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*Supplement No. 1A* (second regular session of 1982);

*Supplement No. 1B* (resumed second regular session of 1982).

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\* Item for consideration at the resumed second regular session of 1982.



## RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL DURING ITS SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF 1982

### RESOLUTIONS

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## RESOLUTIONS

### 1982/41. Identification of the least developed among the developing countries

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 2768 (XXVI) of 18 November 1971, 3487 (XXX) of 12 December 1975, and 32/92 and 32/99 of 13 December 1977, and Council resolution 1981/34 of 8 May 1981, establishing the current list of the least developed countries,

Recalling also Council resolution 1981/47 of 20 July 1981 and decision 1982/106 of 4 February 1982, on the basis of which the Committee for Development Planning undertook to consider whether certain countries met the existing criteria for inclusion in the list of the least developed countries in the light of new data and information provided by the Governments of those countries,

1. Approves the recommendation made by the Committee for Development Planning at its eighteenth session regarding the inclusion of new countries in the list of the least developed countries;<sup>1</sup>

2. Recommends that the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session should approve the inclusion of Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Sao Tome and Principe, Sierra Leone and Togo in the list of the least developed countries.

*48th plenary meeting  
27 July 1982*

### 1982/42. Convening of an International Conference on Population in 1984

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling its resolution 1981/87 of 25 November 1981, in which it decided to convene an International Conference on Population in 1984,

Recalling also its resolution 1982/7 of 30 April 1982 concerning the status of preparations for the Conference,

1. Decides to accept, with gratitude, the offer of the Government of Mexico to act as host to the International Conference on Population in 1984;

2. Requests the Secretary-General of the Conference, after consultation with the Government of Mexico, to report to the Council, not later than at its first regular session of 1983, on the dates, site and other arrangements proposed for the Conference;

3. Welcomes the offer by the Government of India to act as host to the Expert Group Meeting on Fertility and the Family, to be held at New Delhi towards the end of 1982, and requests the Secretary-General of the Conference, in consultation with the Government of India, to finalize the arrangements for that meeting;

4. Also welcomes the offer by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany to support the holding of the Expert Group Meeting on Population, Resources, Environment and Development in early 1983 and requests the Secretary-General of the Conference to finalize the arrangements for that meeting;

5. Recommends that the General Assembly, at its thirty-seventh session, should approve the necessary expenses for the preparation of the Conference in 1983, bearing in mind that the total financial cost of the Conference has been estimated by the Secretary-General at \$2.3 million<sup>2</sup> and that the total amount of the resources to be provided from the United Nations regular budget for the Conference should not exceed \$800,000, which will come, to the maximum extent possible, from existing resources;

6. Requests the Secretary-General of the Conference to report to the Council at its resumed second regular session of 1982 on the status of his efforts to raise extra-budgetary resources for the Conference;

<sup>1</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1982, Supplement No. 5 (E/1982/15 and Corr.1 and 2), para. 103.*

<sup>2</sup> See A/C.5/36/33/Add.1.

7. *Decides* to schedule the open-ended session of the Population Commission, which will serve as the Preparatory Committee for the Conference, in January 1984, immediately following the twenty-second session of the Commission, and to consider the report of the Preparatory Committee at the first regular session of 1984 of the Council;

8. *Invites* the regional commissions to consider, at their annual sessions in 1984, the report of the Preparatory Committee for the Conference on its meeting in 1984, with a view to formulating suggestions and recommendations for the further implementation of the World Population Plan of Action<sup>3</sup> at the regional level, and to transmit those suggestions and recommendations to the Conference for its consideration.

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27 July 1982*

### **1982/43. International centre for public accounting and auditing**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* paragraphs 30 and 47 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980, containing the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, paragraph 3 of Assembly resolution 36/194 of 17 December 1981 on the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries and Assembly resolution 34/137 of 14 December 1979 on the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries,

*Recalling also* Council resolutions 1978/6 of 4 May 1978 and 1980/12 of 28 April 1980 on public administration and finance for development in the 1980s and 1981/45 of 20 July 1981 on the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries,

*Recalling further* Council resolutions 1979/47 of 31 July 1979 on public accounting and auditing for national development and 1981/53 of 22 July 1981 on an international centre for public accounting and auditing,

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

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary General<sup>4</sup> concerning the proposal for the establishment of an international centre for public accounting and auditing, and

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

<sup>4</sup> E/1982/69.

of the conclusions of the feasibility study and the project proposal contained therein;

2. *Believes* that the establishment of an international centre for public accounting and auditing should be conceived of as a technical co-operation activity among Governments at the interregional level;

3. *Reiterates* the guide-lines set out in paragraph 3 of its resolution 1981/53 regarding the activities of the proposed centre, in particular the need for close collaboration with the regional and international institutions which have similar objectives;

4. *Reiterates further* that the proposed centre would be financed exclusively on a voluntary basis;

5. *Urges* all Governments to consider contributing financially to the international centre for public accounting and auditing or co-operating in other ways with the centre in order to facilitate its regular and effective functioning;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consult with interested Governments, including Governments of prospective host countries, and, subject to the availability of voluntary resources, to take preparatory measures towards the establishment of the centre;

7. *Requests* the United Nations Development Programme, other international institutions and the appropriate regional institutions to extend their full co-operation to the centre in their respective fields of competence.

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27 July 1982*

### **1982/44. Public administration and finance for development**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 35/56 of 5 December 1980, containing 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 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 and 1980/12 of 28 April 1980, concerning public administration and finance for development in the 1980s, and 1981/45 of 20 July 1981 on the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries,

*Reiterating* the importance of developing and strengthening the public administration and finance capabilities of developing countries, including training and institution-building, in the formulation and carrying out of policies for the economic and social development of those countries,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Sixth Meeting of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance,<sup>5</sup> held at Geneva from 10 to 19 March 1982, and the report of the Secretary-General thereon;<sup>6</sup>

2. *Takes note also* of the major recommendations made by the Sixth 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 provide, within existing resources and at the request of Governments of developing countries, the technical assistance they may need for promoting public administration and finance for development;

4. *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, in particular the least developed ones, in the field of public administration and finance;

5. *Notes* the recommendation of the Sixth Meeting of Experts that its next meeting should be convened in 1984, and requests the Secretary-General to make the necessary preparations for that meeting, which, in reviewing, in accordance with its mandate, the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance, should also deal in particular with:

(a) Challenges and constraints in public administration and finance in the developing countries in the 1980s;

(b) The specific needs of developing countries, in particular the least developed ones, especially in the field of training and institution-building;

(c) Support and assistance by the United Nations system for technical co-operation among developing countries in the development of public administration and finance.

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#### **1982/45. International co-operation in tax matters**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1980/13 of 28 April 1980,

*Recognizing* the importance of international co-operation on a broad basis with the object of combating international tax avoidance and evasion, and of reducing as far as possible incompatibilities in tax systems in order to promote international trade, investment and the transfer of technology,

*Having examined* the report of the *Ad Hoc* Group of Experts on International Co-operation in Tax Matters

on the work of its first meeting, and the recommendations of the Secretary-General relating thereto,<sup>7</sup>

1. *Recommends* that the *Ad Hoc* Group of Experts on International Co-operation in Tax Matters should continue its work on improving international co-operation to combat tax avoidance and evasion, and seek to develop guide-lines to meet that objective;

2. *Urges* the Group to continue its work by appropriate proposals in the field of taxation, including its examination of the United Nations Model Double Taxation Convention between Developed and Developing Countries and its consideration of the experiences of countries in bilateral applications of that Model Convention;

3. *Requests* the Group to study possibilities of enhancing the efficiency of tax administrations and of reducing potential conflicts among the tax laws of various countries;

4. *Recognizes* the importance of adequate preparation for its work by the Group, and decides to consider, at its second regular session of 1983, measures enabling the Group to carry out its future work in the most effective manner.

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27 July 1982*

#### **1982/46. Human settlements**

##### **A**

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

*The Economic and Social Council,*

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

*Recalling also* the principles and aims stipulated in the Vancouver Declaration on Human Settlements, 1976, and the recommendations adopted by Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements,<sup>8</sup> and General Assembly resolutions 32/162 of 19 December 1977 on institutional arrangements for international co-operation in the field of human settlements and 34/116 of 14 December 1979 on the strengthening of human settlements activities,

*Recalling further* Council resolution 1981/69 A of 24 July 1981 on international co-operation in the field of human settlements,

<sup>7</sup> See E/1982/71.

<sup>8</sup> See *Report of Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements, Vancouver, 31 May to 11 June 1976* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.7 and corrigendum).

<sup>5</sup> E/1982/52/Add.1.

<sup>6</sup> E/1982/52.

*Reaffirming* its belief that human settlements activities can be a major contributor to national economic and social development and should be viewed as such,

*Reaffirming also* the need for system-wide harmonization and co-ordination of the activities of the United Nations system in the field of human settlements,

*Having considered* the report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the work of its fifth session,<sup>9</sup>

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the work of its fifth session;

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

3. *Urges* the Commission on Human Settlements and the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) to accelerate their efforts to achieve greater harmonization and co-ordination of human settlements activities in the United Nations system, in accordance with their respective mandates under General Assembly resolution 32/162, and calls upon the competent specialized agencies and other bodies and organizations of the United Nations system to co-operate with the Commission and the Centre in these efforts;

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

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## B

### **International Year of Shelter for the Homeless**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1981/69 B of 24 July 1981 on the proposal to declare an international year of shelter for the homeless,

*Recalling also* General Assembly resolution 36/71 of 4 December 1981, in which the Assembly decided, in principle, to designate 1987 as the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless,

*Having considered* the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) containing proposals on a specific programme of measures and activities to be undertaken prior to and during the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless,<sup>10</sup>

*Noting* that the Commission on Human Settlements, in its resolution 5/14 of 7 May 1982, unanimously welcomed and endorsed the Executive Director's proposals on strategies and criteria, as well as guide-lines for

<sup>9</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 8 (A/37/8).*

<sup>10</sup> HS/C/5/5.

national, regional and international action, and took note of the institutional and administrative arrangements proposed by the Executive Director as a cost-effective way to organize and co-ordinate the activities of the Year,<sup>11</sup>

*Welcoming in particular* the proposal to carry out and co-ordinate the activities of the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless within the framework of existing institutions,

*Convinced* that the holding of an international year devoted to the problems of homeless people in urban and rural areas, particularly in the developing countries, would contribute significantly to economic development and social justice in conditions of international peace and security,

*Having noted* the views of the Commission on Human Settlements and the proposals outlined in the Executive Director's report, as reflected in Commission resolution 5/14,

1. *Endorses* the recommendations made by the Commission on Human Settlements in its resolution 5/14 to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session, on the understanding that the criteria for financing and organizing international years set out in the annex to Council resolution 1980/67 of 25 July 1980 will be complied with;

2. *Urges* that the proposals on a specific programme of measures and activities to be undertaken prior to and during the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless be adjusted in accordance with the availability of voluntary contributions;

3. *Further urges* that the main thrust of the specific programme of measures and activities to be undertaken prior to and during the Year be exerted at the national and local levels;

4. *Appeals* to all Governments, especially those of developed countries, and others in a position to do so, international financial institutions, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and others in the public and private sectors to extend generous financial and other appropriate support to the programme for the Year;

5. *Recommends* that provision be made in the agenda of each session of the Commission up to the year 1987 for such donors to indicate the nature and extent of the support which they propose to give to the programme for the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless.

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### **1982/47. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations and**

<sup>11</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 8 (A/37/8)*, annex I.

**assistance to the oppressed people of South Africa and their national liberation movement by agencies and institutions within the United Nations system**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having examined* the report of the Secretary-General<sup>12</sup> and the reports of the President of the Economic and Social Council concerning the items entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations"<sup>13</sup> and "Assistance to the oppressed people of South Africa and their national liberation movement by agencies and institutions within the United Nations system",<sup>14</sup>

*Having heard* the statements of the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and the Acting Chairman of the Special Committee against *Apartheid*,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and all other resolutions adopted by United Nations bodies on this subject, including in particular Assembly resolution 36/52 of 24 November 1981 and Council resolution 1981/54 of 22 July 1981,

*Reaffirming* the responsibility of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to take all effective measures, within their respective spheres of competence, to ensure the full and speedy implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and other relevant resolutions of United Nations bodies,

*Deeply conscious* of the continuing critical need of the people of Namibia and their national liberation movement, the South West Africa People's Organization, for concrete assistance from the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations in their struggle for liberation from the illegal occupation of their country by the racist minority regime in South Africa,

*Deeply concerned* that, while progress has been maintained through the continuing efforts of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in the extension of assistance to refugees from southern Africa, the action taken thus far by the organizations and agencies concerned in the provision of assistance generally to the people of Namibia is still far from adequate to meet their urgent and growing needs,

*Noting with satisfaction* the continuing efforts of the United Nations Development Programme in the extension of assistance to the national liberation movements concerned and commending the initiative taken by that

organization in establishing channels for closer, periodic contacts and consultations between the specialized agencies and United Nations institutions and the Organization of African Unity and the national liberation movements in the formulation of assistance programmes, including in particular the holding at Dar es Salaam, from 8 to 11 December 1981, of an Interagency Consultative Meeting on Assistance to African National Liberation Movements Recognized by the Organization of African Unity,

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

2. *Reaffirms* that the recognition by the General Assembly, the Security Council and other United Nations organs of the legitimacy of the struggle of colonial peoples to exercise their right to self-determination and independence entails, as a corollary, the extension by the United Nations system of organizations of all the necessary moral and material assistance to the peoples of the colonial territories and their national liberation movements;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those specialized agencies and organizations within the United Nations system which have continued to co-operate in varying degrees with the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity in the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and other relevant resolutions of United Nations bodies, and urges all the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to accelerate the full and speedy implementation of the relevant provisions of those resolutions;

4. *Requests* the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, in the light of the intensification of the liberation struggle in Namibia, to do everything possible as a matter of urgency to render, in consultation with the Organization of African Unity and the United Nations Council for Namibia, increased assistance to the people of Namibia, in particular in connection with the Nationhood Programme for Namibia;

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

6. *Requests further* the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council on the *apartheid* policy of the Government of South Africa, to intensify

<sup>12</sup> A/37/177 and Add.1 and 2.

<sup>13</sup> E/1982/65.

<sup>14</sup> E/1982/77.

their support for the oppressed people of South Africa and to take such measures as will isolate the *apartheid* regime and mobilize world public opinion against *apartheid*;

7. *Notes with satisfaction* the inclusion of Namibia, represented by the United Nations Council for Namibia, in the membership of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 36/121 D of 10 December 1981,<sup>15</sup> and urges the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system which have not yet granted full membership to the United Nations Council for Namibia to do so without delay;

8. *Notes with satisfaction* the arrangements made by several specialized agencies and United Nations institutions which enable representatives of the national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity to participate fully as observers in the proceedings relating to matters concerning their respective countries, and calls upon those international institutions which have not yet done so to follow this example and make the necessary arrangements without delay, including arrangements to defray the cost of the participation of those representatives;

9. *Recommends* that all Governments should intensify their efforts in the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system of which they are members to ensure the full and effective implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and other relevant resolutions of United Nations bodies;

10. *Urges* those specialized agencies and organizations within the United Nations system which have not already done so to include in the agenda of the regular meetings of their governing bodies a separate item on the progress made by those organizations in their implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and other relevant resolutions of United Nations bodies;

11. *Further urges* the executive heads of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to formulate, with the active co-operation of the Organization of African Unity, and to submit, as a matter of priority, to their governing and legislative organs concrete proposals for the full implementation of the relevant United Nations decisions;

12. *Draws the attention* of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to the present resolution and to the discussions on the subject at the second regular session of 1982 of the Council;

13. *Requests* the President of the Economic and Social Council to continue consultations on these matters with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the

Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and the Chairman of the Special Committee against *Apartheid* and to report thereon to the Council;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to follow the implementation of the present resolution and to report thereon to the Council at its second regular session of 1983;

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

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#### 1982/48. Assistance to the Palestinian people

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution ES-7/5 of 26 June 1982,

*Recalling further* Security Council resolution 512 (1982) of 19 June 1982,

*Expressing its deep alarm* at the Israeli invasion of Lebanon, which claimed the lives of a very large number of civilian Palestinians,

*Gravely concerned* at the Israeli destruction in Lebanon of Palestinian camps and other areas heavily inhabited by civilian Palestinians, together with their social and economic structures,

*Noting with deep concern* the dire need of the Palestinians in Lebanon for urgent humanitarian assistance as a result of the Israeli invasion,

*Referring* to the humanitarian principles of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949,<sup>16</sup> and to the obligations arising from the regulations annexed to the Hague Conventions of 1907,<sup>17</sup>

1. *Endorses* General Assembly resolution ES-7/5, in which the Assembly condemned Israel for its non-compliance with Security Council resolutions 508 (1982) of 5 June 1982 and 509 (1982) of 6 June 1982 and stressed its support for victims of the Israeli invasion of Lebanon, which inflicted severe damage on the civilian population, including the heavy loss of human lives and social and economic structures;

2. *Calls upon* all Governments to provide, as a matter of urgency, emergency assistance to the Palestinians in Lebanon;

3. *Urges* the relevant programmes, organizations, agencies and organs of the United Nations system to initiate and provide, in co-operation with the Palestine Liberation Organization, urgent humanitarian assistance to the Palestinians in Lebanon;

<sup>16</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 75, No. 973, p. 287.

<sup>17</sup> See Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, *The Hague Conventions and Declarations of 1899 and 1907* (New York, Oxford University Press, 1915).

<sup>15</sup> See Council decision 1982/110 of 16 April 1982.



4. *Calls upon* Israel to release civilians detained by the Israeli occupation army in Lebanon and to apply fully to the civilians the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War;

5. *Also calls upon* Israel to apply fully the Geneva Conventions to imprisoned combatants;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session and to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1983 on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

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**1982/49. Implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, particularly Assembly resolution 36/203 of 17 December 1981 and Council resolution 1981/55 of 22 July 1981,

*Recalling also* decision 82/27 of 18 June 1982 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme,<sup>18</sup>

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region,<sup>19</sup>

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region;

2. *Expresses its profound gratitude* to the Governments, agencies of the United Nations system, intergovernmental organizations, private organizations and individuals that have contributed to the implementation of the recovery, rehabilitation and development programme in the Sahel;

3. *Strongly urges* all Governments to make special efforts to increase the resources of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office through voluntary contributions, so as to enable the Office to respond more fully to the priority requirements of the Governments of the States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel;

4. *Notes with satisfaction* the arrangements made for joint undertakings by several United Nations organs, agencies and programmes with the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office so as to increase their assistance in response to requests from the Governments of the Sudano-Sahelian countries for the implementation of their recovery, rehabilitation and development programmes;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in his annual report on this question, to continue to keep the Economic and Social Council informed of the progress achieved in identifying and executing further joint undertakings to enhance the assistance of the United Nations system to the countries members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel.

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**1982/50. Revitalization of the Economic and Social Council**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

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

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

*Recalling further* General Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system,

*Recalling* Council resolutions 1156 (XLI) of 5 August 1966, 1622 (LI) and 1623 (LI) of 30 July 1971, 1768 (LIV) of 18 May 1973 and 1981/83 of 24 July 1981,

*Fully aware* of the urgent need to revitalize the Council in order to enable it, under the authority of the General Assembly, to exercise effectively its functions and powers as set out in the Charter of the United Nations and in relevant resolutions of the Assembly and the Council,

*Reaffirming* its desire to continue the process of the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system, and recognizing that the revitalization of the Council requires its continuous attention,

*Having considered* the note by the Secretary-General on the revitalization of the Economic and Social Council,<sup>20</sup>

*Having heard* statements by the President of the Economic and Social Council and by Member States on the revitalization of the Council as the principal organ of the United Nations under the Charter in the economic and social fields,

1. *Decides* to adopt, without prejudice to future decisions which the General Assembly or the Council may wish to take, the following measures concerning its programme and organization of work, and its documentation and calendar of meetings:

<sup>18</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1982, Supplement No. 6 (E/1982/16/Rev.1)*, annex I.

<sup>19</sup> A/37/209 and Add.1.

<sup>20</sup> E/1982/28.

(a) In formulating its biennial programme of work, the Council shall identify issues which will require its priority consideration, and shall organize its work in such a manner as to enable it to focus its attention on a limited number of carefully selected major policy issues, to be studied in depth with a view to elaborating concrete action-oriented recommendations; the Council shall, in this context, review at each of its regular sessions the programme of work for the ensuing session; it shall also decide on the manner in which it will consider those issues, including the possibility of devoting parts of its sessions to specific subjects or of convening, if necessary, special sessions, in accordance with rule 4 of its rules of procedure, to deal with specific subjects or issues;

(b) The Council shall assist in the preparation of the work of the General Assembly in the economic, social and related fields through the drawing up of suggestions, for consideration by the Assembly, regarding the latter's documentation and organization of work, and of recommendations for action by the Assembly on substantive issues;

(c) The Council shall consolidate similar or related issues under a single agenda item, in order to consider and to take action on them in an integrated manner;

(d) As part of its annual general discussion of international economic and social policy, including regional and sectoral developments, the Council may formulate appropriate conclusions and recommendations thereon addressed to the General Assembly, States Members of the United Nations and organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system concerned;

(e) The Council shall examine the relevant sections of the proposed medium-term plan and proposed programme budget of the United Nations on the basis of the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the matter, and shall submit its own recommendations thereon to the General Assembly;

(f) The Council shall enhance its role in co-ordinating the activities of the United Nations system in the economic and social sectors; in this context, it shall consider, on a cross-sectoral basis, the activities and programmes of the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, in order to ensure that the work programmes of the United Nations and its agencies are compatible and mutually complementary, and shall recommend to the General Assembly relative priorities for activities of the United Nations system in the economic and social fields; to that end, beginning at its second regular session of 1983, the Council shall review, every six years, selected major issues in the proposed medium-term plans of the organizations of the United Nations system;

(g) The Council shall, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/197, carry out comprehensive policy reviews of operational activities throughout the United Nations system, bearing in mind the need for balance, compatibility and conformity with the priorities established by the Assembly for the system as a whole; the Council shall undertake such a review in 1983 and every three years thereafter and shall submit its rec-

ommendations to the General Assembly, in order to assist and prepare the Assembly for its work in this regard, in accordance with Assembly resolution 35/81 of 5 December 1980;

(h) The Council shall henceforth also concentrate on the policy review and co-ordination of activities in the area of regional co-operation, particularly in respect of issues of common interest to all regions and matters relating to interregional co-operation;

(i) The Council shall review at its annual organizational session, in the context of its consideration of its draft basic programme of work, all its recurrent and other documentation requested under an existing legislative authority, in order to determine whether any document has become redundant, has lost its usefulness or could be issued at less frequent intervals; the Secretary-General is requested to submit his recommendations in this regard to the Council, together with the draft basic programme of work;

(j) All the subsidiary bodies of the Council are urged to exercise the utmost restraint in making requests of the Secretary-General for new reports and studies and to implement fully the provisions of the decisions of the Council and of the General Assembly with respect to the control and limitation of documentation;

(k) The Council shall henceforth begin its first regular session on the first Tuesday of May of each year;

(l) The Secretary-General is requested, in proposing future draft calendars of conferences, to ensure that meetings of subsidiary bodies of the Council, to the extent possible, will end at least eight weeks before the Council session at which their reports are to be considered; the Committee on Conferences is also requested to act accordingly;

(m) The Council shall, to the maximum extent possible, refrain from establishing new subsidiary bodies; it shall make every effort to meet the need for any new bodies by holding sessions as envisaged in paragraph 1 (a) above;

2. *Endorses* the recommendations of the Secretary-General as contained in the annex to the present resolution, and recommends to the General Assembly that it should also endorse those recommendations;

3. *Decides* to request the President of the Economic and Social Council to continue consultations with Member States on other questions relating to all aspects of the implementation of section II of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 and to report all the results of those consultations to the Council in 1983.

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#### ANNEX

##### **Recommendations of the Secretary-General concerning the revitalization of the Economic and Social Council**

1. The Economic and Social Council, at its annual organizational session, should decide on ways to consider all the reports which have been requested for submission to it and/or its subsidiary

machinery. In principle, all reports on subjects which are within the purview of an established subsidiary body should, in the first instance, be submitted to that body.<sup>21</sup> The subsidiary body should include, in a separate chapter in its report to the Council and/or the General Assembly, specific recommendations on issues requiring action by the Council and/or the Assembly. Such recommendations should, whenever appropriate, be in the form of draft resolutions and/or decisions for action by the Council and/or the Assembly.

2. As a general rule, all subsidiary bodies of the Council and the General Assembly should refrain from requesting the Secretary-General to submit reports directly to the Council and/or the Assembly. They should also refrain, to the extent possible, from transmitting reports submitted to them for consideration to the Council and/or the Assembly.

3. Accordingly, on all subjects covered by a subsidiary body, the Council should have before it, as a general rule, only the report of that subsidiary body. In the consideration of such reports, the Council should, in order to avoid repetitious debates, confine its consideration as far as possible to matters which require its guidance and decisions. The same procedure should also apply to the consideration of reports of subsidiary bodies of the Assembly which are transmitted through the Council.

4. The documentation and programme of work of the subsidiary bodies of the Council and the General Assembly should also be streamlined in order to enable them to perform effectively the functions entrusted to them. The Council and the Assembly should continue to review, in accordance with Council resolution 1979/41 of 10 May 1979 and Assembly resolution 34/50 of 23 November 1979, the provisional agenda for their subsidiary bodies, together with the list of requested documentation, in order, *inter alia*, to establish greater consistency in the overall request for documentation and its orderly consideration at the intergovernmental level, taking fully into account the medium-term plan and the programme budget. In doing so, the Council and the Assembly should also take into account the need for the consolidation of items and documentation for their subsidiary machinery.

5. In order to enable the Council and the General Assembly to have the necessary time to prepare for their work, the Assembly, as a general rule, should not request reports for submission to the Council at its first regular session of the following year. The Council, likewise, should refrain from requesting at its first regular session reports for submission to it at its second regular session.<sup>22</sup>

6. Reports on the progress of work for the information of the Council or the Assembly should, as a general rule, be presented orally rather than in written form.

### **1982/51. Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund**

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

Recalling General Assembly resolution 36/197 of 17 December 1981 and Council resolution 1981/56 of 22 July 1981, in which, *inter alia*, the principles and

<sup>21</sup> According to this principle, even when there are legislative mandates for the submission of Secretariat or expert reports directly to the Council or through the Council to the General Assembly, the Council should in the first instance transmit such reports to the subsidiary body concerned for consideration.

<sup>22</sup> For the same reason, it would also be desirable for the Council at its second regular session to avoid requesting reports for submission to the General Assembly in the same year. This rule, however, may need to be applied with some flexibility, since the Council considers different sets of issues at its first and second regular sessions, and also on account of possible administrative and financial implications requiring action by the Assembly.

guide-lines for the programme activities of the United Nations Children's Fund, as laid down by its Executive Board, in particular the field-oriented and action-oriented approach of the Fund, were reaffirmed,

*Having considered* the decisions and conclusions adopted by the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund at its session held at United Nations Headquarters from 10 to 21 May 1982,<sup>23</sup> in particular concerning the policy reviews on the co-operation of the Fund in urban basic services<sup>24</sup> and at intermediate and local levels in developing countries,<sup>25</sup>

*Deeply concerned* that the present global economic situation adversely affects both the ability of developing countries to implement plans for the extension of basic services to children and mothers and the level of contributions to the Fund and other organizations concerned for those purposes,

*Noting with appreciation* the exceptional efforts that have recently been made by certain Governments to increase their contributions to the Fund,

*Taking note* of the message<sup>26</sup> adopted by consensus by the Executive Board and addressed to the General Assembly at its second special session devoted to disarmament, in which the Board appealed for a reduction of expenditures on armaments so that a portion of the savings could be channelled through national or multinational programmes towards meeting the minimum needs of children everywhere,

*Aware* that significant progress can be made in alleviating the situation of children and mothers in developing countries with relatively modest increases in contributions to the Fund and to other organizations sharing similar concern, pending progress in the implementation of the new international economic order,

1. *Endorses* the policies, actions and conclusions of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund as adopted at its session held from 10 to 21 May 1982;

2. *Commends* the Executive Director and the secretariat of the Fund for their energetic and imaginative efforts to enlarge the income of the Fund during the past year;

3. *Also commends* all organizations concerned in supporting the activities of the Fund, notably the National Committees for the Fund and the co-operating non-governmental organizations, as well as other organizations of the United Nations system, and urges them to intensify such co-operation;

4. *Expresses its appreciation* to Governments that have responded to the needs of the Fund and hopes that more Member States will follow their example;

5. *Appeals* to all Governments to increase their contributions, if possible on a multi-year basis, so that,

<sup>23</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1982, Supplement No. 7 (E/1982/17)*.

<sup>24</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 33.

<sup>25</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 52.

<sup>26</sup> *Ibid.*, annex I.

in the current global economic situation, the Fund may be able to strengthen its co-operation with developing countries and respond to the urgent needs of the children in those countries.

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**1982/52. Second Intergovernmental Conference  
on Strategies and Policies for Informatics**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1978/43 of 1 August 1978 on the application of computer science and technology to development, in which it invited the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, in co-operation with the Director-General of the Intergovernmental Bureau for Informatics, to report to the Economic and Social Council on the results of the Intergovernmental Conference on Strategies and Policies for Informatics, held at Torremolinos, Spain, from 28 August to 6 September 1978,

*Recalling also* its resolution 1979/73 of 3 August 1979, in which it invited the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, in co-operation with the Intergovernmental Bureau for Informatics, to continue to carry out programmes adopted by them in support of the recommendations of the Intergovernmental Conference on Strategies and Policies for Informatics,

*Recalling further* its resolution 1981/52 of 22 July 1981, in which it took note of the decision of the General Assembly of the Intergovernmental Bureau for Informatics to convene a second intergovernmental conference on strategies and policies for informatics at Havana in June 1983,

*Having considered* the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the Second Intergovernmental Conference on Strategies and Policies for Informatics<sup>27</sup> and having heard the oral report of the representative of the Intergovernmental Bureau for Informatics,

*Emphasizing* the crucial importance of informatics for the development of all countries and the need to assist the developing countries in their efforts to apply its results for their economic and social development, and conscious of the importance of a Second Conference for that purpose,

*Gratified* by the consultations between the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Director-General of the Intergovernmental Bureau for Informatics regarding co-operation for the holding of the Second Conference, which has been postponed by the interested parties,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational,

<sup>27</sup> E/1982/89 and Add.1.

Scientific and Cultural Organization and the oral report of the representative of the Intergovernmental Bureau for Informatics on the Second Intergovernmental Conference on Strategies and Policies for Informatics;

2. *Invites* the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Director-General of the Intergovernmental Bureau for Informatics to continue their consultations, with a view to determining the most appropriate arrangements for co-operation, within the framework of the relations existing between the two organizations, so as to guarantee the full success of the Conference.

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**1982/53. Report of the Governing Council  
of the United Nations Development Programme**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Reaffirming* the importance of technical co-operation in the United Nations system and the central role of the United Nations Development Programme in its funding and co-ordination,

*Reaffirming* the basic principles of universality and of the voluntary nature of the Programme, as stated, in particular, in General Assembly resolutions 1240 (XIII) of 14 October 1958, 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 and 3405 (XXX) of 28 November 1975,

*Taking note* of decision 82/11 of 18 June 1982 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme<sup>28</sup> on the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries,

*Having considered* the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme for the year 1982,<sup>29</sup>

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme for the year 1982, and of decisions contained in annex I thereto;

2. *Expresses its serious concern* at the alarming decline in the rate of growth of the resources of the United Nations Development Programme, which threatens its effectiveness with respect to the third programming cycle, 1982-1986, as well as the full implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries;<sup>30</sup>

3. *Takes note* of decision 82/5 of 18 June 1982 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme,<sup>28</sup> by which the Governing Council reaffirmed

<sup>28</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1982, Supplement No. 6 (E/1982/16/Rev.1)*, annex I.

<sup>29</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1982, Supplement No. 6 (E/1982/16/Rev.1)*.

<sup>30</sup> *Report of the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Paris, 1-14 September 1981* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.82.I.8), part one, sect. A.

its decisions 80/30 of 26 June 1980<sup>31</sup> and 81/16 of 27 June 1981,<sup>32</sup> including, in particular, those provisions relating to the indicative planning figures, the assumed overall average annual rate of growth of voluntary contributions and the level of resources envisaged for the third programming cycle for the purposes of forward planning;

4. *Welcomes* the establishment of an intersessional committee of the whole to study options and recommendations for the longer-term financing of the United Nations Development Programme and for strengthening the effectiveness of the work of the Governing Council;<sup>33</sup>

5. *Appeals* to all Governments, in particular those whose previous contributions may have been below their capacity to pledge, to increase their voluntary contributions, starting with the 1982 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities, so as to achieve an overall average annual rate of growth of 14 per cent for the third programming cycle, as envisaged by the Governing Council in its decision 80/30;

6. *Urges* all States, particularly donor countries, international financial institutions in a position to do so and other multilateral financial institutions to make all possible efforts with a view to contributing substantially and effectively to the Special Measures Fund for the Least Developed Countries of the United Nations Development Programme and to the United Nations Capital Development Fund, as well as through other suitable channels for the benefit of the least developed countries, in order to assist in ensuring the timely and full implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action;

7. *Endorses* the invitation of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to the General Assembly to consider, during its thirty-seventh session, the financial situation of the Programme and the need to sustain technical assistance to developing countries through the Programme in the light of the outcome of the 1982 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities;<sup>34</sup>

8. *Welcomes* decision 82/8 of 18 June 1982 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme,<sup>35</sup> designed to promote government execution of projects assisted by the Programme;

9. *Invites* Governments of recipient countries and urges all organizations of the United Nations system to facilitate the role of the resident co-ordinator in strengthening the co-ordination of all United Nations technical assistance activities in accordance with the consensus of 1970<sup>35</sup> and in carrying out the tasks assigned to him or her by the General Assembly in its resolutions

32/197 of 20 December 1977, 33/202 of 29 January 1979 and 34/213 of 19 December 1979;

10. *Reaffirms* the need for the United Nations Development Programme and its executing agencies to review their operational support systems, working methods, arrangements and staffing, with a view to bringing about significant reductions in overall support costs, in order to make more resources available to meet the assistance requirements of developing countries.

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## 1982/54. Transport and Communications Decade in Africa

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 1979/61 of 3 August 1979, 1980/46 of 23 July 1980 and 1981/67 of 24 July 1981 on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,

*Noting* the decision by which the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning, at its first session, held at Addis Ababa from 9 to 12 May 1979, adopted the global strategy for the implementation of the programme for the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa, and the programme of action for the first phase (1980-1983) of the Decade,<sup>36</sup>

*Noting further* resolution CM/Res. 889 (XXXVII) on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa, adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity at its thirty-seventh ordinary session, held at Nairobi from 15 to 26 June 1981,<sup>37</sup>

*Recalling* the decision by which the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning, at its second session, held at Addis Ababa from 16 to 18 March 1981, authorized the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to organize four consultative technical meetings between member States, interested African intergovernmental organizations and donors,<sup>38</sup>

*Recalling also* General Assembly resolutions 35/108 of 5 December 1980 and 36/177 of 17 December 1981 concerning the organization of consultative technical meetings with a view to mobilizing additional financial resources for the financing of the programme for the Decade,

*Referring* to resolution 422 (XVI) of 10 April 1981 of the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa,<sup>39</sup> in which the Conference in the main requested the Commission to continue to monitor the progress in the implementation of the programme for the first phase

<sup>31</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1980, Supplement No. 12 (E/1980/42/Rev.1)*, chap. XI.

<sup>32</sup> *Ibid.*, 1981, *Supplement No. 11 (E/1981/61/Rev.1)*, annex I.

<sup>33</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1982, Supplement No. 6 (E/1982/16/Rev.1)*, annex I, decision 82/5, sect. II.

<sup>34</sup> *Ibid.*, sect. I.

<sup>35</sup> General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV), annex.

<sup>36</sup> See E/1979/77, part VI, resolutions ECA/UNTACDA/Res.79/1 and 3.

<sup>37</sup> See A/36/534, annex I.

<sup>38</sup> See E/CN.14/812.

<sup>39</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement No. 14 (E/1981/54)*, chap. IV.

of the Decade, to update the programme, to organize four consultative technical meetings and to undertake the preparation of the plan of action for the second phase (1984-1988) of the Decade,

*Referring also* to resolution 435 (XVII) of 30 April 1982 of the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa,<sup>40</sup> in which the Conference requested the Executive Secretary to monitor the follow-up to the first four consultative technical meetings and recommended that a fifth meeting should be organized for the countries of North Africa, East Africa and the islands of the Indian Ocean,

*Considering* that sustained efforts should be made to mobilize additional resources, in order to ensure the implementation of the programme for the Decade,

*Conscious* of the role which the Economic Commission for Africa plays as the lead agency in the implementation of the programme for the Decade,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa;<sup>41</sup>

2. *Notes with satisfaction* the progress thus far made concerning the implementation of the first phase (1980-1983) of the Decade and the encouraging results of the four consultative technical meetings, held at Lomé from 8 to 11 June 1981, Ouagadougou from 20 to 23 January 1982, Yaoundé from 15 to 17 March 1982 and Abidjan from 3 to 5 May 1982;

3. *Further notes with appreciation* the contribution made by certain countries towards the implementation of the programme for the Decade;

4. *Appeals* to donor countries, financing organs and various financial institutions to increase their financial support to the programme for the Decade, in view of the fact that the total volume of the resources thus far mobilized is well below the amount required to finance the whole of the programme for the first phase;

5. *Requests* the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to organize, during the second half of 1983, a fifth consultative technical meeting on roads, maritime transport and ports for the countries of North Africa, East Africa and the islands of the Indian Ocean;

6. *Appeals once again* to donor countries and financing institutions to participate fully and positively in the fifth consultative technical meeting;

7. *Requests* the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to maintain good co-ordination between the financing sources and the African countries, in order to monitor the follow-up to the four consultative technical meetings by closely assisting the countries in their contacts with donors and in formulating and presenting their requests for financing;

8. *Notes* the measures taken by the Executive Secretary of the Commission with regard to the preparation

of the plan of action for the second phase (1984-1988) of the Decade and requests him to submit a report on its preparation to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1983;

9. *Further notes* the establishment of the Inter-Agency Co-ordinating Committee, comprising the African Development Bank, the African Postal and Telecommunications Union, the Economic Commission for Africa, the International Telecommunication Union, the Organization of African Unity, the Pan-African Telecommunications Union, the Union of National Radio and Television Organizations of Africa and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, with a view to harmonizing and co-ordinating studies for the prompt implementation of the project on a regional satellite communication system for Africa;

10. *Reiterates* its request to the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to continue to intensify his efforts with a view to assisting the Inter-Agency Co-ordinating Committee in the study on the regional satellite communication system for Africa, and to give assistance to African States in the full implementation of the programme for the first phase of the Decade;

11. *Requests* the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session to provide the Economic Commission for Africa with financial and other resources, using, *inter alia*, extra-budgetary funds and existing resources to the maximum extent possible, to enable it to hold the fifth consultative technical meeting scheduled for 1983, to complete the preparation of the plan of action for the second phase of the Decade and to fulfil efficiently its role as the lead agency for the implementation of the programme for the Decade.

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#### **1982/55. Implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, particularly Assembly resolutions 34/187 of 18 December 1979, 35/72 of 5 December 1980 and 36/190 of 17 December 1981 and Council resolution 1981/72 of 24 July 1981,

*Recalling also* decision 10/18 of 31 May 1982 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme<sup>42</sup> and decision 82/26 of 18 June 1982 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme,<sup>43</sup>

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

<sup>40</sup> *Ibid.*, 1982, Supplement No. 11 (E/1982/21), chap. V.

<sup>41</sup> A/37/296.

<sup>42</sup> See E/1982/L.42, annex.

<sup>43</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1982, Supplement No. 6 (E/1982/16/Rev.1)*, annex I.

*Having considered* the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification,<sup>44</sup> and the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its tenth session,<sup>45</sup>

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;

2. *Expresses its satisfaction* at the progress made by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, on behalf of the United Nations Environment Programme, in assisting the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region in the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification<sup>46</sup> in a joint venture between the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Development Programme;

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

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

5. *Strongly urges* all Governments to intensify their assistance in response to the priority requirements of the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region in the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification.

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## **1982/56. International co-operation on the environment**

### *The Economic and Social Council,*

*Bearing in mind* the importance which the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade<sup>47</sup> attaches to an ecologically sustainable development process and the need for further international co-operation in the field of the environment, and taking into account the fact that environmental considerations should be viewed in the context of national

plans and priorities and development objectives of all countries, in particular the developing countries,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 36/192 of 17 December 1981, in which the Assembly reaffirmed the catalytic mandate and role of the United Nations Environment Programme and stressed the need for additional resources to be made available to the Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme for the developing countries to deal with their most serious environmental problems, such as soil degradation and deforestation, which are examples of very severe deterioration of natural resources that call for particular attention,

*Noting with satisfaction* from the introductory statement of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme and from statements made during the general discussion of the question at the second regular session of 1982 of the Economic and Social Council that the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme, at its session of a special character, which was held at Nairobi from 10 to 18 May 1982 to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, adopted the Nairobi Declaration,<sup>48</sup> supporting and supplementing the Declaration of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment,<sup>49</sup> stressed the need to intensify efforts at every level to protect and improve the environment, identified major environmental trends to be acted upon over the next decade, and fixed priorities for action by the United Nations system to deal with them and, within these priorities, the areas in which the United Nations Environment Programme should concentrate its efforts,

*Having considered* the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its tenth session,<sup>50</sup>

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its tenth session and transmits it to the General Assembly for consideration and action with regard to the decisions contained in the annex thereto;

2. *Also takes note with satisfaction* of decision 10/4 of 31 May 1982 of the Governing Council<sup>51</sup> on environment and development, particularly its emphasis on technical co-operation among developing countries;

3. *Welcomes* decision 10/26 of 31 May 1982 of the Governing Council<sup>51</sup> concerning the provision of a mechanism within the Programme for assisting developing countries in dealing with their serious environmental problems in line with the co-ordinating and catalytic role of the Programme, expresses its appreciation to those Governments that have pledged to provide tech-

<sup>48</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/37/25)*, part one, annex II.

<sup>49</sup> *Report of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, Stockholm, 5-16 June 1972* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.73.II.A.14 and corrigendum), chap. I.

<sup>50</sup> E/1982/L.42. For the full report, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/37/25)*.

<sup>51</sup> *Ibid.*, part one, annex I.

<sup>44</sup> UNEP/GC.10/9 and Corr.1 and UNEP/GC.10/9/Add.1.

<sup>45</sup> E/1982/L.42. For the full report, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/37/25)*.

<sup>46</sup> A/CONF.74/36, chap. I.

<sup>47</sup> General Assembly resolution 35/56, annex.



nical assistance and/or additional financial resources to that mechanism, urges other Governments in a position to do so to take similar steps, and calls upon potential donors and recipients to co-operate fully with the Programme to ensure the successful implementation of Governing Council decision 10/26;

4. *Welcomes* the adoption by the Governing Council, in its decision 10/21 of 31 May 1982,<sup>51</sup> of the programme for the development and periodic review of environmental law,<sup>52</sup> expresses the hope that the programme will be implemented in a manner commensurate with the importance attached to it by the Governing Council, and calls upon Governments, United Nations organizations and bodies and intergovernmental organizations outside the United Nations system, as well as non-governmental organizations active in the field of the environment, to co-operate fully with the United Nations Environment Programme in the implementation of the programme;

5. *Takes note* of the progress report on co-operation in the field of the environment concerning natural resources shared by two or more States,<sup>53</sup> and transmits it to the General Assembly, pursuant to Assembly resolution 34/186 of 18 December 1979, and in this context endorses section VI of decision 10/14 of 31 May 1982 of the Governing Council;<sup>51</sup>

6. *Considers* that the System-wide Medium-term Environment Programme for 1984-1989<sup>54</sup> could be a useful means to ensure better co-ordination within the United Nations system in the field of the environment, welcomes decision 10/13 of 31 May 1982 of the Governing Council,<sup>51</sup> in which it approved the structure and objectives of the System-wide Medium-term Environment Programme and endorsed the environmental trends and proposed priorities for action by the United Nations system, urges other organizations of the United Nations system to continue their close co-operation with the United Nations Environment Programme in the further refinement and implementation of the System-wide Programme, and appeals to Governments to continue to give support to the development and implementation of that Programme and to take the necessary decisions in this regard in the appropriate governing bodies of organizations in the United Nations system;

7. *Stresses* the importance it attaches to the development of the Environmental Perspective to the year 2000 and beyond, and notes that the Executive Director will submit a report thereon to the Governing Council at its eleventh session;

8. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Governing Council on the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification<sup>55</sup> and transmits it to the General Assembly for consideration;

9. *Expresses its serious concern* at, on the one hand, the persistence and aggravation of the desertification process and, on the other, the rate at which the Plan

of Action to Combat Desertification<sup>56</sup> is being implemented, urges all Governments, organizations of the United Nations system, other intergovernmental bodies and non-governmental and all other organizations to increase their efforts to prevent and combat desertification in order to accelerate progress in implementing the recommendations of the Plan of Action, and calls upon all Governments to consider seriously the urgent need for additional resources to finance its implementation;

10. *Recommends* that the General Assembly should invite the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme to present its views on the implementation in the Eastern and Southern African Subregion of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification and to advise on the necessity or the possibility of the establishment of institutional machinery responsible for combating drought and desertification in that sub-region;

11. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to include the pertinent financial implications in his report to the Governing Council at its eleventh session on the progress in the implementation of Governing Council decision 10/2 of 31 May 1982<sup>51</sup> on the regional presence of the Programme;

12. *Expresses its appreciation* to Governments that have contributed to the Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme for the first time and to those that continue to contribute generously to it, particularly those that have maintained or increased the real value of their contributions;

13. *Reiterates* its appeals and those of the General Assembly at different sessions to Governments to increase their contributions to the Fund and appeals to all Governments that have not yet pledged contributions thereto for the years 1982 and 1983 to do so as soon as possible.

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#### **1982/57. Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

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

*Bearing in mind* the decision by which the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning, at its first session, held at Addis Ababa from 9 to 12 May 1979, adopted the global strategy for the implementation of the programme for the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa, and the programme of action for the first phase (1980-1983) of the Decade,<sup>57</sup>

<sup>52</sup> See UNEP/GC.10/5/Add.2 and Corr.1 and 2.

<sup>53</sup> UNEP/GC.10/8 and Corr.1 and 2 and UNEP/GC.10/8/Add.1.

<sup>54</sup> UNEP/GC.9/7.

<sup>55</sup> UNEP/GC.10/9 and Corr.1 and UNEP/GC.10/9/Add.1.

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

<sup>57</sup> See E/1979/77, part VI, resolutions ECA/UNTACDA/Res.79/1 and 3.



Also bearing in mind the decision adopted by the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning at its second session, held at Addis Ababa from 16 to 18 March 1981, with regard to the updating of the programme for the first phase and the preparation of the plan of action for the second phase (1984-1988) of the Decade,<sup>58</sup>

Noting that the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning, at its second session, retained the feasibility study on the crossing of the Strait of Gibraltar,

Conscious of the role of the Economic Commission for Africa in the implementation of the programme for the Decade,

Taking into account the favourable decisions on the permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar taken respectively by the Third Conference on African Roads, held at Abidjan in October 1976, the Thirteenth Permanent Transport Conference of Arab Countries, held at Cairo in February 1977, and the Fourth Conference on African Roads, held at Nairobi in January 1980,

Convinced of the importance of the permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar for the political, cultural, economic and social relations between Africa and Europe,

Taking note of the existence of a co-ordinating committee for the monitoring of the construction of the permanent link project,

Noting further that the Economic Commission for Europe is following with interest the work regarding the establishment of a permanent link between Europe and Africa and that it has not yet taken a final decision on the matter,

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

(a) To prepare a synthesis and an evaluation of the various studies and reports currently available throughout the world regarding such links, particularly studies on the proposed link through the Strait of Gibraltar;

(b) To identify, on that basis, the problems related to ensuring a permanent link between the European road network and that of the region of the Economic Commission for Africa, with a view to submitting proposals and recommendations to the regional commissions and Governments concerned for possible further action, and to report to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1983;

2. Requests the Secretary-General, within existing resources, to support the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe in the most appropriate manner in the implementation of this task.

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<sup>58</sup> See E/CN.14/812.

## 1982/58. Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee of the Economic Commission for Latin America

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling that the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee was established in 1975 by the Economic Commission for Latin America to act as a co-ordinating body for activities relating to development and co-operation and as a consultative organ of the Commission,

Noting that the Committee drew up at its annual sessions a work programme, which was subsequently endorsed by the Commission at its biennial sessions, in particular its seventeenth session, held at Guatemala City from 25 April to 5 May 1977,<sup>59</sup> its eighteenth session, held at La Paz from 18 to 26 April 1979,<sup>60</sup> and its nineteenth session, held at Montevideo from 4 to 15 May 1981,<sup>61</sup>

Considering that the Committee, at its fifth session, held at Kingston, Jamaica, from 4 to 10 June 1980, approved a series of urgent projects within the framework of that work programme,<sup>62</sup>

Recalling that the Committee of the Whole of the Commission, at its fourteenth special session, held in New York on 20 November 1980, endorsed that work programme, including the supplementary resources required for 1981, and the additional resources which would be required for the biennium 1982-1983 in order to ensure its implementation,<sup>63</sup>

Bearing in mind Council resolution 1980/56 of 24 July 1980, by which the Council requested the Secretary-General to make appropriate provision for the implementation of those priority projects and for the strengthening of the secretariat of the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee in his supplementary budget estimates for 1981 for consideration by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly in the course of the thirty-fifth session of the Assembly, bearing in mind that the implementation of such projects constituted an urgent need,

Noting with appreciation that an additional appropriation for the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee of \$128,100<sup>64</sup> was approved by the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session, thus providing the necessary resources to implement the work programme for the biennium 1980-1981,

Conscious of the fact that the additional resources required for the implementation of that work programme in the biennium 1982-1983 were not included in the presentation of the Secretary-General to the

<sup>59</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 11 (E/5945)*.

<sup>60</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1979, Supplement No. 16 (E/1979/51)*, vol. I.

<sup>61</sup> *Ibid.*, 1981, *Supplement No. 16 (E/1981/56)*.

<sup>62</sup> See E/CEPAL/G.1133.

<sup>63</sup> See E/CEPAL/G.1142.

<sup>64</sup> See A/C.5/35/23/Add.1 and Corr.1.

appropriate intergovernmental organs, as a result of the policy of zero growth of the United Nations budget for that biennium,

*Noting further* that the Committee, at its sixth session, held at St. George's, Grenada, from 4 to 10 November 1981 and at United Nations Headquarters on 3 and 4 February 1982, adopted resolution 10 (VI),<sup>65</sup> in which the Committee stressed once again the importance it attaches to the strengthening of its secretariat,

*Conscious* of the fact that, without supplementary appropriations for 1983, the implementation of the work programme of the Committee will be greatly delayed,

1. *Takes note* of the determination of Governments of States members of the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee, expressed at its fifth and sixth sessions, to pursue activities aimed at strengthening its secretariat, including those measures recommended by the Joint Inspection Unit;<sup>66</sup>

2. *Takes note also* of the additional resources required for the biennium 1982-1983 in order to carry out the work programme of the Committee, as set out in the report on its sixth session;<sup>67</sup>

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consider the possibility of finding, through an internal reallocation of resources within the programme budget for the biennium 1982-1983, the additional resources required in 1983 to enable the Committee to carry out its programme of work;

4. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to consider, within the framework of his general budget policy, which is at present one of no real growth in the regular budget, the inclusion in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1984-1985 of the additional resources requested by the Committee at its sixth session.

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#### **1982/59. International assistance to the flood-stricken areas of Democratic Yemen**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1982/6 of 28 April 1982, concerning the extensive devastation caused by the recent floods in Democratic Yemen,

*Noting with satisfaction* the prompt relief assistance rendered by Member States and agencies of the United Nations system, as well as by regional and international organizations,

*Taking note* of the detailed assessment of the extent and nature of the damage caused by the floods, as con-

<sup>65</sup> See E/CEPAL/G.1202, sect. IV.

<sup>66</sup> See JIU/REP/80/13; transmitted to the General Assembly under the symbols A/36/102 and Corr.1.

<sup>67</sup> E/CEPAL/G.1202, para. 214.

tained in the report prepared by the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator,<sup>68</sup>

*Considering* that Democratic Yemen, being one of the least developed countries, is unable to sustain the mounting burden of providing prompt and adequate food and shelter for the large number of people made homeless by the floods and of undertaking rehabilitation and reconstruction measures in the affected areas,

1. *Endorses* the request contained in resolution 107 (IX) of 11 May 1982 of the Economic Commission for Western Asia<sup>69</sup> for the urgent establishment of a programme for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the flood-stricken areas of Democratic Yemen;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures to assist the Government of Democratic Yemen in the preparation of a comprehensive programme for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the affected areas within the framework of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries;<sup>70</sup>

3. *Urgently appeals* to States Members of the United Nations, as well as to regional and international organizations, to contribute generously to the funding of the rehabilitation and reconstruction programme and to participate actively in its implementation;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit an oral report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session,

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#### **1982/60. Expansion of the conference facilities of the Economic Commission for Africa at Addis Ababa**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 2616 (XXIV) of 17 December 1969 and 2745 (XXV) of 17 December 1970, in which the inadequacy of the conference facilities at the headquarters of the Economic Commission for Africa and the responsibility of States Members of the United Nations for the solution of that problem were recognized,

*Recalling also* Council resolution 1981/65 of 24 July 1981, in which the Council recommended that the General Assembly should request the Secretary-General to study the adequacy of existing conference facilities at the headquarters of the Economic Commission for Africa to meet the demands thereon as a result of its enlarged membership and increased activities,

<sup>68</sup> E/ECWA/156.

<sup>69</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1982, Supplement No. 12 (E/1982/22)*, chap. IV.

<sup>70</sup> *Report of the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Paris, 1-14 September 1981* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.82.I.8), part one, sect. A.

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 36/176 of 17 December 1981, in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to report the findings of the study, together with his suggestions, through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1982, to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session,

Taking note of resolution 454 (XVII) of 30 April 1982 of the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa,<sup>71</sup> in which the Conference recommended that the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1982, should take all necessary measures to ensure that the General Assembly, at its thirty-seventh session, would approve the project and make the necessary provision so that construction work could begin in 1983,

1. Takes note of the preliminary report of the Secretary-General on the expansion of the conference facilities of the Economic Commission for Africa at Addis Ababa;<sup>72</sup>

2. Requests the Secretary-General to submit, as a matter of urgency, his final report to the Economic and Social Council at its resumed second regular session of 1982;

3. Invites the General Assembly to consider at its thirty-seventh session the final report of the Secretary-General and the comments formulated thereon by the Economic and Social Council during its resumed second regular session of 1982, and to take all appropriate action.

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#### **1982/61. Particular problems facing Zaire with regard to transport, transit and access to foreign markets**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

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

Referring also to General Assembly resolutions 34/193 of 19 December 1979, 35/59 of 5 December 1980 and 36/139 of 16 December 1981 on particular problems facing Zaire with regard to transport, transit and access to foreign markets,

Recalling resolution 110 (V) of 3 June 1979, adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its fifth session, held at Manila from 7 May to 3 June 1979,<sup>73</sup>

<sup>71</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1982, Supplement No. 11 (E/1982/21)*, chap. V.

<sup>72</sup> E/1982/83.

<sup>73</sup> See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Fifth Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.79.II.D.14), part one, sect. A.

Recalling also Council decision 249 (LXIII) of 25 July 1977 and Council resolution 1981/68 of 24 July 1981, as well as resolution 293 (XIII) of 26 February 1977 of the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa,<sup>74</sup>

Aware of the fact that, until a durable solution is found to the particular problems facing Zaire with regard to transport and transit, its external trade and its economy will continue to be seriously affected,

1. Takes note of the report of the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa on particular problems facing Zaire with regard to transport, transit and access to foreign markets<sup>75</sup> and of activities carried out to date concerning the search for solutions to the transport and transit problems facing Zaire, particularly measures taken by the Commission regarding the timetable for the activities to be undertaken;

2. Approves the proposal of the Commission to organize a round-table meeting in 1983 with donor countries and financing agencies for Zaire's transport and transit projects;

3. Appeals to donor countries and financing agencies to participate in a positive manner in the round-table meeting;

4. Requests the Secretary-General, within existing financial resources, to make available to the Economic Commission for Africa the resources required to organize a round-table technical consultative meeting with donor countries and to accelerate the implementation of the relevant resolutions of the Council and the General Assembly;

5. Also requests the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to submit a report on particular problems facing Zaire with regard to transport, transit and access to foreign markets to the Council at its second regular session of 1983.

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#### **1982/62. Financing of the Multinational Programming and Operational Centres of the Economic Commission for Africa on an established basis**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 32/197 of 20 December 1977 and 33/202 of 29 January 1979 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system, in particular the designation therein of the regional commissions as, *inter alia*, the main general economic and social development centres within the United Nations system for their respective regions, having responsibility for the promotion of subregional and regional co-operation,

<sup>74</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 7 (E/5941 and Add.1)*, vol. I, part III.

<sup>75</sup> E/1982/78.

*Bearing in mind* resolution 311 (XIII) of 1 March 1977 of the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa,<sup>76</sup> by which the Conference established the Multinational Programming and Operational Centres to foster sectoral and subregional integration,

*Recognizing* the prominent role assigned to subregional and regional economic integration in the Lagos Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Monrovia Strategy for the Economic Development of Africa,<sup>77</sup> as a means towards achieving the establishment of an African economic community by the year 2000,

*Recognizing also* that the Multinational Programming and Operational Centres constitute an integral part of the Economic Commission for Africa, through which the Commission effectively carries out certain parts of the mandate set forth in its terms of reference,<sup>78</sup> and that they serve as the principal mechanism of the Commission for fostering economic and technical co-operation at the subregional level in Africa,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 35/64 of 5 December 1980 on special measures for the social and economic development of Africa in the 1980s,

*Recalling also* General Assembly resolution 36/178 of 17 December 1981, in which the Assembly called for a report by the Secretary-General on the financing of the Multinational Programming and Operational Centres on an established basis,

*Taking into account* the views, expressed by the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa in its resolution 450 (XVII) of 30 April 1982,<sup>79</sup> concerning the need to correct the present situation regarding the inadequacy of the human and financial resources available to the Centres, as a result of which their very existence is threatened,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the financing, on an established basis, of the Multinational Programming and Operational Centres of the Economic Commission for Africa,<sup>80</sup> prepared pursuant to General Assembly resolution 36/178,

1. *Takes note with interest* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financing, on an established basis, of the Multinational Programming and Operational Centres of the Economic Commission for Africa;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme for having requested the Administrator of the Programme to continue to provide the support of the Programme to the five Multinational Programming and Operational Centres during the whole of the third programming cycle, 1982-1986,<sup>81</sup> which is in accordance with the re-

commendation contained in paragraph 50 of the report of the Secretary-General;

3. *Renews its call* to other organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, as well as inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations, to give their fullest support to the activities of the Multinational Programming and Operational Centres of the Economic Commission for Africa;

4. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General to explore further ways and means of ensuring substantial increases in contributions from extrabudgetary sources, including bilateral donors;

5. *Takes note* of the financial support being given to the Multinational Programming and Operational Centres by States members of the Economic Commission for Africa through voluntary contributions to the United Nations Trust Fund for African Development and through facilities of the Governments of the host countries, and urges those States, where possible, to increase such contributions;

6. *Invites* the General Assembly to examine, at its thirty-seventh session, the proposals contained in paragraphs 47 to 49 of the report of the Secretary-General concerning regular budget financial resources, with a view to arriving at a decision on the funding of the Multinational Programming and Operational Centres on an established basis, bearing in mind, *inter alia*, the action taken on this question by the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa.

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### **1982/63. Regional programming, operations, restructuring and decentralization issues with respect to the Economic Commission for Africa**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975, by which, *inter alia*, the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Restructuring of the Economic and Social Sectors of the United Nations System was established,

*Recalling further* General Assembly resolutions 32/197 of 20 December 1977, 33/202 of 29 January 1979 and 34/206 of 19 December 1979 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system,

*Mindful* of the terms of reference of the Economic Commission for Africa, in which it is stated, *inter alia*, that the Commission shall participate in measures for facilitating concerted action for the economic development of Africa, including its social aspects, with a view to raising the level of economic activity and levels of living in Africa, and shall assist in the formulation and development of co-ordinated policies as a basis for practical action in promoting economic and technological development in the region,<sup>82</sup>

<sup>76</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 7 (E/5941 and Add.1), vol. I, part III.*

<sup>77</sup> A/S-11/14, annex I.

<sup>78</sup> E/CN.14/111/Rev.8.

<sup>79</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1982, Supplement No. 11 (E/1982/21), chap. V.*

<sup>80</sup> E/1982/70 and Corr.1.

<sup>81</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1982, Supplement No. 6 (E/1982/16/Rev.1), annex I, decision 82/4, sect. IV.*

<sup>82</sup> See E/CN.14/111/Rev.8.

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Economic Commission for Africa: regional programming, operations, restructuring and decentralization issues",<sup>83</sup> which is one of a number of studies on progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 32/197, and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon,<sup>84</sup>

1. Takes note of the recommendations contained in the report of the Joint Inspection Unit;

2. Approves the comments of the Secretary-General on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit;

3. Decides to examine further the restructuring and decentralization issues, taking into account the comments of the Secretary-General;

4. Appeals to organizations of the United Nations system, in the context of the present resolution, to assist Governments of African States, within the framework of their country programming process, in incorporating the goals and objectives of the Lagos Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Monrovia Strategy for the Economic Development of Africa<sup>85</sup> in their sectoral country programmes and projects, and in adapting them to subregional and regional priorities, and stresses the role of the resident co-ordinators in Africa in this respect;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to take appropriate measures with regard to the recommendations contained in the report of the Joint Inspection Unit, in particular those which are urgent and require priority, and to report thereon to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1983;

6. Requests the General Assembly to consider appropriate measures to ensure the effective and efficient implementation of the above-mentioned measures, and requests the Secretary-General to submit a progress report on the implementation of the present resolution through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1984 to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session.

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#### **1982/64. Establishment of a Standing Committee for the Programme of the Economic Commission for Western Asia**

*The Economic and Social Council*

1. Endorses resolution 114 (IX) of 12 May 1982 of the Economic Commission for Western Asia<sup>86</sup> and decides to establish within the Commission a Standing Committee

<sup>83</sup> JIU/REP/82/1; transmitted to the General Assembly by a note of the Secretary-General (A/37/119).

<sup>84</sup> E/1982/L.44. Subsequently transmitted to the General Assembly in final form under the symbol A/37/119/Add.1.

<sup>85</sup> A/S-11/14, annex I.

<sup>86</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1982, Supplement No. 12 (E/1982/22)*, chap. I.

for the Programme, composed of all members of the Commission, as the main subsidiary organ of the Commission to assist it in the execution of its responsibilities for programme planning and review;

2. Decides that the Standing Committee shall function as the main subsidiary organ of the Commission for programme review, planning, programming, evaluation and co-ordination, and in that context, shall:

(a) Review the programmes of the Commission, as defined in the medium-term plan;

(b) Review the totality of the work programme of the Commission in the light of the availability of resources;

(c) Recommend an order of priority among the programmes and subprogrammes of the Commission, as defined in the medium-term plan;

(d) Give guidance to the Executive Secretary of the Commission on the design of the programme.

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#### **1982/65. Activities of the Economic Commission for Africa**

**A**

**New statutes of the Regional Institute for Population Studies at Accra and the Institut de formation et de recherche démographiques at Yaoundé**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling resolution 393 (XV) of 12 April 1980 of the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa,<sup>87</sup> by which the Conference endorsed the new statutes of the Regional Institute for Population Studies at Accra and the Institut de formation et de recherche démographiques at Yaoundé and recommended that the statutes should be submitted, through the Council, for approval by the General Assembly,

Recalling also resolution 426 (XVI) of 10 April 1981 of the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa,<sup>88</sup> by which the Conference submitted the new statutes to the General Assembly, through the Council,

Recalling further Council decision 1981/189 of 24 July 1981, by which the Council endorsed the new statutes of the two institutes and recommended that the General Assembly should approve those statutes at its thirty-sixth session, in order to enable the institutes to become operational as soon as possible,

Noting General Assembly decision 36/450 of 18 December 1981, in which the Conference of Ministers of the Commission was requested to revise the draft statutes

<sup>87</sup> *Ibid.*, 1980, *Supplement No. 7 (E/1980/27)*, part two, sect. D.

<sup>88</sup> *Ibid.*, 1981, *Supplement No. 14 (E/1981/54)*, chap. I.

so that they would comply with United Nations rules and procedures,

*Recommends* that the General Assembly should consider approval of the revised statutes of the Regional Institute for Population Studies at Accra and the Institut de formation et de recherche démographiques at Yaoundé<sup>89</sup> at its thirty-seventh session.

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## B

### Demographic data collection and analysis

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 1279 (XLIII) of 4 August 1967, 1672 (LII) of 2 June 1972 and 1763 (LIV) of 18 May 1973,

*Taking note* of the report of the Joint Conference of African Planners, Statisticians and Demographers on its second session<sup>90</sup> and, in particular, of the decreasing shares of assistance being made available by the United Nations Fund for Population Activities and other multilateral and bilateral donor agencies to States members of the Economic Commission for Africa and to the Commission itself for demographic data collection, processing, evaluation, analysis and dissemination,

*Having considered* the draft resolution recommended by the Economic Commission for Africa on demographic data collection and analysis,<sup>91</sup>

*Decides* to transmit the following text to the General Assembly for consideration:

*The General Assembly*

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities to take the necessary measures to alleviate the current reduction in resources for the regional population programme;

2. *Decides* to allocate the necessary infrastructure posts to the Economic Commission for Africa to enable it to meet its increased responsibilities in the field of population.

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### 1982/66. Industrial development co-operation

## A

### Report of the Industrial Development Board

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declar-

<sup>89</sup> A/37/236, annexes I and II.

<sup>90</sup> E/ECA/CM.8/22 and Corr.1.

<sup>91</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1982, Supplement No. 11 (E/1982/21)*, chap. I.

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

*Recalling also* the Lima Declaration and Plan of Action on Industrial Development and Co-operation,<sup>92</sup> adopted at the Second General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, which laid down the main measures and principles for industrial development and co-operation within the framework of the establishment of the new international economic order, and the New Delhi Declaration and Plan of Action on Industrialization of Developing Countries and International Co-operation for Their Industrial Development,<sup>93</sup> adopted at the Third General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, which spelt out a strategy for the further industrialization of developing countries for the 1980s and beyond, as well as a plan of action for the restructuring of world industry,

*Stressing* the importance and urgency of the industrialization of developing countries in the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,<sup>94</sup>

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

*Endorsing* General Assembly resolution 36/182 of 17 December 1981 on industrial development co-operation, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, decided to ensure that adequate resources were made available to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization for agreed priority activities,

*Noting* decision 82/38 of 18 June 1982 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme,<sup>95</sup> in which the Governing Council invited the attention of the General Assembly to the urgent need for the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to bear an increased share of the cost of the senior industrial development field advisers programme,

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

*Conscious* of the role of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization as the central co-ordinating organ within the United Nations system for the promotion of industrial development co-operation and for the fulfilment of the agreed measures and the attainment of the agreed targets in both the Lima Declaration and Plan of Action and the New Delhi Declaration and Plan of Action,

<sup>92</sup> A/10112, chap. IV.

<sup>93</sup> See ID/CONF.4/22 and Corr.1, chap. VI.

<sup>94</sup> General Assembly resolution 35/56, annex.

<sup>95</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1982, Supplement No. 6 (E/1982/16/Rev.1)*, annex I.

Having considered the report of the Industrial Development Board on its sixteenth session<sup>96</sup> and the progress report submitted jointly by the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa<sup>97</sup> concerning action taken with regard to the Industrial Development Decade for Africa,

1. Takes note of the report of the Industrial Development Board on its sixteenth session;

2. Endorses the conclusions reached by the Industrial Development Board at its fifteenth session,<sup>98</sup> reaffirming that activities in the areas of industrial technology, energy-related industrial technology, industrial production, the development of human resources, special measures for the least developed countries, and the System of Consultations should be accorded priority, and recommends that these activities should be given continued priority for 1983-1985, as established by the Board at its fourteenth session;<sup>99</sup>

3. Strongly supports the strengthening of the System of Consultations, particular attention being given to measures that could increase the industrial capacities of developing countries in accordance with the principles, objectives and characteristics contained in the rules of procedure of the System;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to organize consultations among representatives of all Member States that have ratified the Constitution of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization,<sup>100</sup> and all other interested Member States, with a view to the entry into force of the Constitution, and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session;

5. Recommends to the General Assembly that it should arrange for adequate funds to be provided from sources to be determined by the Assembly, so that senior industrial development field advisers may be appointed in the countries that need them, in particular all the least developed countries, especially those in Africa, in accordance with the terms of decision 82/38 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, in which the Governing Council stressed the urgent need for the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to bear an increased share of the cost of the senior industrial development field advisers programme;

6. Urges all countries in a position to do so, in particular the developed countries, to contribute or increase their contributions to the United Nations Industrial Development Fund at the 1982 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities, so that the agreed desirable funding level of \$50 million annually may be reached in 1982;

7. Takes note of the decision taken by the Industrial Development Board at its sixteenth session, concerning the proposal of the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization for an international bank for industrial development, as reflected in paragraphs 66 to 71 of the report of the Board, and also notes that consideration of the proposal will revert to the Board at its seventeenth session;

8. Reiterates the importance of facilitating the restructuring of world industrial production through, *inter alia*, the implementation of General Assembly resolution 35/66 of 5 December 1980 and resolution 131 (V) of 3 June 1979 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;<sup>101</sup>

9. Recognizes the importance of financial flows to industrial development in developing countries;

10. Reiterates the importance of the redeployment of industrial capacities, as described in paragraph 73 of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, and supports the efforts of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in further improving and developing its programme of industrial redeployment, as outlined in paragraphs 127 to 131 of the report of the Board;

11. Takes note of the draft provisional agenda for the Fourth General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization,<sup>102</sup> as generally endorsed by the Industrial Development Board, recommends it for approval by the General Assembly and approves the establishment of an open-ended working group of the Board to meet periodically with the secretariat of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to exchange information and views on the preparations for the Conference, including its timing.

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## B

### Industrial Development Decade for Africa

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Bearing in mind* the Lagos Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Monrovia Strategy for the Economic Development of Africa,<sup>103</sup>

*Having considered* the note by the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Industrial Development Decade for Africa,<sup>104</sup>

*Bearing in mind* that the Sixth Conference of African Ministers of Industry adopted proposals for the formu-

<sup>96</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/37/16).

<sup>97</sup> A/37/291, annex.

<sup>98</sup> See Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/36/16).

<sup>99</sup> *Ibid.*, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/35/16), vol. II.

<sup>100</sup> A/CONF.90/19.

<sup>101</sup> See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Fifth Session*, vol. I, Report and Annexes (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.79.II.D.14), part one, sect. A.

<sup>102</sup> See Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/37/16), para. 167.

<sup>103</sup> A/S-11/14, annex I.

<sup>104</sup> A/36/466.

lation and implementation of a programme for the Industrial Development Decade for Africa,<sup>105</sup>

*Declaring* the Industrial Development Decade for Africa to be one of the most important programmes of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989,<sup>106</sup>

*Having considered* the progress report on the Industrial Development Decade for Africa submitted jointly by the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa,<sup>107</sup> and having noted Industrial Development Board resolution 55 (XVI) of 28 May 1982 on the Industrial Development Decade for Africa;<sup>108</sup>

*Expressing its appreciation* to the secretariats of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the Economic Commission for Africa for the formulation of a programme of work for the Industrial Development Decade for Africa, in collaboration with the Organization of African Unity,

1. *Takes note* of the progress report on the Industrial Development Decade for Africa submitted jointly by the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa and the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, and

<sup>105</sup> See ID/B/274/Add.1.

<sup>106</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/37/6)*, chap. 15.

<sup>107</sup> A/37/291, annex.

<sup>108</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/37/16)*, annex I.

transmits it, for consideration, to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session;

2. *Requests* the General Assembly to allocate adequate staff and financial resources, so as to ensure the effective co-ordination and implementation of the activities of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the Economic Commission for Africa related to the Industrial Development Decade for Africa;

3. *Renews* its request to the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to intensify contacts with the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, with a view to ascertaining the contributions they propose to make towards the implementation of the Industrial Development Decade for Africa;

4. *Requests* the secretariats of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the Economic Commission for Africa to report to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1983, through the Industrial Development Board at its seventeenth session, on the implementation of Industrial Development Board resolution 55 (XVI), and to identify any constraints on its full implementation which may be encountered;

5. *Further requests* the appropriate United Nations agencies to make any necessary adjustments in their programmes, with a view to contributing effectively to the implementation of the Industrial Development Decade for Africa, as called for by the General Assembly in its resolution 35/66 B of 5 December 1980.

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## DECISIONS

### **1982/149. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees**

At its 30th plenary meeting, on 7 July 1982, the Council decided, in the context of the adoption of its agenda, to transmit, without debate, the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees<sup>109</sup> to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session.

### **1982/150. Situation of human rights in Equatorial Guinea**

At its 48th plenary meeting, on 27 July 1982, the Council took note of the oral report made by the representative of the Secretary-General<sup>110</sup> in pursuance

<sup>109</sup> E/1982/29 and Corr.1; for the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/37/12)*.

<sup>110</sup> See E/1982/SR.48.

of Council resolution 1982/36 of 7 May 1982 on the situation of human rights in Equatorial Guinea.

### **1982/151. Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance**

At its 48th plenary meeting, on 27 July 1982, the Council:

(a) Took note of:

- (i) The oral report made by the Joint Co-ordinator for Special Economic Assistance Programmes, on behalf of the Secretary-General,<sup>111</sup> on the situation in Benin, Botswana, Cape Verde, the Central African Republic, Chad, the Comoros, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, the Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Lesotho, Liberia, Mozambique, Sao Tome and Principe, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe;

<sup>111</sup> See E/1982/SR.46.



- (ii) The oral report made by the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, on behalf of the Secretary-General,<sup>111</sup> on the measures taken following the heavy floods that have affected Democratic Yemen and the cyclones and floods in Madagascar;
- (iii) The oral report made by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, on behalf of the Secretary-General,<sup>111</sup> on assistance to student refugees in southern Africa, on assistance to the refugees in Somalia, and on the report of the Secretary-General on the International Conference on Assistance to Refugees in Africa;<sup>112</sup>

(b) Took note also of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the drought-stricken areas in Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda,<sup>113</sup> and decided to transmit it to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session;

(c) Took note further of the statements made by delegations during the discussion of the item entitled "Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance" at the second regular session of 1982 of the Council;<sup>114</sup>

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

#### **1982/152. Report of the Secretary-General on the results of the Second International Symposium on the Mobilization of Personal Savings in Developing Countries**

At its 48th plenary meeting, on 27 July 1982, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the results of the Second International Symposium on the Mobilization of Personal Savings in Developing Countries.<sup>115</sup>

#### **1982/153. Report of the Secretary-General on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territories**

At its 48th plenary meeting, on 27 July 1982, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territories,<sup>116</sup> and decided to transmit it to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session for consideration.

<sup>112</sup> E/1982/76 and Corr.1.

<sup>113</sup> A/37/122.

<sup>114</sup> See E/1982/SR.46 and 47.

<sup>115</sup> E/1982/66.

<sup>116</sup> A/37/238.

#### **1982/154. Report of the Secretary-General on the financial and organizational implications of holding an International Year of Shelter for the Homeless**

At its 48th plenary meeting, on 27 July 1982, the Council decided to authorize the Secretary-General to transmit directly to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session his report on the financial and organizational implications of holding an International Year of Shelter for the Homeless.

#### **1982/155. Report of the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development**

At its 48th plenary meeting, on 27 July 1982, the Council:

(a) Took note of the report of the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development on the first part of its fourth session;<sup>117</sup>

(b) Decided to transmit that report to the General Assembly for consideration, in accordance with paragraph 3 of section II of Assembly resolution 34/218 of 19 December 1979;

(c) Decided also to authorize the Secretary-General to transmit directly to the General Assembly, at its thirty-seventh session, the report of the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development on its resumed fourth session,<sup>118</sup> to be held from 8 to 10 September 1982.

#### **1982/156. Scheduling of the annual session of the Commission on Human Rights**

At its 49th plenary meeting, on 28 July 1982, the Council, in pursuance of its decision 1982/145 of 7 May 1982 and of resolution 1982/40 of 11 March 1982 of the Commission on Human Rights,<sup>119</sup> decided to consider the question of rescheduling the annual session of the Commission on Human Rights at the second regular session of 1983 of the Council, in the context of its consideration of the draft calendar of conferences and meetings for the biennium 1984-1985.

#### **1982/157. Report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations Volunteers programme**

At its 49th plenary meeting, on 28 July 1982, the Council took note of the annual report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme

<sup>117</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 37 (A/37/37)*, part one.

<sup>118</sup> *Ibid.*, part two.

<sup>119</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1982, Supplement No. 2 (E/1982/12 and Corr.1)*, chap. XXVI.

on the United Nations Volunteers programme<sup>120</sup> and of decision 82/21, adopted on 18 June 1982 by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme.<sup>121</sup>

**1982/158. Report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration**

At its 49th plenary meeting, on 28 July 1982, the Council took note of the annual report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration,<sup>122</sup> and of decision 82/23, adopted on 18 June 1982 by the Governing Council of the Programme.<sup>123</sup>

**1982/159. Report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries**

At its 49th plenary meeting, on 28 July 1982, the Council took note of the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries,<sup>124</sup> and decided to transmit that report to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session.

**1982/160. Report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the work of its twenty-second session**

At its 49th plenary meeting, on 28 July 1982, the Council:

(a) Took note with appreciation of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the work of its twenty-second session,<sup>125</sup>

(b) Decided to endorse the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee,<sup>126</sup> taking fully into account the comments made by members of the Council;

(c) Decided also to transmit the report to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session.

<sup>120</sup> DP/1982/37.

<sup>121</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1982, Supplement No. 6 (E/1982/16/Rev.1)*, annex I.

<sup>122</sup> DP/1982/40.

<sup>123</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1982, Supplement No. 6 (E/1982/16/Rev.1)*, annex I.

<sup>124</sup> DP/1982/9.

<sup>125</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/37/38)*.

<sup>126</sup> *Ibid.*, chap. VIII.

**1982/161. Annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination for 1981/82**

At its 49th plenary meeting, on 28 July 1982, the Council took note of the annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination for 1981/82.<sup>127</sup>

**1982/162. Report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on measures taken to ensure a system-wide approach in the field of energy**

At its 49th plenary meeting, on 28 July 1982, the Council took note of the report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on measures taken to ensure a system-wide approach in the field of energy.<sup>128</sup>

**1982/163. Report of the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union on the preparations for the World Communications Year: Development of Communications Infrastructures**

At its 49th plenary meeting, on 28 July 1982, the Council:

(a) Took note of the report of the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union on the preparations for the World Communications Year;<sup>129</sup>

(b) Decided to transmit that report to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session;

(c) Decided also to request the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session, through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1983, a report on the execution of the programme for the Year.

**1982/164. Report of the Secretary-General on co-operation between the United Nations and the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation**

At its 49th plenary meeting, on 28 July 1982, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on co-operation between the United Nations and the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation,<sup>130</sup> and decided to transmit it to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session.

**1982/165. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator**

At its 49th plenary meeting, on 28 July 1982, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General

<sup>127</sup> E/1982/4.

<sup>128</sup> E/1982/67.

<sup>129</sup> A/37/232.

<sup>130</sup> A/37/290.

on the work of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator<sup>131</sup> and decided to transmit it to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session.

**1982/166. 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**

At its 49th plenary meeting, on 28 July 1982, the Council:

(a) Took note of the 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;<sup>132</sup>

(b) Decided to request the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to include information on follow-up measures concerning specific suggestions made at the seventeenth series of Joint Meetings in its annual overview report for 1982/83.

**1982/167. Report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on expenditures of the United Nations system in relation to programmes**

At its 49th plenary meeting, on 28 July 1982, the Council decided to consider the report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on expenditures of the United Nations system in relation to programmes<sup>133</sup> at its resumed second regular session of 1982.

**1982/168. International assistance to alleviate the economic and social problems faced by Honduras and Nicaragua as a result of the May 1982 floods**

At its 50th plenary meeting, on 29 July 1982, the Council decided to endorse resolution 419 (PLEN.15) on international assistance to alleviate the economic and social problems faced by Honduras and Nicaragua as a result of the May 1982 floods,<sup>134</sup> adopted by the Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America at its fifteenth special session, held in New York on 22 and 23 July 1982, and to recommend the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session also to endorse the resolution.

**1982/169. Report of the Interim Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy**

At its 50th plenary meeting, on 29 July 1982, the Council:

(a) Expressed its appreciation to the Government of Italy for having acted as host, in such an exemplary

manner, to the Interim Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy at its session held at Rome from 7 to 18 June 1982;

(b) Took note of the report of the Interim Committee on that session;<sup>135</sup>

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

**1982/170. Report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on the strengthening of the co-ordination of information systems in the United Nations system**

At its 50th plenary meeting, on 29 July 1982, the Council decided to consider the report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on the strengthening of the co-ordination of information systems in the United Nations system<sup>136</sup> at its resumed second regular session of 1982.

**1982/171. Report of the Secretary-General containing suggestions by non-governmental organizations regarding the implementation of the Lagos Plan of Action**

At its 50th plenary meeting, on 29 July 1982, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General<sup>137</sup> containing suggestions by non-governmental organizations regarding possible contributions to the implementation of the Lagos Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Monrovia Strategy for the Economic Development of Africa.<sup>138</sup>

**1982/172. Long-term trends in world economic and social development**

At its 50th plenary meeting, on 29 July 1982, the Council decided to transmit the draft resolution annexed hereto to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session, for consideration and appropriate action.

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**Long-term trends in world economic and social development**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 3508 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, in which it initiated within the United Nations system analytical work relating to the examination of long-term trends in world economic and social development,

<sup>131</sup> A/37/235.

<sup>132</sup> E/1982/84.

<sup>133</sup> E/1982/87.

<sup>134</sup> E/1982/L.50, annex.

<sup>135</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 47 (A/37/47).*

<sup>136</sup> E/1982/85.

<sup>137</sup> E/1982/80.

<sup>138</sup> A/S-11/14, annex I.

Recalling the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, contained in its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, which laid the foundations for the new international economic order, the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, contained in its resolution 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, General Assembly resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation, and the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, contained in Assembly resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980,

Recalling also that its resolution 34/57 of 29 November 1979, its decision 36/423 of 4 December 1981 and Economic and Social Council decision 1981/200 of 2 November 1981 call for a review of the progress made in the implementation of resolution 34/57 at the thirty-seventh session of the Assembly, and taking note of Council decision 1982/172 of 29 July 1982,

Drawing attention to the need to strengthen and expand international co-operation for development, made most urgent by the long-term implications of prevailing economic and social conditions and trends in the world economy and in the economies of the developing countries in particular,

Reaffirming the relevance of long-term perspectives for providing impetus to policies and decision-making processes in relation to development strategies and economic co-operation on a national, regional and global scale,

Bearing in mind the views expressed by the Committee for Development Planning at its sixteenth session,<sup>139</sup> particularly the view that long-term perspectives should serve as a coherent framework for concerted policy action with a focus on facilitating the implementation of the policy measures specified in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on an over-all socio-economic perspective of the world economy to the year 2000,<sup>140</sup> and of the progress made in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 34/57;

2. Welcomes the contributions of Member States and of the United Nations organizations, organs and bodies concerned to the implementation of the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution 34/57 and of Economic and Social Council decision 1981/200;

3. Decides that the overall socio-economic perspective of the world economy to the year 2000 shall be reviewed and updated on a triennial basis, and requests the Secretary-General to prepare the next comprehensive report on the socio-economic perspective in 1985, with the assistance of the Committee for Development Planning and in consultation with the competent organizations of the United Nations system, and to submit it to the General Assembly at its fortieth session through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1985;

4. Invites the Committee for Development Planning to take fully into account in the regular conduct of its future work the content of the report on an over-all socio-economic perspective of the world economy to the year 2000;

5. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fortieth session an item entitled "Long-term trends in economic development";

6. Calls upon all States, as well as the United Nations organizations, organs and bodies concerned, to contribute in their respective areas of competence to the implementation of the present resolution.

<sup>139</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1980, Supplement No. 2 (E/1980/3)*, para. 159.

<sup>140</sup> A/37/211 and Corr.1.

### 1982/173. Proposed medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989

At its 50th plenary meeting, on 29 July 1982, the Council decided:

(a) To transmit the following programmes of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989<sup>141</sup> to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session for consideration:

(i) Chapter 16, programme 5;

(ii) Chapter 21, programme 1, subprogramme 5;

(b) To recommend that the General Assembly, at its thirty-seventh session, should adopt the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989,<sup>142</sup> incorporating the revisions thereto recommended by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its twenty-second session<sup>143</sup> and the revisions proposed by the Council,<sup>144</sup> taking into account the views expressed by members of the Council at the second regular session of 1982.

### 1982/174. Rationalization of the work of the Economic and Social Council

At its 51st plenary meeting, on 30 July 1982, the Council decided:

(a) To identify, at its annual organizational session, a subject relating to interregional co-operation, of common interest to all regions, for detailed consideration under the agenda item on regional co-operation;

(b) To request the executive secretaries of the regional commissions to submit their joint recommendations in this regard to the Council at its annual organizational session.

### 1982/175. Reports of the Secretary-General on regional co-operation and on the meetings of the executive secretaries of the regional commissions

At its 51st plenary meeting, on 30 July 1982, the Council took note of:

(a) The report of the Secretary-General on regional co-operation;<sup>145</sup>

(b) The report of the Secretary-General on the meetings of the executive secretaries of the regional commissions.<sup>146</sup>

<sup>141</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/37/6 and Corr.1)*.

<sup>142</sup> With the exception of chapter 16, programme 5, and chapter 21, programme 1, subprogramme 5.

<sup>143</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/37/38)*, chap. VIII.

<sup>144</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 3 (A/37/3), part two, chap. VI, sect. C.

<sup>145</sup> E/1982/88.

<sup>146</sup> E/1982/88/Add.1.

## 1982/176. Food problems

At its 51st plenary meeting, on 30 July 1982, the Council:

(a) Expressed its appreciation to the Government and people of Mexico for acting as hosts to the World Food Council at its eighth ministerial session, held at Acapulco, Mexico, from 21 to 24 June 1982, and for the generous hospitality accorded to the participants;

(b) Took note with appreciation of the conclusions and recommendations adopted by the World Food Council at that session;<sup>147</sup>

(c) Also took note with appreciation of the seventh annual report of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes;<sup>148</sup>

(d) Decided to transmit the draft resolution annexed hereto to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session for consideration, taking into account the comments made thereon during the second regular session of 1982 of the Economic and Social Council.

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#### Food problems

##### *The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, contained in its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, contained in its resolution 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, General Assembly resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation, and the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, contained in Assembly resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980,

*Recalling* the Universal Declaration on the Eradication of Hunger and Malnutrition adopted by the World Food Conference<sup>149</sup> and the Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development,<sup>150</sup>

*Having considered* the report of the World Food Council on its eighth ministerial session<sup>151</sup> and the seventh annual report of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes,<sup>152</sup>

*Expressing its appreciation* to the Government and people of Mexico for acting as hosts to the World Food Council at its eighth ministerial session, held at Acapulco, Mexico, from 21 to 24 June 1982, and for the generous hospitality accorded to the participants,

*Concerned* that progress towards food-policy objectives is impeded by the prolonged world recession and inflation and by growing

international political tension and the increasing expenditure on armaments,

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

*Expressing its concern* that trade barriers constitute a serious handicap to the efforts of developing countries, in particular their efforts to realize their economic potential, and reiterating the need for developed countries to adopt policies designed to eliminate the obstacles which distort international trade in agricultural products and to facilitate the access to international markets of agricultural exports, especially those of developing countries,

*Recognizing* that the lasting solution to the problems of food in developing countries depends on the attainment of self-reliance through increased food and agricultural production and investment, as part of the overall development of those countries and as an expression of their sovereign political determination,

*Emphasizing* that, within the framework of national economic development, priority must be given to the development of the food sector in order to lay a sound foundation for expanding industry and modern services,

*Deeply concerned* about the precarious nature of the food situation and the alarming trend towards the growing food-import dependency of developing countries, especially the least developed countries,

*Emphasizing* that African countries, in particular, require the strongest support of the international community for their efforts to reverse the trend of deteriorating food production and of growing hunger and malnutrition in that region,

*Concerned* about the continuing instability of international grain markets, involving increased food-security risks for many developing countries,

*Deploring* the fact that international assistance to the food and agricultural sector in developing countries has been decreasing since 1979 and is now lagging far behind the internationally agreed targets,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the conclusions and recommendations adopted by the World Food Council at its eighth ministerial session;<sup>153</sup>

2. *Also takes note with appreciation* of the seventh annual report of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes;

3. *Commends* those developing countries that have achieved increased food self-sufficiency through their determined application of appropriate policies, resources and technology;

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

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

6. *Requests* the developed countries and international institutions concerned to increase the volume of international assistance for food production substantially in real terms, and to improve its quality, on a sustained and predictable basis, so as to meet, as soon as possible, the estimated needs of external assistance of \$8.3 billion, which will increase to \$12.5 billion in 1990;<sup>154</sup>

<sup>147</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 19 (A/37/19)*, part one.

<sup>148</sup> WFP/CFA:13/19; transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/1982/73.

<sup>149</sup> *Report of the World Food Conference, Rome, 5-16 November 1974* (United Nations publication, Sales No. 75.II.A.3), chap. I.

<sup>150</sup> See Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, *Report of the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development, Rome, 12-20 July 1979 (WCARRD/REP)*, part one.

<sup>151</sup> WFC/1982/12; for the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 19 (A/37/19)*.

<sup>152</sup> WFP/CFA: 13/19; transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/1982/73.

<sup>153</sup> WFC/1982/12, part one.

<sup>154</sup> Both amounts in 1975 prices.

7. *Welcomes* the efforts of the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Development Programme and donor countries in mobilizing technical and financial support in favour of special labour-intensive public works programmes in developing countries, particularly in the least developed countries, which help to mobilize their food production potential, expand employment opportunities and generate incomes in the rural sector;

8. *Urges* the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the World Bank and the United Nations Development Programme to take measures to assist developing countries in the implementation of their food strategies, plans and programmes;

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

10. *Welcomes* the decision of the World Food Council to pay particular attention to progress in integrating food aid more directly in national plans to overcome hunger, and to more effective ways of achieving higher levels of food production, taking into account the report of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes;<sup>155</sup>

11. *Urges* present and potential donor countries to achieve without delay the minimum target of 10 million tons of cereals annually and to ensure that the minimum target of 500,000 tons of grains for the International Emergency Food Reserve is reinforced and placed on a fully multilateral basis, and that the World Food Programme target of \$1 billion in 1981-1982 and \$1.2 billion in 1983-1984 is attained;

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

13. *Urges* the international community to provide increased assistance in support of essential policy adjustments by African Governments, within the framework of the Lagos Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Monrovia Strategy for the Economic Development of Africa,<sup>156</sup> to alleviate food deficits in Africa, taking into account the conclusions and recommendations adopted by the African Ministers of Food and Agriculture at the World Food Council Regional Consultation for Africa, held at Nairobi on 16 and 17 March 1982,<sup>157</sup> and endorsed by the Council at its eighth ministerial session, in particular through:

(a) The speeding up of national food strategy implementation and financing;

(b) Stepped-up training in food-policy planning and investment preparation and management;

(c) Substantially increased technical and resource support for adaptive research, technology and related services to farmers;

(d) Improved food-security infrastructure, including transport, storage and marketing;

14. *Further urges* developed countries to assist developing countries in meeting their needs for technological progress in food and agricultural matters and the development of agro-industries related to food problems;

15. *Affirms* that a sound basis for world food security can best be established by successful national programmes for attaining food

self-reliance through increased food and agricultural production and investment in developing countries, as well as more open and stable world trade flows and assurance of supplies;

16. *Notes with appreciation* the support given by the World Food Council at its eighth ministerial session to the proposal for a developing-country-owned reserve giving priority to the food-security needs of individual developing countries based on concessional financing being made available to interested developing countries when international grain supplies are ample and prices are low, and utilizing, *inter alia*, the buffer-stock facility of the International Monetary Fund for stock acquisition, and calls upon the World Food Council to explore possible ways for bringing the reserve into operation on an urgent basis;

17. *Requests* developed countries to eliminate existing import barriers, export subsidies and other protectionist measures and mechanisms which disrupt trade, seriously affect the food and agricultural exports of developing countries, and are detrimental to an equitable distribution of resources and to the ability of developing countries to resolve their food and development problems;

18. *Notes with great concern* the steady downward trend in the prices of commodities exported by developing countries as one of the results of the prevailing high interest rates in the international financial markets;

19. *Calls upon* the Contracting Parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, at their forthcoming ministerial meeting, and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, at its sixth session, to review the long-standing problems in international trade in agricultural products which adversely affect production in developing countries and their exports, the solution of which could make an important contribution to improving overall food production in the world;

20. *Urges* developed countries to make serious efforts to adjust those sectors of their agricultural economies protected against exports from developing countries, thus facilitating more efficient patterns of production;

21. *Urges* the international community to implement resolution 105 (V) of 1 June 1979 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on international food trade;<sup>158</sup>

22. *Requests* the international institutions concerned, especially the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the World Bank and the United Nations Development Programme, and the developed countries to assist the developing countries in the implementation of programmes and projects of economic co-operation among developing countries in the sectors of food production, food security and food trade;

23. *Stresses* the desirability of co-ordinating the efforts being made, in the various international forums concerned, with regard to world food problems.

#### **1982/177. Reports considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with its general discussion of international economic and social policy, including regional and sectoral developments**

At its 51st plenary meeting, on 30 July 1982, the Council took note of the following documents:

(a) *World Economic Survey 1981-1982: Current Trends in the World Economy*;<sup>159</sup>

<sup>155</sup> See WFC/1982/12, part one, para. 12.

<sup>156</sup> A/S-11/14, annex I.

<sup>157</sup> See WFC/1982/12, annex III.

<sup>158</sup> See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Fifth Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.79.II.D.14), part one, sect. A.

<sup>159</sup> E/1982/46 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.82.II.C.1).

(b) Report of the Committee for Development Planning on its eighteenth session;<sup>160</sup>

(c) Report of the Task Force on Long-term Development Objectives of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination;<sup>161</sup>

(d) Summary of the annual economic survey of the region of the Economic Commission for Western Asia;<sup>162</sup>

(e) Summary of the survey of economic and social conditions in Africa, 1980-1981, and outlook for 1981-1982;<sup>163</sup>

(f) Report entitled "Recent economic developments in the region of the Economic Commission for Europe";<sup>164</sup>

(g) Summary of the economic and social survey of Asia and the Pacific, 1981;<sup>165</sup>

(h) Summary of the economic survey of Latin America, 1981;<sup>166</sup>

(i) Report of the Secretary-General entitled "Development and international economic co-operation—Restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system: implementation of General Assembly resolution 35/203";<sup>167</sup>

(j) Comments of the Secretary-General on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the relationships between the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation and entities of the United Nations Secretariat.<sup>168</sup>

#### 1982/178. Transmittal of reports to the General Assembly for consideration

At its 51st plenary meeting, on 30 July 1982, the Council decided to authorize the Secretary-General to transmit directly to the General Assembly the following annual reports, for consideration:

(a) The report of the Trade and Development Board;<sup>169</sup>

(b) The report of the Human Rights Committee;<sup>170</sup>

(c) The report of the Council of the United Nations University.<sup>171</sup>

<sup>160</sup> *Officials Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1982, Supplement No. 5 (E/1982/15 and Corr.1 and 2).*

<sup>161</sup> E/1982/74.

<sup>162</sup> E/1982/42.

<sup>163</sup> E/1982/61.

<sup>164</sup> E/1982/62.

<sup>165</sup> E/1982/64.

<sup>166</sup> E/1982/75.

<sup>167</sup> A/36/477.

<sup>168</sup> A/36/419/Add.1, annex.

<sup>169</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/37/15).*

<sup>170</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 40 (A/37/40).

<sup>171</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 31 (A/37/31).

#### 1982/179. Summary of estimates of programme budget implications of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council during its first and second regular sessions of 1982

At its 51st plenary meeting, on 30 July 1982, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General containing the summary of estimates of programme budget implications of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Council during its first and second regular sessions of 1982.<sup>172</sup>

#### 1982/180. Protection against harmful or potentially harmful products

At its 51st plenary meeting, on 30 July 1982, the Council decided to transmit the draft resolution annexed hereto to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session, for consideration.

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##### Protection against harmful or potentially harmful products

*The General Assembly,*

*Considering* the profound, widespread and often irreparable damage that continues to be caused by some manufactured products, in particular foodstuffs, pharmaceuticals, pesticides, clothing and synthetic packaging, to the people of the developing countries,

*Considering* that many of these products continue to be exported to developing countries, despite the fact that, owing to their harmfulness or potential harmfulness, their consumption, use and/or sale have been prohibited in the producing country,

*Considering* that many developing countries lack the necessary expertise to keep up with developments in this field,

*Cognizant* of the fact that almost all these products are manufactured and exported by corporations that have their main seat of business in a limited number of industrialized countries,

*In pursuance* of Economic and Social Council resolution 1981/62 of 23 July 1981,

1. *Urges* all countries that have prohibited the consumption, use and/or sale of harmful or potentially harmful products to ensure that these are not produced or exported by corporations or individuals that have their main seat of business in their territory, or are otherwise liable to their jurisdiction;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to ensure the provision of the necessary assistance by the United Nations to strengthen the national capacities of developing countries in protecting themselves from the consumption and use of harmful or potentially harmful products;

3. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to prepare and regularly update a consolidated list of products whose consumption, use and/or sale have been prohibited by national Governments or challenged by authoritative institutions, and to make that list available to Governments.

<sup>172</sup> E/1982/109.

