with action against *apartheid* organized under the auspices of the Special Committee against *Apartheid*.

1985/141. Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

At its 25th plenary meeting, on 30 May 1985, the Council, noting the recommendation made by the Commission on Human Rights in paragraph 7 of its resolution 1985/11 of 26 February 1985,¹⁴² decided to organize in 1986, in Africa, an international seminar on international assistance and support to peoples and movements struggling against colonialism, racism, racial discrimination and *apartheid*.

1985/142. Question of enforced or involuntary disappearances

At its 25th plenary meeting, on 30 May 1985, the Council, noting Commission on Human Rights resolution 1985/20 of 11 March 1985,¹⁴² approved the Commission's decision to extend for one year the mandate of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, as laid down in Commission resolution 20 (XXXVI) of 29 February 1980.¹⁴³ The Council further approved the Commission's request to the Secretary-General to ensure that the Working Group would receive all necessary assistance, in particular the staff and resources it required to perform its functions in an effective and expeditious manner.

1985/143. Slavery and slavery-like practices: mission to Mauritania

At its 25th plenary meeting, on 30 May 1985, the Council, noting Commission on Human Rights resolution 1985/24 of 11 March 1985,¹⁴² approved the Commission's request to the expert of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, Mr. Marc Bossuyt, to prepare a follow-up report on the basis of replies received and taking into account the views expressed by the Sub-Commission at its thirty-seventh session and by the Commission at its forty-first session on the matter, in particular with respect to assistance which could be provided to Mauritania, and to submit to the Sub-Commission an interim report at its thirty-eighth session and a final report at its thirty-ninth session.

1985/144. Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment

At its 25th plenary meeting, on 30 May 1985, the Council, noting Commission on Human Rights resolution

1985/33 of 13 March 1985,¹⁴² approved the Commission's decision to appoint for one year a special rapporteur to examine questions relevant to torture. The Council also approved the Commission's request to the Special Rapporteur to submit a comprehensive report to the Commission at its forty-second session on his activities regarding the question of torture, including the occurrence and extent of its practice, together with his conclusions and recommendations. It further approved the Commission's request to the Secretary-General to provide all necessary assistance to the Special Rapporteur.

1985/145. Situation of human rights in El Salvador

At its 25th plenary meeting, on 30 May 1985, the Council, noting Commission on Human Rights resolution 1985/35 of 13 March 1985,¹⁴² approved the Commission's decision to extend the mandate of the Special Representative on the situation of human rights in El Salvador for another year and to request him to submit his report on further developments in the situation of human rights in El Salvador to the General Assembly at its fortieth session and to the Commission at its forty-second session. The Council further approved the Commission's request to the Secretary-General to give all necessary assistance to the Special Representative of the Commission.

1985/146. Situation of human rights in Guatemala

At its 25th plenary meeting, on 30 May 1985, the Council, noting Commission on Human Rights resolution 1985/36 of 13 March 1985,¹⁴² approved the Commission's decision to extend for another year the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Guatemala, to enable him to continue his thorough study of the human rights situation in that country, and its request to the Special Rapporteur, in preparing his report, to continue to take into account information from all reliable sources, to assess in particular allegations of politically motivated killings, disappearances, acts of torture, extrajudicial executions and confinement in clandestine prisons, to draw conclusions from his findings and to make further recommendations designed to help bring about improvements in the situation of human rights in Guatemala, and its request to the Special Rapporteur to submit an interim report to the General Assembly at its fortieth session and a final report to the Commission at its forty-second session. The Council further approved the Commission's request to the Secretary-General to give all necessary assistance to the Special Rapporteur.

1985/147. Question of human rights and fundamental freedoms in Afghanistan

At its 25th plenary meeting, on 30 May 1985, the Council, noting Commission on Human Rights resolution 1985/38 of 13 March 1985,¹⁴² approved the Commission's decision to extend for one year the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the question of human rights and fundamental freedoms in Afghanistan and to request him to report to the General Assembly at its fortieth session and to the Commission at its forty-second session on the situation of human rights in that country, including the human and material losses resulting from bombardments of the civilian population. The Council further approved the Commission's request to the

¹⁴³ *Ibid.*, 1980, Supplement No. 3 (E/1980/13 and Corr.1), chap. XXVI.

Secretary-General to give all necessary assistance to the Special Rapporteur.

1985/148. Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran

At its 25th plenary meeting, on 30 May 1985, the Council, noting Commission on Human Rights resolution 1985/39 of 13 March 1985,¹⁴² approved the Commission's decision to extend for one year the mandate of the Special Representative on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran, as set out in Commission resolution 1984/54 of 14 March 1984,¹⁴⁴ and its request to the Special Representative to submit an interim report to the General Assembly at its fortieth session on the human rights situation in that country, including the situation of minority groups such as the Baha'is, and a final report to the Commission at its forty-second session. The Council further approved the Commission's request to the Secretary-General to give all necessary assistance to the Special Representative of the Commission.

1985/149. The right to development

At its 25th plenary meeting, on 30 May 1985, the Council, noting Commission on Human Rights resolution 1985/43 of 14 March 1985,¹⁴² approved the Commission's decision to transmit to the General Assembly, through the Council, the report of the Working Group of Governmental Experts on the Right to Development,¹⁴⁵ the part of the report of the Commission on Human Rights dealing with the right to development, the summary records of the Commission's discussion on the question during its forty-first session and any other relevant documents, so as to enable the Assembly to adopt a declaration on the right to development. The Council further approved the Commission's decision to convene the Working Group for three weeks in January 1986 to study the measures necessary to promote the right to development and its request to the Secretary-General to provide all necessary assistance to the Working Group.

1985/150. Question of human rights in Chile

At its 25th plenary meeting, on 30 May 1985, the Council, noting Commission on Human Rights resolution 1985/47 of 14 March 1985,¹⁴² approved the Commission's decision to renew for one year the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the question of human rights in Chile and to request him to report on the situation of human rights in that country to the General Assembly at its fortieth session and to the Commission on Human Rights at its forty-second session, and requested the Secretary-General to ensure that the necessary financial resources and sufficient staff would be provided to implement the above-mentioned resolution.

1985/151. Organization of the work of the Commission on Human Rights

At its 25th plenary meeting, on 30 May 1985, the Council, noting Commission on Human Rights decision 1985/111 of 14 March 1985,¹⁴² decided to authorize, if

possible within existing financial resources, twenty fully-serviced additional meetings, including summary records, for the Commission's forty-second session. The Council took note of the Commission's decision to request its Chairman at the forty-second session to make every effort to organize the work of the session within the normal allotted time, the additional meetings to be utilized only if such meetings prove to be absolutely necessary.

1985/152. Question of the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms in any part of the world, with particular reference to colonial and other dependent countries and territories

At its 25th plenary meeting, on 30 May 1985, the Council approved the decision taken by the Commission on Human Rights, in its decision 1985/112 of 14 March 1985,¹⁴² that the working group established under Commission decision 1984/116 of 16 March 1984¹⁴⁶ to draft a declaration on the right and responsibility of individuals, groups and organs of society to promote and protect universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms, would be convened at the forty-second session of the Commission, meeting for one week prior to the session.

1985/153. Report of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities

At its 25th plenary meeting, on 30 May 1985, the Council approved the decision of the Commission on Human Rights, in its decision 1985/113 of 14 March 1985,¹⁴² to invite the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to be present, through the Chairman or another member it may designate, at the consideration of its report during the forty-second session of the Commission.

1985/154. Report of the Commission on Human Rights

At its 25th plenary meeting, on 30 May 1985, the Council took note of the report of the Commission on Human Rights on its forty-first session.¹⁴⁷

1985/155. Right of peoples to self-determination and its application to peoples under colonial or alien domination or foreign occupation

At its 25th plenary meeting, on 30 May 1985, the Council fully endorsed Commission on Human Rights resolution 1985/12 of 27 February 1985,¹⁴² by which the Commission, *inter alia*, reaffirmed that the continuing illegal occupation of Kampuchea by foreign forces deprived the people of Kampuchea of the exercise of their right to self-determination and constituted the primary violation of human rights in Kampuchea at present. The Council reaffirmed its decisions 1981/154 of 8 May 1981, 1982/143 of 7 May 1982, 1983/155 of 27 May 1983 and 1984/148 of 24 May 1984 and reiterated its call for the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Kampuchea in order to allow the people of Kampuchea to exercise their fundamental freedoms and human rights, including the

¹⁴⁴ *Ibid.*, 1984, Supplement No. 4 (E.1984.14 and Corr. 1), chap. II.

¹⁴⁵ E/CN.4/1985/11.

¹⁴⁶ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1984, Supplement No. 4 (E/1984.13), chap. II.*

¹⁴⁷ *Ibid.*, 1985, Supplement No. 2 (E/1985.22).

right to self-determination as contained in the Declaration on Kampuchea adopted by the International Conference on Kampuchea on 17 July 1981¹⁴⁸ and in General Assembly resolutions 34/22 of 14 November 1979, 35/6 of 22 October 1980, 36/5 of 21 October 1981, 37/6 of 28 October 1982, 38/3 of 27 October 1983 and 39/5 of 30 October 1984.

The Council expressed its grave concern at the increasing activities of the foreign forces in Kampuchea, particularly at the severity and the scope of the attacks on Kampuchean civilian encampments along the Thai-Kampuchean border since November 1984, resulting in serious loss of life and property of Kampucheans and forcing more than 230,000 Kampuchean civilians to flee into Thailand.

The Council took note of the statements made by the Secretary-General on 27 December 1984 and 13 March 1985 expressing serious concern about the escalation of fighting along the Thai-Kampuchean border and his appeal to all concerned to avoid endangering thousands of Kampuchean civilian lives and adding to the misery and deprivation which already afflict these most unfortunate people. The Council noted with appreciation the visit undertaken by the Secretary-General to the South-East Asian region in January-February 1985 in an effort to bring about a peaceful solution to the Kampuchean problem.

The Council requested the Secretary-General to report to the Council any further violations of humanitarian principles perpetrated against Kampuchean civilian refugees by the foreign occupying troops along the border, and also requested him to continue to monitor closely the developments in Kampuchea and to intensify efforts, including the use of his good offices, to bring about a comprehensive political settlement of the Kampuchean problem and the restoration of fundamental human rights in Kampuchea.

The Council took note of the communiqués issued by the *Ad Hoc* Committee of the International Conference on Kampuchea on 17 January 1985 and 15 February 1985.¹⁴⁹ The Council noted with appreciation the ongoing efforts of the Committee and requested that the Committee should continue its work, pending the reconvening of the Conference.

1985/156. Material on human rights in Argentina

At its 25th plenary meeting, on 30 May 1985, the Council, bearing in mind the decision of the Commission on Human Rights at its fortieth session¹⁵⁰ to terminate the study of the situation with respect to human rights in Argentina, and in view of the full restoration of human rights in that country, decided that the material relating to Argentina which had been before the Commission under Economic and Social Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII) of 27 May 1970 should cease to be confidential.

1985/157. Situation in southern Lebanon

At its 25th plenary meeting, on 30 May 1985, the Council, noting Commission on Human Rights resolution 1985/41 of 13 March 1985,¹⁴¹ endorsed the request of the

¹⁴⁸ See *Report of the International Conference on Kampuchea, New York, 13-17 July 1981* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.81.1.20), annex 1.

¹⁴⁹ See A/CONF.109/9, para. 7.

¹⁵⁰ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1984, Supplement No. 4 (E/1984/14 and Corr.1)*, para. 277.

Commission to the Secretary-General to monitor the implementation of that resolution and to submit to the General Assembly at its fortieth session a report on the results of his efforts in that regard.

1985/158. Preparations for the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace

At its 26th plenary meeting, on 31 May 1985, the Council, having examined the reports of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the Preparatory Body for the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace on its third¹⁵¹ and resumed third sessions,¹⁵²

(a) Took note of the reports and expressed its appreciation for the work done by the Preparatory Body;

(b) Endorsed the recommendation contained in paragraph 1 of the report on the third session¹⁵¹ and recommendations I and II contained in paragraph 1 of the report on the resumed third session;¹⁵²

(c) Decided to invite Mrs. Rosario Manalo, Chairperson of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the Preparatory Body for the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace at its third and resumed third sessions, to hold informal consultations in New York, prior to the Conference, with a view to facilitating, as far as possible, the deliberations at the Conference regarding the forward-looking strategies of implementation for the advancement of women and concrete measures to overcome obstacles to the achievement of the goals and objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development, Peace,¹⁵³ for the period 1986 to the year 2000, and to make available the results of those consultations to the Conference, as appropriate;

(d) Authorized its Bureau to continue making every effort, through informal consultations, to assist delegations in resolving outstanding issues relating to the provisional rules of procedure for the Conference and to submit the results to the Council at a resumption of its first regular session of 1985, on 20 June 1985.

1985/159. General discussion of international economic and social policy, including regional and sectoral developments

At its 26th plenary meeting, on 31 May 1985, the Council decided to invite delegations, in their deliberations at the second regular session of 1985 under the item entitled "General discussion of international economic and social policy, including regional and sectoral developments", to give special focus to international co-operation in the interrelated areas of money, finance, debt and trade.

1985/160. Elections, appointments and nominations to subsidiary and related bodies of the Council

1. At its 24th plenary meeting, on 30 May 1985, the Council held elections to fill the seats falling vacant on 31

¹⁵¹ A/CONF.116/PC/25.

¹⁵² A/CONF.116/PC/25/Add.1 and Corr.1, Add.2 and Corr.1 and Add.3.

¹⁵³ A/CONF.116/PC/25/Add.2 and Corr.1.

December 1985 in four of its functional commissions, as follows:

STATISTICAL COMMISSION

The following eight Member States were elected for a four-year term: ARGENTINA, EGYPT, FRANCE, GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF, SPAIN, TOGO, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS and ZAMBIA.

Membership in 1986 (24 members)

	<i>Term expires on 31 December</i>
Argentina	1989
Brazil	1988
Bulgaria	1987
China	1987
Cuba	1987
Czechoslovakia	1987
Egypt	1989
Finland	1988
France	1989
Germany, Federal Republic of	1989
Ghana	1987
India	1988
Japan	1988
Kenya	1987
Mexico	1988
New Zealand	1988
Pakistan	1987
Spain	1989
Togo	1989
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic	1988
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1989
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1988
United States of America	1987
Zambia	1989

POPULATION COMMISSION

The following nine Member States were elected for a four-year term: BURUNDI, CHINA, CUBA, IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF), MALAWI, MEXICO, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Membership in 1986 (27 members)

	<i>Term expires on 31 December</i>
Brazil	1988
Bulgaria	1987
Burundi	1989
Cameroon	1988
China	1989
Colombia	1988
Costa Rica	1987
Cuba	1989
Egypt	1987
France	1987
Germany, Federal Republic of	1988
India	1987
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	1989
Malawi	1989
Malaysia	1987
Mauritius	1988
Mexico	1989
Netherlands	1988
Nigeria	1987
Sweden	1987
Thailand	1988
Togo	1987
Turkey	1988
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic	1988
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1989
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1989
United States of America	1989

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

The following fourteen Member States were elected for a three-year term: ALGERIA, BANGLADESH, BELGIUM, BYELORUSSIAN SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC, COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, CYPRUS, ETHIOPIA, INDIA, IRELAND, MOZAMBIQUE, NICARAGUA, NORWAY and UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS.

Membership in 1986 (43 members)

	<i>Term expires on 31 December</i>
Algeria	1988
Argentina	1987
Australia	1987
Austria	1987
Bangladesh	1988
Belgium	1988
Brazil	1986
Bulgaria	1987
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	1988
Cameroon	1986
China	1987
Colombia	1988
Congo	1987
Costa Rica	1988
Cyprus	1988
Ethiopia	1988
France	1986
Gambia	1987
German Democratic Republic	1986
Germany, Federal Republic of	1987
India	1988
Ireland	1988
Japan	1987
Jordan	1986
Kenya	1986
Lesotho	1987
Liberia	1987
Mauritania	1986
Mexico	1986
Mozambique	1988
Nicaragua	1988
Norway	1988
Peru	1987
Philippines	1986
Senegal	1986
Spain	1986
Sri Lanka	1987
Syrian Arab Republic	1986
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1988
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1987
United States of America	1986
Venezuela	1987
Yugoslavia	1986

COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS

The following twenty Member States were elected for a four-year term: ARGENTINA, AUSTRALIA, BELGIUM, BULGARIA, CHINA, ECUADOR, HUNGARY, INDONESIA, JAPAN, MALAYSIA, MALI, MEXICO, NIGERIA, SENEGAL, SPAIN, TURKEY, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, VENEZUELA and ZAMBIA.

Membership in 1986 and 1987 (40 members)

	<i>Term expires on 31 December</i>
Algeria	1987
Argentina	1989
Australia	1989
Belgium	1989
Brazil	1987
Bulgaria	1989

	<i>Term expires on 31 December</i>
Canada.....	1987
China.....	1989
Colombia.....	1987
Ecuador.....	1989
Finland.....	1987
France.....	1987
German Democratic Republic.....	1987
Germany, Federal Republic of.....	1987
Greece.....	1989
Hungary.....	1989
Indonesia.....	1987
Iran (Islamic Republic of).....	1987
Italy.....	1989
Japan.....	1987
Madagascar.....	1989
Malaysia.....	1989
Mali.....	1989
Mexico.....	1987
Morocco.....	1987
Netherlands.....	1989
Nigeria.....	1987
Pakistan.....	1987
Peru.....	1989
Senegal.....	1989
Spain.....	1987
Sri Lanka.....	1987
Thailand.....	1989
Turkey.....	1989
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.....	1989
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.....	1987
United States of America.....	1989
Venezuela.....	1987
Yugoslavia.....	1989
Zambia.....	1989

2. At its 24th and 25th plenary meetings, on 30 May 1985, the Council also held elections to fill vacancies in the following bodies: Commission on Human Settlements, Commission on Transnational Corporations, Committee on Crime Prevention and Control, Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes, Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund, Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, Sessional Working Group of Governmental Experts on the Implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and Committee for the United Nations Population Award. The Council nominated Member States for election by the General Assembly to the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the World Food Council, appointed members of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and confirmed the nominations of members of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, as follows:

COMMISSION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

The following seventeen Member States were elected for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1986: BOLIVIA, CANADA, CONGO, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, FRANCE, HUNGARY, INDONESIA, ITALY, MALAWI, MALAYSIA, MOROCCO, NETHERLANDS, NIGERIA, PANAMA, POLAND, SWAZILAND and SWEDEN.

NORWAY was elected to a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1987.

*Membership in 1986*¹⁵⁴
(58 members)

	<i>Term expires on 31 December</i>
Bangladesh.....	1987
Bolivia.....	1988

¹⁵⁴ At its 24th plenary meeting, the Council postponed until a future

	<i>Term expires on 31 December</i>
Botswana.....	1987
Bulgaria.....	1986
Burundi.....	1987
Canada.....	1988
Central African Republic.....	1986
Chile.....	1987
Congo.....	1988
Cyprus.....	1987
Dominican Republic.....	1986
Finland.....	1988
France.....	1986
Gabon.....	1987
Germany, Federal Republic of.....	1986
Ghana.....	1987
Greece.....	1986
Guinea.....	1986
Haiti.....	1986
Honduras.....	1988
Hungary.....	1987
India.....	1988
Indonesia.....	1986
Iraq.....	1988
Italy.....	1987
Jamaica.....	1986
Japan.....	1987
Jordan.....	1987
Kenya.....	1987
Lesotho.....	1988
Malawi.....	1988
Malaysia.....	1987
Mexico.....	1988
Morocco.....	1988
Netherlands.....	1986
Nicaragua.....	1988
Nigeria.....	1987
Norway.....	1986
Pakistan.....	1988
Panama.....	1986
Philippines.....	1988
Poland.....	1986
Rwanda.....	1986
Spain.....	1987
Sri Lanka.....	1988
Swaziland.....	1988
Sweden.....	1987
Tunisia.....	1986
Turkey.....	1987
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic.....	1986
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.....	1986
United Republic of Tanzania.....	1986
United States of America.....	1986
Venezuela.....	1986

COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS

The following fifteen States were elected for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1986: ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA, BENIN, BRAZIL, CUBA, CYPRUS, INDONESIA, KENYA, MEXICO, NETHERLANDS, NIGERIA, NORWAY, SWAZILAND, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

*Membership in 1986*¹⁵⁵
(48 members)

	<i>Term expires on 31 December</i>
Algeria.....	1987
Antigua and Barbuda.....	1988

session the election of two members from Asian States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1986, and one member from Eastern European States and one member from Western European and other States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1987.

¹⁵⁵ At its 24th plenary meeting, the Council postponed until a future session the election of one member from Asian States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1986.

	<i>Term expires on 31 December</i>
Argentina	1987
Bangladesh	1986
Benin	1988
Brazil	1988
Bulgaria	1987
Cameroon	1987
Canada	1987
China	1986
Colombia	1986
Costa Rica	1986
Cuba	1988
Cyprus	1988
Czechoslovakia	1986
Egypt	1986
France	1986
German Democratic Republic	1986
Germany, Federal Republic of	1986
Ghana	1987
Guinea	1986
India	1987
Indonesia	1988
Iraq	1987
Italy	1987
Jamaica	1987
Japan	1986
Kenya	1988
Mauritius	1987
Mexico	1988
Morocco	1986
Netherlands	1988
Nigeria	1988
Norway	1988
Pakistan	1987
Philippines	1986
Republic of Korea	1987
Swaziland	1988
Switzerland	1986
Togo	1986
Trinidad and Tobago	1986
Turkey	1987
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic	1987
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1988
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1988
United States of America	1988
Venezuela	1987

COMMITTEE ON CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL

The Council elected Ronald Miklau (Austria) to fill the vacancy created by the death of Robert Linke (Austria) for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1986.

COMMITTEE ON FOOD AID POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES

The following five States were elected for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1986: ARGENTINA, CAPE VERDE, COLOMBIA, FINLAND and UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND.

Membership in 1986 (30 members)

<i>Members elected by the Economic and Social Council</i>	<i>Term expires on 31 December</i>
Argentina	1988
Belgium	1987
Cape Verde	1988
Colombia	1988
Denmark	1987
Egypt	1986
Finland	1988
Hungary	1986
India	1986
Italy	1986
Japan	1987
Lesotho	1987

<i>Members elected by the Economic and Social Council</i>	<i>Term expires on 31 December</i>
Norway	1986
Pakistan	1987
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1988

<i>Members elected by the FAO Council¹⁵⁶</i>	<i>Term expires on 31 December</i>
Australia	1986
Bangladesh	1986
Brazil	1987
Canada	1986
Congo	1987
Kenya	1987
Netherlands	1987
Saudi Arabia	1986
Thailand	1987
United States of America	1986

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND

The Council elected the following twenty-one States for a three-year term beginning on 1 August 1985: ARGENTINA, BANGLADESH, BRAZIL, BULGARIA, CHILE, CONGO, DJIBOUTI, ETHIOPIA, FRANCE, GABON, ITALY, JAPAN, MALI, MEXICO, NETHERLANDS, OMAN, PAKISTAN, TUNISIA, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Membership from 1 August 1985 (41 members)

	<i>Term expires on 31 July</i>
Argentina	1988
Australia	1986
Bangladesh	1988
Belgium	1987
Benin	1987
Bhutan	1987
Brazil	1988
Bulgaria	1988
Canada	1986
Chile	1988
China	1986
Colombia	1986
Congo	1988
Cuba	1986
Denmark	1987
Djibouti	1988
Ethiopia	1988
Finland	1986
France	1988
Gabon	1988
Germany, Federal Republic of	1986
India	1987
Indonesia	1987
Italy	1988
Japan	1988
Lesotho	1986
Mali	1988
Mexico	1988
Netherlands	1988
Niger	1987
Oman	1988
Pakistan	1988
Romania	1987
Switzerland	1987
Thailand	1986
Tunisia	1988
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1988
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1988
United States of America	1988
Venezuela	1987
Yugoslavia	1986

¹⁵⁶The five remaining seats are to be filled by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations at its session to be held in the fourth quarter of 1985.

GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The Council elected the following sixteen States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1986: BELGIUM, BRAZIL, BULGARIA, BURUNDI, CAMEROON, CANADA, CAPE VERDE, DENMARK, FRANCE, INDONESIA, KUWAIT, MALAWI, MAURITIUS, NEW ZEALAND, REPUBLIC OF KOREA and SPAIN.

Membership in 1986
(48 members)

	Term expires on 31 December
Argentina	1986
Austria	1987
Bahrain	1986
Bangladesh	1986
Belgium	1988
Benin	1987
Brazil	1988
Bulgaria	1988
Burundi	1988
Cameroon	1988
Canada	1988
Cape Verde	1988
Chile	1987
China	1987
Cuba	1987
Denmark	1988
Ethiopia	1986
France	1988
Gambia	1986
Germany, Federal Republic of	1986
Hungary	1986
India	1986
Indonesia	1988
Italy	1987
Jamaica	1986
Japan	1987
Kuwait	1988
Malawi	1988
Mauritius	1988
Mexico	1987
Netherlands	1986
New Zealand	1988
Norway	1986
Pakistan	1987
Poland	1986
Republic of Korea	1988
Saudi Arabia	1987
Spain	1988
Swaziland	1987
Sweden	1987
Switzerland	1986
Togo	1986
Tunisia	1987
Turkey	1986
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1987
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1987
United States of America	1987
Venezuela	1986

SESSIONAL WORKING GROUP OF GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS ON
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON
ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS

The following four States parties to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights were elected for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1986: FRANCE, IRAQ, PERU and UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS.

Membership in 1986¹⁵⁷
(15 members)

	Term expires on 31 December
Bulgaria	1987
Denmark	1986
Ecuador	1987
France	1988
German Democratic Republic	1986
Iraq	1988
Japan	1986
Mexico	1986
Peru	1988
Senegal	1987
Spain	1987
Tunisia	1986
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1988

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 following Member States for election by the General Assembly at its fortieth session for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1986:

- (a) *African States* (two vacancies): BENIN and ZAMBIA
- (b) *Latin American States* (two vacancies): ARGENTINA, BOLIVIA, CHILE and PERU
- (c) *Socialist States of Eastern Europe* (one vacancy): UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS.
- (d) *Western European and other States* (two vacancies): FRANCE and the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

WORLD FOOD COUNCIL

The Council, in accordance with paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 3348 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, nominated the following States for election by the General Assembly at its fortieth session for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1986:

- (a) *African States* (three vacancies): GUINEA MALI and SOMALIA;
- (b) *Asian States* (two vacancies): BANGLADESH, CYPRUS, INDIA, and SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC;
- (c) *Latin American States* (three vacancies): ANTIGUA and BARBUDA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC and HONDURAS
- (d) *Socialist States of Eastern Europe* (two vacancies): GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC and UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS.
- (e) *Western European and other States* (two vacancies): AUSTRALIA and GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND
TRAINING INSTITUTE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN

The Council appointed the following five members of the Board of Trustees for a three-year term beginning on 1 July 1985: Fabiola Cuví Ortiz (Ecuador), Ingrid Eide (Norway), Elena Atanassova Lagadinova (Bulgaria), Lin Shangzhen (China) and Victoria N. Okobi (Nigeria).

¹⁵⁷ At its 24th plenary meeting, the Council postponed until a future session the election of one member from African States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1986, and two members from Asian States, one for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1985, the other for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1987.

Membership from 1 July 1985¹⁵⁸

	<i>Term expires on 30 June¹⁵⁹</i>
Fabiola Cuví Ortiz (Ecuador)	1988
Daniela Colombo (Italy)	1987
Ingrid Eide (Norway)	1988
Suad I. Eissa (Sudan)	1986
Elena Atanassova Lagadinova (Bulgaria)	1988
Lin Shangzhen (China)	1988
María Lavalle Urbina (Mexico)	1986
Zhor Lazrak (Morocco)	1987
Victoria N. Okobi (Nigeria)	1988
Helen Arnopoulos Stamiris (Greece)	1986
Achie Sudiarti Luhulima (Indonesia)	1987

COMMITTEE FOR THE UNITED NATIONS
POPULATION AWARD

In accordance with article 4 of the Regulations Governing the United Nations Population Award, adopted by the General Assembly in resolution 36/201 of 17 December 1981, the following nine States were elected for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1986: BURUNDI, COLOMBIA, ECUADOR, JAPAN, MEXICO, PAKISTAN, SUDAN, TUNISIA and YUGOSLAVIA.

The Council postponed until a future session the election of one member from Western European and other States.

BOARD OF THE UNITED NATIONS RESEARCH INSTITUTE
FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

The Council confirmed the nomination by the Commission for Social Development at its twenty-ninth session of the following four members of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development:

(a) For a four-year term beginning on 1 July 1985:

Ismail Sabri Abdhalla (Egypt);

Louis Emerij (Netherlands);

Sally Weaver (Canada);

(b) For an additional term of two years, beginning on 1 July 1985:

Gustavo Esteva (Mexico).

The Council also nominated Sartaj Aziz (Pakistan) and Vida Cok (Yugoslavia) for a four-year term beginning on 1 July 1985.

1985/161. Provisional agenda for 1986 of the Sessional Working Group of Governmental Experts on the Implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

At its 22nd plenary meeting, on 28 May 1985, the Council approved the provisional agenda for 1986 of the Sessional Working Group of Governmental Experts on the Implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights set out below.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR 1986 OF THE SESSIONAL WORKING GROUP OF GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS

1. Consideration of reports submitted in accordance with Council resolution 1988 (LX) by States parties to the Covenant concerning rights covered by articles 10 to 12

¹⁵⁸ The Board of Trustees is composed of eleven members, serving in their individual capacities, nominated by States and appointed by the Council with due regard to the principle of equitable geographical distribution and the fact that the Institute is financed by voluntary contributions.

¹⁵⁹ The appointment is for a term of three years, with each member serving for a maximum of two terms.

Documentation

Initial Reports

Hungary (E/1980/6/Add.37)

Venezuela (E/1980/6/Add.38)

Any other reports received by the Secretary-General

Second periodic reports

2. Consideration of reports submitted in accordance with Council resolution 1988 (LX) by States parties to the Covenant concerning rights covered by articles 13 to 15.

3. Consideration of reports submitted in accordance with Council resolution 1988 (LX) by States parties to the Covenant concerning rights covered by articles 6 to 9

Documentation

Initial reports

Democratic People's Republic of Korea (E/1984/6/Add.7)

Mexico (E/1984/6/Add.2 and 10)

Nicaragua (E/1984/6/Add.9)

France (E/1984/6/Add.1)

Any other reports received by the Secretary-General

Second periodic reports

Colombia (E/1984/7/Add.21)

Any other reports received by the Secretary-General

4. Formulation of suggestions and recommendations of a general nature based on the consideration of reports submitted by States parties to the Covenant and by the specialized agencies, in order to assist the Council to fulfil, in particular, its responsibilities under articles 21 and 22 of the Covenant

5. Consideration of the report of the Sessional Working Group of Governmental Experts on the Implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

1985/162. Bureau for 1986 of the Sessional Working Group of Governmental Experts on the Implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

At its 22nd plenary meeting, on 28 May 1985, the Council decided that the Bureau for 1986 of the Sessional Working Group of Governmental Experts on the Implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights should be constituted as follows:

Chairman: Latin American States;

Vice-Chairman: African States; Eastern European States; Western European and other states;

Rapporteur: Asian States.

1985/163. Provisional agenda and organization of work for the second regular session of 1985 of the Council

At its 26th plenary meeting, on 31 May 1985, the Council approved the draft provisional agenda for the second regular session of 1985,¹⁶⁰ and the proposed organization of work for that session.¹⁶¹

1985/164. Provisional rules of procedure of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace

At its 27th plenary meeting, on 20 June 1985, the Council decided to transmit to the World Conference to

¹⁶⁰ E/1985/L.34, sect. I

¹⁶¹ *Ibid.*, sect. II

Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, its recommendations concerning rules 6 (Elections) and 15 (Decisions concerning organization) of the provisional rules of procedure of the Conference,¹⁶² set out below:

Elections
Rule 6

The Conference shall elect the following officers: a President, one Vice-President for Co-ordination, twenty-nine other Vice-Presidents, a Rapporteur-General and a Presiding Officer for each of the Main Committees established in accordance with rule 45.¹⁶³

¹⁶² A/CONF.116/2.

¹⁶³ Under rule 9 of the provisional rules of procedure, these thirty-four officers shall constitute the General Committee of the Conference. The Council recommends that the distribution of posts in the General Committee should be as follows:

President:	African States	
Vice-president for co-ordination		}
Rapporteur-General:		
A Presiding Officer for each of the two Main Committees		One post for each of the four other regional groups
Seven Vice-Presidents:	African States	

Decisions concerning organization

Rule 15

1. The Conference shall, to the extent possible, at its first meeting:

(a) Elect its officers and constitute its subsidiary organs;

(b) Adopt its rules of procedure;

(c) Adopt its agenda, the draft of which shall, until such adoption, be the provisional agenda of the Conference;

(d) Decide on the organization of its work.

2. Recommendations resulting from pre-conference consultations shall, in principle, be acted on without further discussion.

Seven Vice-Presidents:	Asian States
Three Vice-Presidents:	Eastern European States
Six Vice-Presidents:	Latin American States
Six Vice-Presidents:	Western European and other States

It is the understanding of the Council that this recommendation concerning the composition of the General Committee of the Conference and the distribution of posts therein set out above is to be regarded as a compromise arrived at by the regional groups to facilitate the work of the Conference and that it shall not constitute a precedent for other conferences or international meetings.