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## RESOLUTIONS

### 1989/85. Role of the United Nations in the early identification, analysis and monitoring of world economic developments

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1988/75 of 29 July 1988,

*Emphasizing* the role of the United Nations and the common interest in strengthening international co-operation in the economic and social fields for the purpose of ensuring balanced and sustained growth and development of the world economy,

*Acknowledging* the importance of short-term macro-economic forecasting and of longer-term projections of world socio-economic development,

*Acknowledging also* that the early identification of macro-economic disturbances is an important element in averting their potentially negative effects at both the national and the international level,

*Recognizing* that each country must be able to provide and obtain timely information on developments, trends and processes affecting all countries,

*Recognizing* the special requirements of developing countries which may have deficiencies in their infrastructures for gathering and analysing socio-economic information on global trends and emerging problems affecting the development process,

*Noting* that, in view of the world-wide repercussions that sudden economic shocks can have, the international system's capacity for early identification of potential trouble-spots should be improved,

1. *Highly commends* the Secretary-General for the survey of the mechanisms and means currently available within the United Nations system for early identification, analysis and monitoring of world economic developments;<sup>1</sup>

2. *Acknowledges* that for the early identification of emerging problems the United Nations should aim at improving its analytical and forecasting activities on a co-ordinated basis and should:

(a) Strengthen information links within the United Nations;

(b) Improve existing mechanisms and means of providing socio-economic data available in the United Nations in a comprehensive and readily accessible form for the use of policy makers and others;

(c) Further develop links and increase the flow of information between the United Nations and national research and information centres, wherever feasible;

(d) Expand the analysis of options and possible actions that might be taken in connection with emerging problems in the world economy, with a view to encouraging Member States to improve their own analytical work and forecasting activities;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1990 proposals that could be implemented within existing resources to improve the work of the United Nations on the early identification, analysis and monitoring of emerging problems in the world economy in accordance with the present resolution.

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26 July 1989

### 1989/86. Israeli economic practices in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly decision 40/432 of 17 December 1985, in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to prepare a report on the financial and trade practices of the Israeli occupation authorities in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories,

*Recalling also* Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/65 of 28 July 1988 and General Assembly decision 43/430 of 20 December 1988,

*Having considered* the reports of the Secretary-General on Israeli trade practices in the occupied Palestinian territories<sup>2</sup> and on Israeli financial and trade practices in the occupied Syrian Arab Golan,<sup>3</sup>

*Taking into account* the fact that land and water are basic national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories,

<sup>1</sup> See *World Economic Survey, 1989* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.89.II.C.1 and corrigendum), "Special issues", sect. II.

<sup>2</sup> A/44/277-E/1989/82.

<sup>3</sup> A/44/338-E/1989/118.

1. *Takes note with concern* of the reports of the Secretary-General on Israeli trade practices in the occupied Palestinian territories and on Israeli financial and trade practices in the occupied Syrian Arab Golan, prepared in pursuance of General Assembly decisions 40/432 and 43/430 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/65;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a comprehensive report on Israeli land and water policies and practices in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories and to submit the report to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session, through the Economic and Social Council.

*35th plenary meeting  
26 July 1989*

#### **1989/87. Convening of a United Nations conference on environment and development**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 43/196 of 20 December 1988,

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the question of the convening of a United Nations conference on environment and development,<sup>4</sup>

*Taking note also* of decision 15/3 adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on 25 May 1989,<sup>5</sup>

*Decides* to transmit decision 15/3 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme, together with the views on the convening of a United Nations conference on environment and development expressed under items 2 and 7 (f) of the agenda of the second regular session of 1989 of the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session for consideration and appropriate action.

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26 July 1989*

#### **1989/88. Food and agriculture**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Deeply concerned* that hunger, malnutrition and poverty continue to increase in large areas of the third world while the world has the capacity to provide adequate food for every human being,

*Noting with concern* that, although the growth of world agricultural production has to some degree slowed down, tensions concerning trade in agricultural markets remain serious, notably owing to the persist-

ence and, in some cases, intensification of agricultural protectionism and support measures, including, among other problems, import restrictions and export subsidies in some developed countries,

*Taking note* of the report of the World Food Council on the work of its fifteenth session<sup>6</sup> and of the report of the Secretary-General on trends in the international market for agricultural and tropical products and the liberalization of international agricultural trade,<sup>7</sup>

1. *Welcomes* the renewed international commitment to fight hunger, malnutrition and poverty expressed in the Cyprus Initiative against Hunger in the World<sup>8</sup> and in the Cairo Declaration of the World Food Council;<sup>9</sup>

2. *Welcomes also* the Programme of Co-operative Action annexed to the Cairo Declaration, as a framework for concrete action against hunger and poverty by Governments, international organizations and non-governmental organizations;

3. *Urges* developed countries that are in a position to do so to increase their official development assistance flows and to adopt aid strategies that focus in particular on meeting the needs of the poorest countries and peoples and on improving their food production capabilities;

4. *Stresses* the urgent need for substantial progress in stimulating food production in developing countries and the importance of increasing domestic food production for stimulating national economic growth and social progress in those countries and helping to resolve the problem of hunger and malnutrition in an effective way;

5. *Calls upon* all countries to continue to respond to food emergency situations promptly and flexibly, in conformity with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 43/131 of 8 December 1988;

6. *Reaffirms* that the right to food is a human right that should be guaranteed to all people and, in that context, that, as a general principle, food should not be used as an instrument of political pressure at either the national or the international level;

7. *Stresses* that the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations presents a unique opportunity to develop a more open, viable and durable trading system, to reverse the disquieting rise in protectionism and to bring agriculture under the strengthened and more operationally effective rules and disciplines of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, in accordance with the relevant parts of the Punta del Este Declaration and the mid-term review of the Uruguay Round, taking into account the need to avoid potentially adverse effects on developing countries, especially those that

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 19 (A/44/19).

<sup>5</sup> E/1989/97.

<sup>6</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 19 (A/43/19)*, part one, sect. II, para. 11.

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 19 (A/44/19), part one.

<sup>4</sup> A/44/256-E/1989/66 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and 2.

<sup>5</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/44/25)*, annex.

import food, and bearing in mind the overall benefits of trade liberalization;

8. *Urges* the World Food Council, within its mandate, to continue:

(a) To assess the overall impact of structural adjustment programmes in developing countries on the nutritional levels of their populations, especially among children and low-income groups, and to suggest remedial measures, including ways of stimulating the provision of resources to eliminate the suffering of those groups;

(b) To assess the potential impact of liberalizing international trade in agricultural and tropical products on all countries, and especially on the food security and development efforts of developing countries, and, in this context, to maintain an active interest in the progress and outcome of the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations;

(c) To promote activities related to food security and agricultural trade as well as to regional and South-South co-operation in food and agriculture, within the context of economic growth and the development needs of developing countries;

(d) To stimulate progress in and contribute more actively to the full implementation of the food policy and programme components of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990;<sup>10</sup>

9. *Calls upon* bilateral, multilateral and non-governmental international organizations to improve the co-ordination of their activities in support of efforts to fight hunger and poverty in developing countries;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the World Food Council, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, to prepare for the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session an updated comprehensive report on trends in the international market for agricultural and tropical products and the liberalization of international agricultural trade.

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#### **1989/89. Population situation in the least developed countries**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 42/177 of 11 December 1987 and 43/186 of 20 December 1988 on the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, to be held in September 1990,

*Reaffirming* the close relationship between population and social and economic development,

<sup>10</sup> General Assembly resolution S-13/2, annex.

*Expressing serious concern* at the fact that the least developed countries, which are economically the weakest members of the international community, face serious demographic challenges, in particular high levels of mortality, fertility and population growth,

*Recognizing also* the need for special attention to be given to the population situation in the least developed countries,

*Expressing appreciation* for the report of the Secretary-General on the monitoring of world population trends and policies, with special emphasis on the population situation in the least developed countries,<sup>11</sup>

1. *Decides* that special attention shall be accorded, in the activities of the United Nations system, to the population situation in the least developed countries;

2. *Recommends* that population issues be incorporated in the policies and measures to be adopted by the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries to accelerate the development process of the least developed countries during the 1990s;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the Conference to address appropriately population issues and their relationship to the socio-economic development of the least developed countries in the preparations for the Conference;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare for the Conference a report on the population situation in the least developed countries, with specific recommendations for action at the national, regional and international levels, taking into account the findings regarding the situation in the least developed countries contained in his report on the monitoring of world population trends and policies, in particular the high levels of mortality, fertility and population growth in those countries;

5. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to include a separate analysis on the population situation in the least developed countries in his reports on the monitoring of world population trends and policies;

6. *Calls upon* the organizations of the United Nations system to incorporate population issues in their programmes and activities relating to the least developed countries, with a view to strengthening the ability of those countries to address population issues in an effective manner.

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26 July 1989*

#### **1989/90. Incorporating population factors in the international development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 43/182 of 20 December 1988, in which the Assembly decided to

<sup>11</sup> E/1989/10.

establish an *Ad Hoc* Committee of the Whole for the Preparation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade,

*Recalling also* the recommendations of the United Nations World Population Conference,<sup>12</sup> in particular those contained in the World Population Plan of Action, in which it is stated, *inter alia*, that the explicit aim of the Plan is to help co-ordinate trends in population and trends in economic and social development and that population measures should be integrated into comprehensive social and economic plans and programmes,

*Recalling* the section on population of the Environmental Perspective to the Year 2000 and Beyond, contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 42/186 of 11 December 1987,

*Recalling* its own resolution 1979/32 of 9 May 1979 and the annex thereto, in particular section C, paragraph 2, in which it urged that the results of periodic monitoring, review and appraisal, regional consultations on population and development and associated activities of appropriate agencies of the United Nations should be fully taken into account in the formulation of any new international development strategy,

*Recalling also* the recommendations of the International Conference on Population,<sup>13</sup> in particular recommendation 1, which states that social and economic development is a central factor in the solution of population and interrelated problems, that population factors are very important in development plans and strategies and have a major impact on the attainment of development objectives and that international development strategies should therefore be formulated on the basis of an integrated approach that takes into account the interrelationships between population, resources, environment and development,

*Noting with satisfaction* the recognition of the role of population factors in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,<sup>14</sup> in paragraph 166 of which it is stated that population policies will be considered an integral part of overall development policies and that all countries will continue to integrate their population measures and programmes into their social and economic goals and strategies,

1. *Urges* all States, in formulating the international development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade, to give full consideration to the interrelationships between population factors, social, economic, cultural and political development and protection of the environment;

<sup>12</sup> *Report of the United Nations World Population Conference, 1974, Bucharest, 19-30 August 1974* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.XIII.3), chaps. I and II.

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

<sup>14</sup> General Assembly resolution 35/56, annex.

2. *Calls upon* organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, in contributing to the preparation of the international development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade, to give appropriate recognition to the interrelationships between population factors, social, economic, cultural and political development and the protection of the environment, taking into account the section on population of the Environmental Perspective to the Year 2000 and Beyond;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the contributions of the secretariats of the organizations of the United Nations system to the preparation of the international development strategy take due account of the World Population Plan of Action and the recommendations for its further implementation adopted by the International Conference on Population;

4. *Recommends* that the General Assembly, in considering the international development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade, give due weight to the role of population and the importance of population policies and activities and duly integrate them into the goals and objectives and the policy measures of the strategy.

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#### 1989/91. Convening of an international meeting on population in 1994

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 3344 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974 on the United Nations World Population Conference and 39/228 of 18 December 1984 on the International Conference on Population,

*Recalling also* Economic and Social Council resolutions 1985/4 of 28 May 1985, 1986/7 of 21 May 1986 and 1987/72 of 8 July 1987 on follow-up to the recommendations of the International Conference on Population,

*Recognizing* the full validity of the principles and objectives of the World Population Plan of Action,<sup>15</sup> adopted by the United Nations World Population Conference in 1974,

*Having considered* the findings of the third review and appraisal of progress made towards achieving the goals and objectives of the World Population Plan of Action,<sup>16</sup>

*Noting with appreciation* the efforts and achievements of many States, organizations of the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations pursuant to the provisions

<sup>15</sup> *Report of the United Nations World Population Conference, 1974, Bucharest, 19-30 August 1974* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.XIII.3), chap. I.

<sup>16</sup> E/CN.9/1989/2.

of the World Population Plan of Action, the recommendations for the further implementation of the Plan adopted by the International Conference on Population in 1984<sup>17</sup> and the Mexico City Declaration on Population and Development,<sup>18</sup>

*Concerned* about the magnitude and growing urgency of population issues in the next decade,

*Aware* of the evolving diversity of population issues, including the regional variations in demographic trends and population problems, as indicated in the report of the Secretary-General on the monitoring of world population trends and policies,<sup>19</sup>

*Stressing* the need for continued attention to be given to population issues at a high policy level in order to ensure that population concerns are integrated into policies, priorities and programmes for social and economic development, and, in that context, recognizing the usefulness of convening periodic international meetings at a high level to address population issues,

1. *Decides*, in principle, to convene in 1994, under the auspices of the United Nations, an international meeting on population that would bring together high-level governmental authorities and population experts and be open to all States as full participants, the specialized agencies and other relevant organizations, in order to:

(a) Assess the progress made and identify the obstacles encountered in carrying out the World Population Plan of Action and the recommendations for its further implementation;

(b) Increase the level of awareness of population issues on the international agenda;

(c) Provide guidance at the global, regional and national levels on the treatment of population issues of the highest priority for the next decade;

(d) Adopt a consolidated and updated set of recommendations;

2. *Decides further* that the international meeting on population should be conducted effectively and efficiently and that its size, duration and other cost factors should be determined with due regard for economy;

3. *Decides*, in the light of paragraph 1 of the present resolution, to designate the Population Commission, meeting in open-ended session, with the participation of any Member of the United Nations that is not a member of the Commission and of any other State, as the preparatory committee for the international meeting on population, and for that purpose decides that rule 11 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council<sup>20</sup> and rule 1 (d) of the rules governing payment of travel expenses and sub-

sistence allowances in respect of members of organs or subsidiary organs of the United Nations<sup>21</sup> shall be waived;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the regional commissions, the specialized agencies, other bodies of the United Nations system and other international organizations make a substantive contribution to the international meeting on population;

5. *Requests* the Population Commission, utilizing, *inter alia*, the reports of the Secretary-General and in consultation with appropriate organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system and relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, to consider at its twenty-sixth session and to submit recommendations to the Council on:

(a) The further elaboration and refinement of the objectives of the international meeting on population as set out in paragraph 1 of the present resolution;

(b) The issues to be discussed at the meeting;

(c) The nature of the preparatory work for the meeting, including the possibility of holding regional intergovernmental meetings;

(d) The assignment of responsibilities for the preparation of the meeting to organizations and bodies of the United Nations system and relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make the necessary organizational arrangements for the preparation of the international meeting on population, including the appointment of principal officers, and to submit to the Council, through the Population Commission at its twenty-sixth session, a detailed report on the state of the preparations for the meeting, including:

(a) The financial implications of alternative preparatory options, bearing in mind paragraph 2 of the present resolution;

(b) Measures proposed to ensure the participation and co-ordination of the relevant organizations and bodies of the United Nations system;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take appropriate measures to obtain resources for the international meeting on population, to report on progress to the Council at its second regular session of 1990 and to report on the results obtained to the Council, through the Population Commission at its twenty-sixth session, in 1991.

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## **1989/92. Strengthening actions concerned with the fulfilment of the World Population Plan of Action**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 3344 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974 on the United Nations World

<sup>17</sup> *Report of the International Conference on Population, 1984, Mexico City, 6-14 August 1984* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.84.XIII.8 and corrigenda), chap. I, sect. B.

<sup>18</sup> *Ibid.*, sect. A.

<sup>19</sup> E/1989/10.

<sup>20</sup> E/5975/Rev.1 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.83.I.10).

<sup>21</sup> ST/SGB/107/Rev.5.

Population Conference and 39/228 of 18 December 1984 on the International Conference on Population,

*Recalling also* Economic and Social Council resolutions 1985/4 of 28 May 1985, 1986/7 of 21 May 1986 and 1987/72 of 8 July 1987 on follow-up to the recommendations of the International Conference on Population,

*Having considered and approved* the findings of the third quinquennial review and appraisal of progress made towards achieving the goals of the World Population Plan of Action<sup>22</sup> which was called for in paragraph 108 of the Plan of Action<sup>23</sup> and recommendation 88 of the International Conference on Population,<sup>24</sup>

*Expressing its appreciation* of the action taken by many States, organizations of the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations pursuant to the provisions of the World Population Plan of Action,

*Concerned* about certain population issues that have emerged during the past five years and the need to reinforce previous recommendations that urgently call for new action,

1. *Urges* all Member States and regional and international bodies to continue their advocacy of the principles and objectives of the World Population Plan of Action and the recommendations for its further implementation adopted by the International Conference on Population and in particular to provide special support for the implementation of the recommendations contained in the annex to the present resolution;

2. *Urges* governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and organizations of the United Nations system that provide technical and financial assistance in the area of population to increase their efforts to implement the World Population Plan of Action through their programmes of work and to give special attention to the recommendations contained in the annex to the present resolution.

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## ANNEX

### Conclusions and recommendations of the third review and appraisal of progress made towards the implementation of the World Population Plan of Action

#### A. Overall assessment

1. The World Population Plan of Action<sup>25</sup> and the recommendations for its further implementation<sup>26</sup> continue to provide a policy

<sup>22</sup> E/CN.9/1989/2.

<sup>23</sup> *Report of the United Nations World Population Conference, 1974, Bucharest, 19-30 August 1974* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.XIII.3), chap. I.

<sup>24</sup> See *Report of the International Conference on Population, 1984, Mexico City, 6-14 August 1984* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.84.XIII.8 and corrigenda), chap. I, sect. B.

framework for carrying out population activities at the national, regional and global levels. Governments have found the provisions useful for formulating, implementing and evaluating their population policies. The international community has made them the analytical basis for the provision of financial and technical assistance to developing countries.

2. During the recent discussions on the efficiency of the United Nations and on its intergovernmental structure and functions in the economic and social fields, the field of population was singled out as one in which the work of the United Nations had been relatively effective. In spite of the inherently controversial nature of the subject, population is one of the main fields of work of the United Nations and other international organizations and is considered a programmable sector by many Governments. Today, there is a set of reliable population indicators for virtually every country in the world. Population is one of the better co-ordinated sectors of international assistance. Furthermore, the World Population Plan of Action is an international instrument that serves as a standard reference and continues to rest firmly on a global consensus. Although there are many reasons for such achievements, it is important to emphasize the benefits that result from bringing together the political will of Governments and the scientific and programming skills of many units of the United Nations and of numerous academic centres and professional associations and other non-governmental organizations.

3. It can be concluded that the main findings of the third review and appraisal of the implementation of the Plan have been judged satisfactory, although a number of issues remain unresolved and others have emerged only recently. Further implementation of the Plan requires the serious consideration of certain critical issues. On the basis of the findings of the current assessment, the following recommendations have been adopted to address, in particular, the new issues that have emerged during the past five years and, in a few cases, to reinforce previous recommendations that urgently require new action.

#### B. Recommendations

##### Recommendation 1

Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, parliamentarians and the public in general are urged to reaffirm their support for the principles, objectives and provisions of the World Population Plan of Action and the recommendations for its further implementation.

##### Recommendation 2

Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations are urged to attach high priority to co-operative efforts to alleviate problems arising from the difficult economic situation faced by developing countries, including the problem of external indebtedness, in order to overcome major obstacles to the economic and social development of developing countries, and to the fulfilment of the objectives of the World Population Plan of Action.

##### Recommendation 3

Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations are invited to pay special attention to the conclusions and recommendations of the Environmental Perspective to the Year 2000 and Beyond<sup>27</sup> and the report of the World Commission on Environment and Development,<sup>28</sup> particularly on matters pertaining to population issues.

<sup>25</sup> *Report of the United Nations World Population Conference, 1974, Bucharest, 19-30 August 1974* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.XIII.3), chap. I.

<sup>26</sup> See *Report of the International Conference on Population, 1984, Mexico City, 6-14 August 1984* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.84.XIII.8 and corrigenda), chap. I, sect. B.

<sup>27</sup> General Assembly resolution 42/186, annex.

<sup>28</sup> A/42/427, annex.



#### *Recommendation 4*

Governments and international organizations are encouraged to give the support needed to strengthen programmes to improve the role and status of women. In those programmes particular attention should be paid to the needs of young women and the importance of the active involvement of men in all areas of family responsibility, including family planning and child care.

#### *Recommendation 5*

Governments are urged to give full attention to all aspects of population in the formulation of their social and economic development plans and programmes, both within and outside the context of formal development planning, and the international community should assign high priority to supporting them in that respect. The concept of integrating population factors into development plans and programmes needs to be more clearly defined, as do the approaches to be used. The definitions must cover the institutional and human resources needed for effective integration.

#### *Recommendation 6*

Governments and international organizations are urged to strengthen their efforts to achieve the targets established by the International Conference on Population for mortality in general and child and maternal mortality in particular.

#### *Recommendation 7*

A continuous assessment of the demographic, economic and social consequences of the acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) pandemic should be made at the national, regional and global levels, and the results should be conveyed to Governments and international organizations. Special attention should be given to the spread of AIDS among the working-age population and among children, protection of the human rights of persons infected with AIDS, the devastating consequences for the families of persons infected with AIDS and the possible adverse effects on resource allocations to general health and development programmes. Governments are urged to encourage patterns of behaviour and promote the development and use of barrier contraceptive methods that would deter the spread of AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.

#### *Recommendation 8*

In view of the rapid development and growing availability of new biotechnologies affecting human reproduction, Governments should evaluate their multiple consequences, both with respect to universally recognized ethical values and human rights and with respect to their possible demographic impact.

#### *Recommendation 9*

Considering that the new area of assistance called "refugee aid and development" is aimed at assisting not only refugees but also host communities, Governments and local and international organizations are urged to collaborate with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in providing full support for the design and implementation of programmes in that area.

#### *Recommendation 10*

Governments are invited to design a balanced programme of data collection, analysis and dissemination that includes gathering population data through civil registration systems, population censuses and national sample survey programmes. To that end, international organizations are invited to provide support and assistance. Special emphasis should be given to data on the education and socio-economic integration of women and special population groups, such as indigenous communities, disabled persons, youth and the elderly.

#### *Recommendation 11*

Governments and the international community should strengthen the institutional base required to carry out the theoretical, methodological and applied research needed to support population programmes and policies and to fill gaps in knowledge. While biomedical research should continue to receive support, more intensive policy-oriented research is needed on the socio-cultural factors affecting human behaviour in relation not only to reproduction but also to morbidity, mortality, migration and urbanization.

#### *Recommendation 12*

Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations are urged to give high priority to the managerial aspects of population programmes and to ensure the availability of trained specialists in that area. Increased efforts will be needed to establish monitoring, evaluation and research activities and make use of them in formulating and implementing population programmes. Family planning programmes should receive increased support in order to guarantee higher standards and meet the demand for services.

#### *Recommendation 13*

The Governments concerned and the international community should give the highest priority to assisting the population programmes of the least developed countries that have large populations and high rates of population growth, in particular those in sub-Saharan Africa.

### **1989/93. Work programme in the field of population**

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

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 3344 (XXIX) and 3345 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, concerning the recommendations of the United Nations World Population Conference, and 39/228 of 18 December 1984 on the International Conference on Population,

*Recalling also* Economic and Social Council resolutions 1981/28 of 6 May 1981 on the strengthening of actions concerned with the fulfilment of the World Population Plan of Action, 1985/3 on population structure, 1985/4 on the implications of the recommendations of the International Conference on Population and 1985/6 on the status and role of women and population, all of 28 May 1985, 1986/7 of 21 May 1986 on population questions and 1987/71 of 8 July 1987 on the work programme in the field of population,

*Stressing* the supportive role of the work programmes of the United Nations system in the field of population in the attainment of the goals and objectives of the international development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade and the pursuit of economic co-operation,

*Recalling* the preamble, the section on peace, security and population, and the other sections of the recommendations for the further implementation of the World Population Plan of Action adopted by the International Conference on Population,<sup>29</sup> at which it was reaffirmed that the principles and objectives of the World Population Plan of Action remained fully valid and that creating conditions for international peace and security was of great importance for the achievement of the goals of population policies and economic and social development and at which emphasis was placed on a number of issues in the field of population that should continue to be included in the work programme, as appropriate,

<sup>29</sup> *Report of the International Conference on Population, 1984, Mexico City, 6-14 August 1984* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.84.XIII.8 and corrigenda), chap. I, sect. B.

*Reaffirming* the important role of the Population Commission as the advisory body of the Economic and Social Council on population matters,

*Taking note* of the report of the Population Commission on its twenty-fifth session<sup>30</sup> and the views expressed therein on the progress of work in the field of population and the proposed work programme,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the progress made in implementing the work programme for the biennium 1988-1989 and the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1991 in the field of population;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in formulating the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, to take into account, as appropriate, the views expressed at the twenty-fifth session of the Population Commission and the guidelines for the work programmes of the United Nations Secretariat set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the present resolution;

3. *Also requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue to give high priority to the monitoring of world population trends and policies, including in-depth consideration of special topics;

(b) To continue work on the following:

- (i) Studies on the interrelationships between population, resources, environment and development, with particular attention to studies to promote the integration of population factors into development planning;
- (ii) Studies on the interrelationship between population and the status and role of women;
- (iii) Comparative analysis of population policies;
- (iv) Periodic revision of estimates and projections of population and its structure and of urbanization;
- (v) Analysis of mortality, in particular infant and child mortality;
- (vi) Studies on reproductive behaviour and on family planning and its demographic impact;
- (vii) Studies on internal and international migration and on comparative patterns of urbanization and population distribution;
- (viii) Dissemination of population information and further development of the Population Information Network at the regional and global levels;

(c) To start substantive preparatory work for the international meeting on population in 1994, as appropriate;

(d) To continue to work closely with Member States, organizations of the United Nations system, other intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations, as appropriate, in the implementation of programmes;

(e) To further improve communication and co-ordination between the Population Division of the

<sup>30</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1989, Supplement No. 6 (E/1989/24).*

United Nations Secretariat, the regional commissions and Governments, particularly in order to prepare the most accurate and widely accepted population estimates and projections possible, an activity in which the Population Division should play a leading role;

4. *Further requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue and strengthen interdisciplinary technical co-operation activities in the field of population, including technical co-operation among developing countries, as appropriate, in the following areas:

- (i) Training in demography and matters related to population and development, including courses to upgrade knowledge and skills, particularly in the use of microcomputer software;
- (ii) Evaluation and analysis of basic population data, particularly from the 1990 round of population censuses, dissemination and utilization of the results and use of computer technology, ensuring technical co-ordination at the national level in the process;
- (iii) Formulation and implementation of population policies and programmes in the context of national development plans, with special attention to cultural and socio-economic conditions at the subnational level;

(b) To continue to evaluate and analyse experience with technical co-operation activities in the field of population and publish studies thereon;

(c) To prepare for the Population Commission at its twenty-sixth session a report on requirements for population specialists in national institutions and international organizations;

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

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#### **1989/94. United Nations support for African countries in the field of population**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions S-13/2 of 1 June 1986, the annex to which contains the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic

Recovery and Development 1986-1990, and 43/27 of 18 November 1988 on the mid-term review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme,

*Recalling also* the Kilimanjaro Programme of Action for African Population and Self-Reliant Development<sup>31</sup> adopted by the Second African Population Conference and endorsed by the Economic Commission for Africa,<sup>32</sup>

*Noting with satisfaction* the activities carried out in the field of population by the organizations of the United Nations system, as reported by the Secretary-General,<sup>33</sup> and especially the priority given by the United Nations Population Fund to African countries in view of the serious economic and social problems they face,

*Reaffirming* the need for technical assistance and financial resources for training additional personnel in African countries so as to ensure that those countries are able to effectively implement policies to harmonize population growth with economic and environmental capacities,

1. *Welcomes* the proposed programme of work for the biennium 1990-1991 in technical co-operation in the field of population;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the continued availability of funds for technical co-operation in the field of population, particularly for fellowships for training at the United Nations-supported Cairo Demographic Centre, the Regional Institute for Population Studies at Accra, the Institut de formation et de recherche démographiques at Yaoundé and other United Nations demographic centres and programmes serving African countries;

3. *Requests* the organizations of the United Nations system to give priority to population needs and problems in Africa in accordance with the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990.

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#### **1989/95. 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**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having examined* the report of the Secretary-General<sup>34</sup> and the report of the President of the

Economic and Social Council<sup>35</sup> concerning the question of the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations,

*Having heard* the statements made by 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 by the Chairman of the Special Committee against Apartheid,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and all other resolutions adopted by United Nations bodies on this subject, including in particular General Assembly resolution 43/30 of 22 November 1988 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/53 of 26 July 1988,

*Recalling also* General Assembly resolutions 43/26 of 17 November 1988 on the question of Namibia and 43/50 of 5 December 1988 on the policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa,

*Reaffirming* the responsibility of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to take all effective measures, within their respective spheres of competence, to assist in the full and speedy implementation of the Declaration and other relevant resolutions of United Nations bodies,

*Noting with satisfaction* the emplacement on 1 April 1989 of the United Nations Transition Assistance Group in Namibia, under the terms of Security Council resolution 435 (1978) of 29 September 1978,

*Deeply concerned* that the objectives of the Charter of the United Nations and the Declaration have not been fully achieved,

*Noting with deep concern* that South Africa's practice of apartheid and acts of destabilization against the front-line and neighbouring States continue to present a serious threat to international peace and security,

*Strongly condemning* the continuing policy of apartheid of South Africa, its breach of the obligations assumed by it under the Charter of the United Nations and its persistent non-compliance with the relevant United Nations resolutions and decisions,

*Reaffirming* that the denial of full political and civil rights to the majority of the population of South Africa is the result of the continuation of a colonial situation in that country,

*Deeply conscious* of the continuing critical need of the people of Namibia for concrete assistance from the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations, particularly during the transition to independence and immediately after independence,

<sup>31</sup> E/CONF.76/6, annex V.

<sup>32</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1984, Supplement No. 11 (E/1984/21)*, chap. IV, resolution 506 (XIX).

<sup>33</sup> See E/1989/11 and E/CN.9/1989/4 and Add.1.

<sup>34</sup> A/44/297 and Add.1.

<sup>35</sup> E/1989/112 and Add.1.

*Expressing its appreciation* to the Organization of African Unity for convening in August 1988 the International Conference on the Plight of Refugees, Returnees and Displaced Persons in Southern Africa, and profoundly aware of the plight of the peoples concerned and their critical need for international assistance,

*Noting with appreciation* that assistance has continued to be extended to refugees from southern Africa through the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,

*Noting with satisfaction* the continuing efforts of the United Nations Development Programme in extending assistance to Namibia and the national liberation movement 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 movement in the formulation of assistance programmes,

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

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

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system that 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 of the United Nations system, in particular the World Bank, the International Finance Corporation and the International Monetary Fund, to contribute to the full and speedy implementation of the relevant provisions of those resolutions;

4. *Requests* the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, as a matter of urgency, to render increased assistance to the people of Namibia during the transition to independence, in close co-operation with the United Nations Transition Assistance Group, and immediately after independence, and in particular requests the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to continue to facilitate the repatriation, rehabilitation and resettlement of all Namibian refugees and returnees, in order to enable them to participate fully and freely in the electoral process under the terms of the United Nations plan for the

independence of Namibia set out in Security Council resolution 435 (1978);

5. *Also requests* the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, in view of the deteriorating situation in South Africa and the acts of destabilization by the *apartheid* régime against States in the region, to increase their assistance to the front-line and neighbouring States and to the liberation movements in South Africa;

6. *Further requests* the specialized agencies and other organizations of 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 from the Government of South Africa until it complies with the provisions of the relevant resolutions of the United Nations and to refrain from taking any action that might imply support for or endorsement of the repressive policy and practice of *apartheid* pursued by the racist régime against the people of South Africa and its policy of destabilizing neighbouring African States;

7. *Requests* the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council on the policies of *apartheid* of the Government of South Africa, to intensify their support for the oppressed people of South Africa and to take such measures as will totally isolate the *apartheid* régime and mobilize world public opinion against *apartheid*;

8. *Deeply deplores* the financial and other links of certain international organizations with the Government of South Africa, in disregard of repeated General Assembly resolutions, and urgently calls upon those organizations to put an end to such links;

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

10. *Recommends* that all States intensify their efforts in the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to ensure the full and effective implementation of the Declaration and other related resolutions of United Nations bodies;

11. *Urges* the governing bodies of those specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system that have not already done so to include in the agenda of their regular sessions a separate item on the progress made and action to be taken by their organiza-

tion in the implementation of the Declaration and other relevant resolutions of United Nations bodies;

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

13. *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 and the Special Committee against *Apartheid* to the present resolution and to the discussion held on the subject at the second regular session of 1989 of the Economic and Social Council;

14. *Requests* the President of the Economic and Social Council to continue to maintain close contact 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;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to follow the implementation of the present resolution, with particular attention to co-ordination and integration arrangements for maximizing the efficiency of the assistance activities undertaken by various organizations of the United Nations system, and to report thereon to the Council at its second regular session of 1990;

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

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#### **1989/96. Assistance to the Palestinian people**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 43/178 of 20 December 1988,

*Recalling also* Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/54 of 26 July 1988,

*Taking into account* the *intifadah* of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory against the Israeli occupation, including its economic and social policies and practices,

*Affirming* that the Palestinian people cannot develop their national economy as long as the Israeli occupation persists,

*Gravely concerned* at the serious repercussions, especially for Palestinian children, of Israeli practices, in particular the prolonged blanket closure in the West Bank of Palestinian institutions of learning, including kindergartens, schools operated by the United Nations

Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East and other schools,

*Rejecting* Israeli restrictions on external economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory,

*Aware* of the increasing need to provide economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people,

*Noting with regret* that a full report on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 43/178 has not been prepared,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the States, United Nations bodies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that have provided assistance to the Palestinian people;

2. *Requests* the international community, the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to sustain and increase their assistance to the Palestinian people, in close co-operation with the Palestine Liberation Organization;

3. *Requests* the United Nations Children's Fund and other appropriate United Nations bodies to address the special needs of Palestinian children suffering from Israeli practices and their repercussions;

4. *Calls* for the immediate reopening of all Palestinian institutions of learning;

5. *Also calls* for the immediate lifting of Israeli restrictions and obstacles hindering the implementation of assistance projects by the United Nations Development Programme, other United Nations bodies and others providing economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory;

6. *Further calls* for the implementation of development projects in the occupied Palestinian territory, including the facilitation by all concerned of the establishment of the cement plant referred to in General Assembly resolution 39/223 of 18 December 1984;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report in full on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 43/178 and the present resolution to the Assembly at its forty-fourth session.

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#### **1989/97. Programme questions**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council,<sup>16</sup>

*Noting* the importance of the additional responsibilities in the budget process assigned to the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986,

<sup>16</sup> E/5715/Rev.1 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.83.I.9).

*Recalling* Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/77 of 29 July 1988, in which the Council decided that it would, *inter alia*, examine in depth the relevant sections of the proposed programme budget of the United Nations in the light of the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, with a view to submitting appropriate recommendations to the General Assembly on the overall and programme priorities of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on all aspects of priority-setting in future outlines of the proposed programme budget,<sup>37</sup>

*Emphasizing* the importance of priority-setting in the planning and budget process,

*Having considered* the relevant sections of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the work of its twenty-ninth session,<sup>38</sup>

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 42/211 of 21 December 1987, in which the Assembly decided that the date for submission of the outline of the programme budget should be 15 August of the off-budget year,

1. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on programme questions, in particular on sections 4 to 24 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991;

2. *Stresses* the need for the sectoral, functional and regional intergovernmental bodies to consider in a timely manner the draft programmes of work within their areas of responsibility, in order that their recommendations may be taken into account by the Secretary-General when he prepares his proposed programme budget;

3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination regarding priority-setting;<sup>39</sup>

4. *Notes* that the thirtieth session of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, which will be of six weeks' duration, in accordance with paragraph 8 of the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) of 14 May 1976, will be held in two parts and that the second part will be devoted to consideration of the outline of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993;

5. *Endorses* the recommendation of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination that the General Assembly consider the possibility of adjusting the calendar of meetings so that the sessions of the Committee would start later in May.<sup>40</sup>

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<sup>37</sup> A/44/272.

<sup>38</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/44/16).*

<sup>39</sup> *Ibid.*, paras. 271-274.

<sup>40</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 52.

**1989/98. International strategy for the fight against locust and grasshopper infestation, particularly in Africa**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 41/185 of 8 December 1986 and 43/203 of 20 December 1988, Economic and Social Council resolutions 1988/2 of 5 February 1988 and 1988/3 of 24 May 1988 and resolution 660 (XXIV) of 7 April 1989 of the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa,<sup>41</sup>

*Bearing in mind* Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/99 of 26 July 1989 on the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, and aware that the Decade will cover locust and grasshopper infestations,

*Noting with satisfaction* the almost general decline of locust and grasshopper infestations, owing to the determined efforts of the affected countries and the generous assistance of the international community,

*Noting also* the results of the Conference of Heads of State of the countries members of the Joint Anti-Locust and Anti-Avarian Organization held at Dakar in February 1989,

*Conscious* of the risk of a rapid resurgence of the locust and grasshopper infestation and of the possible reappearance of swarms as a result of widespread and abundant rainfall in the Saharan region and in other regions of the world,

*Noting* that small to medium-sized swarms of desert locusts have been reported or are anticipated in several Saharan countries between June and mid-August 1989 by the Emergency Centre for Locust Operations of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations,

*Considering* that a number of countries, particularly the poorest countries, have still to overcome the complex and harmful effects of the recent disastrous locust and grasshopper infestation,

1. *Takes note with interest* of the report of the Secretary-General<sup>42</sup> and of that of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations<sup>43</sup> on the implementation of the international strategy for the fight against locust and grasshopper infestation, particularly in Africa;

2. *Welcomes* the creation of the International Desert Locust Task Force under the technical and operational responsibility of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations for the purpose of providing direct support to the countries affected, particularly seriously infested or relatively inaccessible regions;

<sup>41</sup> *See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1989, Supplement No. 16 (E/1989/35), chap. IV.*

<sup>42</sup> A/44/314-E/1989/115.

<sup>43</sup> A/44/314/Add.1-E/1989/115/Add.1.

3. *Also welcomes* the generous and effective co-operation that exists in this regard among the States members of the Maghreb Arab Union;

4. *Further welcomes* the appeal of the Conference of Heads of State of the countries members of the Joint Anti-Locust and Anti-Avarian Organization to the international community to support the organization strongly in the rigorous implementation of the plan of action in the short, medium and long terms to combat locusts, adopted by the Council of Ministers of the organization at its twenty-fourth session, held at N'Djamena from 10 to 16 December 1988;

5. *Expresses its support* for the long-term research initiatives of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Development Programme and a number of Governments aimed at further developing more effective, economical and environmentally sound control methods along with short-term activities and medium-term programmes for prevention and environmentally acceptable alternative long-term strategies for locust and grasshopper control;

6. *Invites* the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to continue to play its role as lead agency in locust control and related research activities, in close collaboration with other competent organizations and institutions, and to ensure that the proposals and plans of the International Desert Locust Task Force are implemented and fully complement the activities of national and regional authorities and donor activities;

7. *Notes* that, although the present desert locust plague appears to have receded, continued vigilance will be required on the part of all concerned with regard to the locust population still present and the new swarms reported in several Saharan countries;

8. *Expresses its appreciation* to the international community for the assistance provided to the affected countries, and calls for continued support for short-term, medium-term and long-term efforts to control locusts and grasshoppers;

9. *Appeals* to the international community, particularly the developed countries, to make the necessary resources available to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and to co-operate with it in further developing remote-sensing techniques, training, the testing and evaluation of pesticides, the collection and dissemination of information, prevention, co-ordination and funding, and in establishing or strengthening national and regional early-warning systems in order to improve the ability of affected or vulnerable countries to cope with future threats;

10. *Endorses* the appeal made by the Secretary-General to the executive heads of other organizations of the United Nations system to remain vigilant and not to lose the expertise acquired in the past two years in controlling locust and grasshopper infestations, and requests the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to submit to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular ses-

sion of 1990 an up-to-date report on the implementation of the international strategy for the fight against locust and grasshopper infestation, particularly in Africa.

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## **1989/99. International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Considering* that natural disasters have adversely affected the lives of a great number of people and caused considerable damage to infrastructure and property world wide, especially in developing countries,

*Recognizing* the important responsibility of the United Nations system as a whole for promoting international co-operation in mitigating natural disasters, providing assistance and co-ordinating disaster relief, preparedness and prevention,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 42/169 of 11 December 1987, by which the Assembly decided to designate the 1990s as a decade in which the international community, under the auspices of the United Nations, would pay special attention to fostering international co-operation in the field of natural disaster reduction,

*Bearing in mind* paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 42/169, in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the appropriate organizations of the United Nations system and relevant scientific, technical, academic and other non-governmental organizations, to develop an appropriate framework for attaining the objective and goals of the Decade and to submit a report thereon to the Assembly at its forty-fourth session, through the Economic and Social Council,

*Recalling also* General Assembly resolution 43/202 of 20 December 1988, in which the Assembly reiterated its request to the Secretary-General to develop an appropriate framework for action at all levels for attaining the objective and goals of the Decade,

*Recalling further* Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/51 of 26 July 1988 on assistance in cases of natural disaster and other disaster situations,

1. *Takes note with interest* of the report of the Secretary-General on the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction;<sup>44</sup>

2. *Expresses its appreciation* for the work done by the International *Ad Hoc* Group of Experts on the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, which adopted the Tokyo Declaration<sup>45</sup> on 11 April 1989 and submitted its report to the Secretary-General,<sup>46</sup> and requests that the full report of the Group

<sup>44</sup> A/44/322-E/1989/114.

<sup>45</sup> *Ibid.*, annex II.

<sup>46</sup> For a summary of the report, see A/44/322-E/1989/114, annex I.

be submitted to the General Assembly as an official document;

3. *Recommends* that the General Assembly take action to develop an appropriate framework for international co-operation to attain the objective and goals of the Decade, which commences in 1990, with particular emphasis on the catalytic and facilitating role envisaged for the United Nations system, taking into account the proposals and recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General and the views expressed at the second regular session of 1989 of the Economic and Social Council.

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**1989/100. Assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 43/207 of 20 December 1988 and previous resolutions of the General Assembly on international assistance for the reconstruction of Lebanon, in which the Assembly requested the specialized agencies and other organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to expand and intensify their programmes of assistance in response to the needs of Lebanon,

*Aware* of the deteriorating socio-economic conditions of the people of Lebanon and the magnitude of their unmet needs,

*Noting with great concern* the unprecedented inflation in Lebanon during the past five years and the catastrophic erosion of the value of the country's currency,

*Appeals* to all Member States and all organizations of the United Nations system to continue and intensify their efforts to mobilize all possible assistance for the Government of Lebanon in its reconstruction and development efforts, in accordance with the relevant resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council.

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**1989/101. Strengthening international co-operation on the environment: provision of additional financial resources to developing countries**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972 on institutional and financial arrangements for international environmental co-operation, in particular, section III, paragraph 4, thereof,

*Recalling also* Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/69 of 28 July 1988,

*Taking note* of the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme,<sup>47</sup>

1. *Concludes* that increasing attention needs to be paid to the provision of new and additional financial resources to developing countries for environmental programmes and projects, so as to ensure that their development priorities are not adversely affected, and that such provision should be kept under more effective and continuous review;

2. *Recommends* that, during the preparatory process for the proposed United Nations conference on environment and development and at the conference itself, careful consideration should be given to this question with a view to enabling the conference to establish modalities for effective monitoring or review, in order to provide a factual basis for promoting appropriate action.

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**1989/102. Plan of Action to Combat Desertification**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 42/189 of 11 December 1987 concerning the implementation and financing of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification, in particular resolution 42/189 B concerning the implementation of the Plan in the Sudano-Sahelian region,

*Taking note with interest* of the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office,<sup>48</sup>

*Taking note also* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 42/189 A, B and C,<sup>49</sup>

*Noting* that the delay in the availability of documentation prevented the Council from giving full consideration to this question,

*Decides* to transmit to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session, for in-depth consideration and appropriate action, the reports of the Secretary-General and of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and decision 15/23 of 25 May 1989 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme,<sup>50</sup> as well as the draft resolution contained in the annex to decision 15/23 D, together with the views and comments expressed at the

<sup>47</sup> A/44/332-E/1989/103, annex.

<sup>48</sup> DP/1989/50.

<sup>49</sup> A/44/351-E/1989/122.

<sup>50</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/44/25)*, annex.



second regular session of 1989 of the Economic and Social Council.

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**1989/103. Countries stricken by desertification and drought in Africa**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 39/208 of 17 December 1984, 40/175 of 17 December 1985 and 42/188 of 11 December 1987, as well as Economic and Social Council resolution 1986/44 of 21 July 1986,

*Recalling also* General Assembly resolution 40/209 of 17 December 1985, in which the Assembly rationalized its consideration of desertification and drought issues,

*Deeply alarmed* by studies indicating that major climatic changes have taken place in Africa, making the present situation very critical, and by the disturbing assessment that emerged from the Scientific Round Table on the Climatic Situation and Drought in Africa, held at Addis Ababa in February 1984,<sup>51</sup>

*Greatly concerned* at the tragic consequences of the accelerating desertification, which has resulted in a substantial decline in agricultural output and contributed in particular to the worsening of the current economic crisis in Africa,

*Taking note* of the interest shown at the summit meeting of the seven main industrialized countries held in Paris in July 1989 in matters relating to the control of desertification and, in particular, in the plan to establish a Sahel observatory,

*Recalling* that, pursuant to the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990,<sup>52</sup> African Governments have undertaken to strengthen measures to combat desertification and drought, and bearing in mind the active support and commitment to action expressed forcefully by the international community, including the United Nations system, in General Assembly resolution 43/27 of 18 November 1988 on the mid-term review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action,

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General on countries stricken by desertification and drought,<sup>53</sup>

*Taking note* of the work of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on this question and its decision 15/23 of 25 May 1989,<sup>54</sup>

*Welcoming* the results and resolutions of the Ministerial Conference for a joint policy to combat

desertification in the countries of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel and the Economic Community of West African States, in the Maghreb countries, in Egypt and in the Sudan, held at Dakar in July 1984<sup>55</sup> and November 1985<sup>56</sup> and at Algiers in October 1988,

*Welcoming also* the renewed efforts of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office to increase support to the countries and organizations concerned and to co-operate with them, in particular with the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel and the Intergovernmental Authority on Drought and Development,

*Having considered* the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office,<sup>57</sup>

*Acknowledging* that, in view of the scale and gravity of desertification and drought, programmes to combat those scourges require financial and human resources beyond the means of the countries concerned,

1. *Recognizes* the sustained and praiseworthy efforts made by the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel to combat desertification and drought, and welcomes its fruitful co-operation with Governments and United Nations organs and bodies;

2. *Appeals urgently* to the international community, particularly donor countries, while maintaining their support for the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990, to continue to support the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel, the Intergovernmental Authority on Drought and Development and the Ministerial Conference for a joint policy to combat desertification;

3. *Welcomes with satisfaction* the progress made by the International Fund for Agricultural Development through its Special Programme for Sub-Saharan African Countries Affected by Drought and Desertification;

4. *Stresses* the fundamental importance of South-South co-operation in executing programmes to combat desertification and drought and of the necessary support of the international community for such co-operation;

5. *Notes with satisfaction* the generosity and solidarity with which the international community has responded to the assistance needs resulting from the emergency in Africa, particularly with regard to food aid, emergency medical assistance and the fight against grasshoppers and locusts;

6. *Recommends* that, within the framework of bilateral and multilateral development assistance programmes, the fight against desertification and drought

<sup>51</sup> See E/1984/109, annex.

<sup>52</sup> General Assembly resolution S-13/2, annex.

<sup>53</sup> A/44/296-E/1989/81.

<sup>54</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/44/25)*, annex.

<sup>55</sup> A/39/530, annex.

<sup>56</sup> See A/C.2/40/10, annex.

<sup>57</sup> DP/1989/50.

be given priority attention in keeping with the scope of those problems;

7. *Urges* the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office to assist the Sudano-Sahelian countries with regard to the preparations for the United Nations conference on environment and development and the follow-up actions resulting from the conference;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to place greater emphasis in the World Economic Survey on the situation and prospects of countries stricken by desertification and drought;

9. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the situation in countries stricken by desertification and drought and to prepare, as necessary, specific and co-ordinated proposals for action.

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#### **1989/104. Work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 1983/7 of 26 May 1983, 1985/9 of 28 May 1985, 1986/66 of 23 July 1986 and 1987/54 of 28 May 1987,

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

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

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

*Reaffirming* the desirability of widening the decision-making base of the Committee by encouraging the participation of developing countries and other non-member countries in its future work,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods in the biennium 1987-1988<sup>59</sup> and of the new and amended recommendations approved by the Committee for inclusion in its existing recommendations;<sup>60</sup>

<sup>59</sup> E/1989/63.

<sup>60</sup> See ST/SG/AC.10/15 and Add.1-3.

2. *Welcomes and approves*, in principle, the request of the Government of India to become a full member of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods as a suitable step towards widening its decision-making base;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

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

(b) To publish the new and amended recommendations in all the official languages of the United Nations, in the most cost-effective manner, not later than the end of 1989;

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

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

5. *Invites* all interested Governments and the international organizations concerned, when developing appropriate codes and regulations, to take full account of the recommendations of the Committee;

6. *Endorses* the decision of the Committee, aimed at increasing efficiency, to combine its two subsidiary bodies, the Group of Rapporteurs and the Group of Experts on Explosives, into a single Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, adequate time to be allocated during the sessions of the Sub-Committee to the discussion of matters relating to the transport of explosives;

7. *Recommends* that adequate funding be provided to support the work of the Committee as indicated in the report of the Committee on its fifteenth session, if possible by setting up a special fund;<sup>60</sup>

8. *Reiterates* its request to the Secretary-General to make available, within existing resources, the staff necessary for the adequate servicing of the Committee, namely one Professional and one General Service post, and regrets that the requests made in its resolutions 1983/7, 1985/9, 1986/66 and 1987/54 have not yet been met;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report to the Council in 1991 on the implementation of the present resolution.

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<sup>60</sup> See ST/SG/AC.10/15, para. 92.

**1989/105. System-wide co-ordination of activities to advance the status of women and to integrate women in development**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Reaffirming* its essential role in reviewing and co-ordinating all activities of the United Nations system relevant to women's issues,

*Recalling* all relevant resolutions on co-ordination matters pertaining to the status of women, particularly Economic and Social Council resolutions 1985/46 of 31 May 1985, 1986/71 of 23 July 1986, 1987/65 of 8 July 1987, 1987/86 of 8 July 1987, 1988/22 of 26 May 1988, 1988/59 of 27 July 1988 and 1988/60 of 27 July 1988 and decision 1987/182 of 8 July 1987,

*Noting*, in particular, the report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on plans and programmes of the organizations of the United Nations system to implement the system-wide medium-term plan for women and development for the period 1990-1995,<sup>61</sup> the report of the Secretary-General on the preparation of a system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women for the period 1996-2001<sup>62</sup> and the report of the Secretary-General on the scope and general approach of the cross-organizational programme analysis on the activities of the United Nations system related to the advancement of women,<sup>63</sup>

*Recalling* the system-wide medium-term plan for women and development for the period 1990-1995,<sup>64</sup> accepted by the Economic and Social Council in resolution 1987/86,

*Considering* the central role of the Commission on the Status of Women in promoting international co-operation to integrate women fully in economic development programmes and activities.

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 42/193 of 11 December 1987 and 43/182 of 20 December 1988 on the preparation of an international development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade,

1. *Decides* to continue to include the question of the system-wide co-ordination of activities to advance the status of women and to integrate women in development in its programme of work under the item on co-ordination in order to monitor the implementation of the system-wide medium-term plan for women and development in the programmes and programme budgets of the organizations of the United Nations system;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, to report to the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Economic and Social Council, biennially in odd-numbered years beginning in 1991,

on the extent to which the system-wide medium-term plan is incorporated into the programmes and programme budgets of the organizations of the United Nations system, using as a baseline indicator the cross-organizational programme analysis of the activities of the United Nations system for the advancement of women;<sup>65</sup>

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to integrate the parts of the reports of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Council on the programme budget aspects of the implementation of the system-wide medium-term plan into his biennial report on monitoring the progress made by the organizations of the United Nations system in implementing the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women,<sup>66</sup> prepared under Council resolution 1988/22;

4. *Recommends* that all substantive reporting to the Commission on the Status of Women on the implementation of the system-wide medium-term plan be consolidated in a concise, detailed and analytical way in the biennial report on monitoring the progress made by the organizations of the United Nations system;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, to the extent possible, to subsume under the comprehensive reporting system established by Council resolution 1988/22 the existing reporting obligations to the Commission on the Status of Women not otherwise provided for in the present resolution regarding the implementation of the Forward-looking Strategies;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make available to the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirty-fourth session documents related to the cross-organizational programme analysis of the activities of the United Nations system for the advancement of women, including the analysis itself<sup>67</sup> and the relevant portions of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the work of its twenty-ninth session,<sup>68</sup> as well as the report of the Secretary-General on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development<sup>69</sup> and the report of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly on the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women;

7. *Urges* all United Nations bodies, including the regional commissions, and the specialized agencies that have not yet done so to adopt and implement comprehensive policies for the advancement of women, on the basis of the system-wide medium-term plan for women and development, and to incorporate them in

<sup>61</sup> E/1989/16 and Corr.1.

<sup>62</sup> E/1989/9.

<sup>63</sup> E/AC.51/1988/2.

<sup>64</sup> See E/1987/52.

<sup>65</sup> E/1989/19 and Corr.1.

<sup>66</sup> *Report of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Nairobi, 15-26 July 1985* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.85.IV.10), chap. I, sect. A.

<sup>67</sup> E/1989/19 and Corr.1.

<sup>68</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/44/16)*, chap. IV, sect. B.

<sup>69</sup> A/44/290-E/1989/105.

their organization's medium-term plans, statements of objectives, programmes and other major policy statements;

8. *Endorses* the timetable proposed by the Secretary-General for the preparation of a system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women for the period 1996-2001;<sup>70</sup>

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in formulating the system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women for the period 1996-2001, to pay particular attention to the strengthening of national machinery for the advancement of women and to specific sectoral themes that cut across the three objectives—equality, development and peace—of the Forward-looking Strategies, such as literacy, education, population, health and the full participation of women in decision-making;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to take the necessary measures to ensure that specific action is taken to integrate the Forward-looking Strategies into related activities mandated by the General Assembly, in particular those mandated in the following resolutions: 42/104 of 7 December 1987 on the International Literacy Year, 42/186 of 11 December 1987 on the Environmental Perspective to the Year 2000 and Beyond, 42/193 of 11 December 1987 and 43/182 of 20 December 1988 on the preparation of an international development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade, 43/15 of 27 October 1988 on the prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) and 43/181 of 20 December 1988 on the Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000;

11. *Requests* the *Ad Hoc* Committee of the Whole for the Preparation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade to attach high priority to issues related to the full integration of women in the development process, particularly by focusing on such prerequisites as literacy, education, employment, child care, population, health and participation in decision-making, and to stress the importance of the improvement of the situation of women for the fulfilment of such prerequisites.

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#### **1989/106. Effective mobilization and integration of women in development**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1988/49 of 26 July 1988,

*Noting* the section of the *World Economic Survey, 1989*<sup>71</sup> on the socio-economic attainment of women,

<sup>70</sup> E/1989/9, para. 6.

<sup>71</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No. E.89.II.C.1 and corrigendum, "Special issues", sect. 1.

*Noting also* that the first update of the *World Survey on the Role of Women in Development* will be submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session,

1. *Welcomes* the section on the socio-economic attainment of women contained in the *World Economic Survey, 1989*;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to maintain that section in the *World Economic Survey* and to incorporate, *inter alia*, statistical indicators on income distribution, health, nutrition, fertility and education;

3. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to focus, in the next edition of the *World Survey on the Role of Women in Development*, on socio-economic aspects, *inter alia*, of emerging trends with respect to women and education, health, population, income distribution, employment and environment issues, as well as the participation of women in decision-making, and to submit a draft text to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1994 for comment;

4. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to invite the regional commissions, within their terms of reference, to provide relevant input for the section of the *World Economic Survey* on the socio-economic attainment of women and for the *World Survey on the Role of Women in Development*;

5. *Recommends* that the Statistical Office of the United Nations Secretariat play a central role in the intensified co-ordination of statistical data within the United Nations system on women in development and that United Nations sectoral studies be planned and published in a mutually supportive manner.

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#### **1989/107. World Decade for Cultural Development**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 41/187 of 8 December 1986, in which the Assembly proclaimed the period 1988-1997 the World Decade for Cultural Development, to be observed under the auspices of the United Nations and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,

*Noting* that, in addition to the regional meetings listed in the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,<sup>72</sup> the National Commissions for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in the Arab States met at Nouakchott in June 1989 to co-ordinate their efforts to implement the Decade,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural

<sup>72</sup> See A/44/284-E/1989/109, paras. 35-37.

Organization on the progress of the World Decade for Cultural Development during the period 1988-1989;<sup>73</sup>

2. *Invites* Member States, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to strengthen their efforts, as appropriate, in the implementation of the Plan of Action for the World Decade for Cultural Development;<sup>74</sup>

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to take the measures necessary to reinforce the co-ordination of the activities undertaken by the organizations of the United Nations system in support of the Decade through the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination; such measures might include the establishment of a steering committee, if appropriate.

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### 1989/108. Prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1988/55 of 27 July 1988, General Assembly resolution 43/15 of 27 October 1988, World Health Assembly resolutions WHA 42.20 of 17 May 1989 and WHA 42.33 and WHA 42.34 of 19 May 1989, other relevant resolutions, the London Declaration on AIDS Prevention<sup>75</sup> and the discussions at the Fifth International Conference on AIDS, held at Montreal from 4 to 9 June 1989.

*Acknowledging* the established leadership of the World Health Organization in directing and co-ordinating AIDS education, prevention, control and research,

*Noting with appreciation* the efforts of other organizations of the United Nations system, as well as national Governments and non-governmental organizations,

*Welcoming*, in particular, the World Health Organization/United Nations Development Programme Alliance to Combat AIDS and the role of the Alliance in facilitating the implementation at the country level of the global strategy for the prevention and control of AIDS,

*Recalling* the resolutions of the World Health Assembly and the General Assembly concerning the socio-economic and humanitarian aspects of the problem, including the need to respect the human rights and dignity of all people, including those infected with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV),

*Reaffirming* that the struggle against AIDS should be consistent with and divert neither attention nor resources from other national public health priorities and development goals and should not divert international efforts and resources needed for overall health priorities,

*Aware* that AIDS can have serious economic and social consequences, particularly in countries with a high incidence of infection from the human immunodeficiency virus and limited public health services and other developmental resources.

*Aware* of the need to address the problem of drug abuse from the perspective of AIDS prevention and control,

*Concerned* that, depending upon individual and social circumstances, women and children recently appear to have developed a higher risk of infection from the human immunodeficiency virus,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization on the global strategy for the prevention and control of AIDS<sup>76</sup> and the supplementary report on AIDS-related activities being carried out by the organizations of the United Nations system;<sup>77</sup>

2. *Notes with appreciation and welcomes* the arrangements made by the Secretary-General, in close co-operation with the Director-General of the World Health Organization, to ensure a co-ordinated response by the United Nations system to the AIDS pandemic pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/55 and General Assembly resolution 43/15;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in view of the potentially serious implications of the AIDS pandemic for socio-economic development in some developing countries, to intensify his efforts, in close co-operation with the Director-General of the World Health Organization, to mobilize the technical and other relevant resources of the United Nations system, through co-ordinated research and programme measures, to deal with this aspect of the problem;

4. *Calls upon* Governments and non-governmental organizations to co-ordinate their efforts with the World Health Organization in implementing the global strategy for the prevention and control of AIDS;

5. *Invites* the General Assembly to consider the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization and the response of the United Nations system to the AIDS pandemic and to take an appropriate decision on further action, taking the present resolution into account.

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<sup>73</sup> A/44/284-E/1989/109.

<sup>74</sup> See E/1986/L.30, annex.

<sup>75</sup> A/43/341-E/1988/80, annex, appendix I.

<sup>76</sup> A/44/274-E/1989/75, annex.

<sup>77</sup> A/44/274/Add.1-E/1989/75/Add.1.

## **1989/109. Report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the work of its twenty-ninth session,<sup>1</sup>

*Recalling* the provisions of Chapters IX and X of the Charter of the United Nations and, in particular, the role of the Economic and Social Council in co-ordination in the economic and social fields within the United Nations system,

*Reaffirming* the importance of the programming and co-ordinating functions carried out by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination as the main subsidiary organ of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly for planning, programming and co-ordination,

*Recognizing* that programme performance reports, programme evaluations, system-wide programme analyses and other relevant co-ordination instruments should be significant tools for promoting effectiveness and better integration, as appropriate, of the programming and co-ordination processes and for enabling the United Nations to fulfil its role and functions,

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

2. *Requests* the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination to intensify its efforts on such important matters as priority-setting, evaluation methodologies, the format and presentation of the medium-term plan, and relevant co-ordination instruments;

3. *Affirms* that the implementation of the present resolution shall take into account relevant decisions of the Council on revitalization of the Economic and Social Council.

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## **1989/110. International economic co-operation towards common approaches to development**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Taking into account* the need for shared responsibility for the sound development of the world economy,

*Considering* the growing trend towards a new international consensus on growth and development through revived multilateral dialogue aimed at enhancing economic co-operation in recognition of growing global interdependence and in conformity with the interests of the international community,

<sup>1</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/44/16).

*Convinced* that efforts to secure a more supportive economic environment conducive to sustained growth and development, in particular in the developing countries, are essential.

*Conscious* of the role of the United Nations in promoting continued co-operative efforts towards the revitalization of development within a multilateral framework involving all States and in stimulating common approaches to international economic issues, as exemplified by the results of the seventh session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,

*Expecting* that such approaches will be generated when the General Assembly, at its special session in 1990, establishes guidelines for international economic relations in the 1990s and beyond,

1. *Notes with deep concern* that external indebtedness and persistent poverty continue to affect the majority of the developing countries;

2. *Also notes* that in certain developing countries the economic situation has been exacerbated, *inter alia*, by natural disasters affecting hundreds of millions of people and that in other developing countries encouraging rates of economic growth have been achieved;

3. *Appeals* to Governments to continue to utilize the United Nations system to strengthen further the spirit of solidarity necessary for the resolution of key development problems;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep these matters under review and to report, as appropriate, to the General Assembly on the progress achieved.

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## **1989/111. Strengthening multilateral co-operation in international economic affairs**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Firmly rejecting* trends towards unilateralism and discrimination in world economic affairs,

*Seriously concerned* at the effect of such trends on the multilateral trading system based on the principles of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, in particular the fundamental principle of non-discrimination, and on the achievement of the objectives of the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations,

*Concerned also* at the persistence of structural imbalances in the world economy and stressing the need to reduce them so as to provide an international economic environment more supportive of renewed and sustained growth and development,

*Bearing in mind* the co-ordinating functions of the Economic and Social Council in relation to all the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, in accordance with Articles 62 and 63 of the Charter of the United Nations,

1. *Acknowledges* the need to continue to strengthen multilateralism as the foundation for international economic co-operation in order to create a supportive international economic environment for sustained growth and development world wide;

2. *Affirms* the need for in-depth discussion, in the appropriate international institutions, of questions relating to the co-ordination of macro-economic policies;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in his report to the Preparatory Committee of the Whole for the Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to International Economic Co-operation, in Particular to the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, a comprehensive analysis of ways and means of strengthening multilateral co-operation in international economic relations, including the role of the United Nations, taking into account, *inter alia*, the views expressed at the second regular session of 1989 of the Economic and Social Council on changes and imbalances in the world economy and their impact on international economic co-operation, and to report thereon to the Council at its second regular session of 1990 in the light of the outcome of the special session of the General Assembly.

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**1989/112. Net transfer of resources from developing countries and its impact on their economic growth and development**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Deeply concerned* about difficult economic conditions confronting developing countries which undermine their development potential and about the sharp decline in the standard of living of a large number of people,

*Concerned* that difficult financial situations in developing countries, including net transfers of resources, are limiting them in the utilization of their own resources for investment, for much needed social programmes and for the reactivation of their per capita economic growth and development,

*Emphasizing* that the efforts being undertaken by developing countries to foster sustained economic growth, though important, cannot succeed in reactivating growth and development without a favourable international economic environment,

*Requests* the Secretary-General to include in the *World Economic Survey, 1990* a more comprehensive analysis of the transfer of resources to and from developing countries, the main factors affecting such transfers and their impact on the growth and development of developing countries, presenting alternative hypotheses on the future evolution of this issue, taking into account recent developments in the world economy and distinguishing between both gross and net resource

transfers and financial transfers, and to present a preliminary oral report to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session.

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**1989/113. Relationship between economic and social factors in development**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 40/179 of 17 December 1985 on patterns of consumption,

*Having considered* the *World Economic Survey, 1989*<sup>9</sup> and the views expressed during the general discussion of international economic and social policy, including regional and sectoral developments, at its second regular session of 1989,

*Concerned* at the worsening economic situation of many developing countries, which includes a significant decline in living conditions, the persistence and increase of widespread poverty in a large number of countries and the decrease of the main economic and social indicators in those countries,

*Aware* of the close relationship between economic and social factors in the development process, and convinced of the need for an integrated approach to development,

1. *Decides* that at its organizational session for 1990 the Council shall recommend the modalities by which it will address the relationship between economic and social factors in the growth and development process, taking into account the balanced treatment that should be given to those factors;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, drawing upon the expertise of the competent organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, to include in the *World Economic Survey* a separate chapter containing an in-depth review of the relationship between economic and social factors and an analysis of the impact of the world economic situation, including external indebtedness and other important problems in the areas of trade, finance and income, on the social situation of the developing countries.

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**1989/114. Further measures for the implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/77 on the revitalization of the Council**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 41/213 of 19 December 1986, 42/170 of 11 December 1987, 42/211 of

<sup>9</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No. E.89.II.C.1 and corrigendum.

21 December 1987, 43/174 of 9 December 1988 and 43/213 of 21 December 1988, concerning the review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations,

*Aware* that the reform of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations is a continuing process aimed at strengthening the effectiveness of the United Nations in dealing with economic and social issues and requires further attention,

*Reaffirming* its resolution 1988/77 of 29 July 1988 on the revitalization of the Economic and Social Council, endorsed by the General Assembly in decision 43/432 of 20 December 1988,

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the revitalization of the Economic and Social Council,<sup>80</sup>

*Concerned* that some of the provisions of Council resolution 1988/77 have not been implemented,

*Concerned also* that the documentation submitted to the Council in 1989 was distributed with considerable delay, contravening rule 13 of the rules of procedure of the Council,<sup>81</sup> which states, *inter alia*, that documentation relating to an item of the agenda shall be circulated six weeks before the opening of the regular session,

1. *Notes* that the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system have expressed their readiness to contribute fully to the revitalization of the Economic and Social Council;<sup>82</sup>

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to intensify his efforts towards the full implementation of all relevant provisions of Council resolution 1988/77 and also to implement fully the present resolution;

#### I. MAJOR POLICY THEMES AND THEMATIC ANALYSES

3. *Decides* to consider at its organizational session for 1990 the establishment, on a provisional basis, of a multi-year work programme identifying major policy themes for in-depth consideration each year in accordance with paragraphs 2 (a) (ii), 2 (a) (iii) and 2 (e) (iii) of Council resolution 1988/77, in order to enable the Council, 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 relevant resolutions of the Assembly and the Council; the multi-year work programme should be updated and adjusted as and when necessary;

4. *Decides* that the thematic analyses referred to in paragraphs 2 (a) (ii) and 2 (e) (iii) of Council resolution 1988/77, which shall replace the present cross-organizational programme analyses as from 1991, should be made available to the Council in all official languages at least eight weeks in advance of a session;

<sup>80</sup> E/1989/95.

<sup>81</sup> E/5715/Rev.1 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.83.I.9).

<sup>82</sup> See E/1989/95, annex I.

5. *Further decides* that the thematic analyses should review existing activities and be forward-looking in identifying policy options; they should also:

(a) Describe the issue and the relationships between fields, sectors and activities of the bodies of the United Nations system concerned;

(b) Provide information on recent conclusions and recommendations of the intergovernmental bodies of the United Nations system concerned;

(c) Review relevant policy decisions and recent, ongoing and planned programmatic activities relating to the theme and their system-wide implementation, highlighting practical problems encountered;

(d) Identify emerging problems and the potential need for action by the United Nations system;

(e) Draw attention, as appropriate, to both social and economic aspects of the selected policy theme;

(f) Recommend substantive and programmatic steps to promote complementarities, co-operation and joint activities, fill gaps and reduce duplication in the United Nations system;

(g) Propose co-ordinated measures to translate legislative mandates and overall guidelines into programmes, taking into account the structure of the United Nations system and the respective areas of competence of its organizations;

(h) Propose monitoring arrangements;

6. *Decides*, in the context of its consideration of major policy themes, to review the functioning of the relevant subsidiary bodies with a view to developing common approaches to co-ordination, monitoring and follow-up;

7. *Invites* Member States to be represented in the discussions on major policy themes at an appropriately high level, with a view to the effective consideration of each theme;

8. *Invites* the executive heads of organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to participate actively in the in-depth discussions on major policy themes and to co-operate closely with the Secretary-General in the preparation of the thematic analyses;

#### II. DOCUMENTATION

9. *Notes* that it is important to improve the quality and reduce the length of documents submitted to the Council and subsidiary bodies in the economic, social and related fields and to avoid overwhelming the Council with excessive documentation;

10. *Decides* that the President of the Council and other members of the Bureau should continually monitor, with the assistance of the Secretariat, the status of the preparation of documentation, taking into account relevant decisions on documentation, and should propose appropriate measures to the Council, after having held informal meetings to be convened at least eight weeks before each regular session of the



Council, bearing in mind the need to adhere to rule 13 of the rules of procedure of the Council and other relevant rules and regulations;

11. *Invites* all organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to provide the Council with all the necessary input and support, particularly material required for the preparation of thematic analyses and consolidated reports, and requests the specialized agencies to continue to submit annually to the Council executive summaries of their activities;

12. *Requests* its subsidiary bodies to highlight policy recommendations and decisions resulting from their deliberations for consideration and appropriate action by the Council, and recommends that the General Assembly request its subsidiary bodies reporting through the Council to do the same;

13. *Emphasizes* that all reports submitted to the Council should be prefaced by a summary outlining the main issues addressed and the conclusions and recommendations;

14. *Urges* its subsidiary bodies to implement fully Council resolution 1979/41 of 10 May 1979 in submitting to the Council for consideration their provisional agendas together with the lists of requested documentation, with a view to ensuring greater consistency in requests for documentation and improving reporting procedures, and recommends that the General Assembly request its subsidiary bodies reporting through the Council to do the same;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General, when introducing new information technologies, to take into account the need to improve the availability of documentation and to reduce the quantity of paper stored and distributed to the Council;

16. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report made orally by the Chairman of the open-ended task force on documentation<sup>33</sup> established by the Council in its decision 1989/105 of 5 May 1989, and requests the task force to continue its work with a view to submitting concrete recommendations to the Council at its organizational session for 1990, taking duly into account the relevant provisions of the present resolution;

17. *Decides* to consider at its organizational session for 1990 the proposed format of the report of the Economic and Social Council to the General Assembly;<sup>34</sup>

### III. ORGANIZATION OF WORK

18. *Recommends* that the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session request its subsidiary bodies reporting through the Council to make proposals that will provide adequate time for their reports to be considered by the Council;

19. *Requests* the General Assembly, with the assistance of the Committee on Conferences, to approve

and adjust the calendar of conferences and meetings for 1990 and 1991, bearing in mind the recommendation in paragraph 18 above;

20. *Decides* that, in order to ensure that it is fully effective and substantive, the general discussion on international economic and social policy, including regional and sectoral developments, should not exceed four days and that statements made should not exceed fifteen minutes;

21. *Affirms* that the President of the Council may prepare a summary of the major conclusions of the general discussion;

22. *Decides* that, after the conclusion of all the statements in the general discussion, one day should be devoted to an informal exchange of views among members of the Council, with the active participation of the executive heads of the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system concerned;

23. *Decides* that the sessional committees shall not begin their substantive work until the conclusion of the general discussion and that, to the extent possible, those committees should devote more time to a constructive dialogue on the agenda items under consideration, with the active participation of representatives of the organizations of the United Nations system concerned, and decides to consider at its organizational session for 1990 modalities for implementing these arrangements, taking into account the need to ensure that its sessions are not prolonged;

24. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Council in sufficient time for consideration at its organizational session for 1990 proposals for:

(a) A draft six-year work programme on major policy themes in the economic and social sectors as referred to in paragraph 2 (e) (iii) of Council resolution 1988/77;

(b) A biennial programme of work, with the adjustments in agenda and documentation necessary for the full implementation of Council resolution 1988/77 and the present resolution;

(c) Modalities for the in-depth discussions on major policy themes, possibly in a high-level segment of the Council;

### IV. SUBSTANTIVE SUPPORT

25. *Requests* the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, in accordance with its mandate and acting as a subsidiary body of the Council, to continue to assist the Council in formulating appropriate recommendations relating to the programmatic and co-ordination aspects of relevant activities of the Council;

26. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in order to implement fully and effectively Council resolution 1988/77 and the present resolution, to take the following points into consideration in providing secretariat support for the Council, as referred to in paragraph 2 (g) of Council resolution 1988/77:

<sup>33</sup> See E/1989/SR.31.

<sup>34</sup> E/1989/95, annex IV.

(a) There should be an organizationally distinct and identifiable secretariat structure for providing substantive support in regard to the preparation of thematic analyses and consolidated reports;

(b) The expertise of other organizations of the United Nations system should be drawn upon, as appropriate;

(c) Such secretariat support should be provided, as appropriate, *inter alia*, within existing resources through redeployment of staff and the use of extrabudgetary resources.

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#### **1989/115. Proclamation of a second industrial development decade for Africa**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1987/70 of 8 July 1987, in which it recommended that, after appropriate evaluation of the Industrial Development Decade for Africa, the proclamation of a second decade should be considered in order to accelerate further the industrialization of Africa,

*Noting* resolution CM/RES.1188 (XLIX) of the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity,<sup>85</sup> in which the Council of Ministers urged the Industrial Development Board of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to adopt an appropriate decision with a view to the proclamation by the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session of a second industrial development decade for Africa,

*Noting also* Industrial Development Board decision IDB.5/Dec.7 of 6 July 1989,<sup>86</sup> in which the Board recommended that the General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization request the General Assembly to proclaim, at its forty-fourth session, a second industrial development decade for Africa,

*Recalling also* Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/84 of 24 May 1989 on guidelines for international decades in economic and social fields,

*Noting* that an independent evaluation of the implementation of the Industrial Development Decade for Africa has been completed by a team of experts,<sup>87</sup>

*Taking note* of resolution 656 (XXIV) of 7 April 1989 of the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa,<sup>88</sup>

*Noting* that the Conference of Ministers invited the Conference of African Ministers of Industry at its ninth

meeting to examine the report on the evaluation of the implementation of the Decade and present its views on the modalities of launching a second decade for submission to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session, through the Economic and Social Council and the Industrial Development Board,

*Having heard* the statement made by the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa on 10 July 1989,<sup>89</sup>

1. *Recommends* that the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session consider proclaiming the period 1991-2000 the second industrial development decade for Africa;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session proposals, with cost estimates, for the preparation of the programme for the second industrial development decade for Africa, taking into account resolution 2 (IX) of 31 May 1989 of the Conference of African Ministers of Industry.<sup>90</sup>

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#### **1989/116. African Alternative Framework for Structural Adjustment Programmes for Socio-economic Recovery and Transformation**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 43/27 of 18 November 1988, in particular paragraph 55 (c) of the annex, in which the Assembly recommended that African countries increase their efforts in the search for a viable conceptual and practical framework for economic structural adjustment programmes in keeping with long-term development objectives and strategies at the national, subregional and regional levels,

*Convinced* of the urgent need for African economies to bring about structural transformation and sustained growth and development,

1. *Takes note with interest* of the African Alternative Framework for Structural Adjustment Programmes for Socio-economic Recovery and Transformation,<sup>91</sup> adopted by the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa in resolution 676 (XXIV) of 7 April 1989,<sup>92</sup> and the joint statement on Africa's long-term development adopted by the meeting of agencies concerned with Africa's economic and social progress held at Washington, D.C., on 10 May 1989;

<sup>85</sup> See A/44/291, annex.

<sup>86</sup> E/1989/L.32, annex.

<sup>87</sup> Economic Commission for Africa/United Nations Industrial Development Organization document CAMI.9/20/Add.1—ICE/1989/20/Add.1.

<sup>88</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1989, Supplement No. 16* (E/1989/35), chap. IV.

<sup>89</sup> See E/1989/SR.23.

<sup>90</sup> See Economic Commission for Africa/United Nations Industrial Development Organization document CAMI.9/22—ICE/1989/22.

<sup>91</sup> A/44/315, annex.

<sup>92</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1989, Supplement No. 16* (E/1989/35), chap. IV.

2. *Requests* the General Assembly to consider taking action on the Framework, as appropriate;

3. *Calls upon* the international community, especially developed countries and multilateral institutions, to consider requests to provide support to the country programmes prepared by African countries.

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#### **1989/117. African Institute for Economic Development and Planning**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1985/62 of 26 July 1985,

*Noting with satisfaction* the achievements of the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning, the services it has rendered to African Governments and the increasing and continued interest of Member States in its activities,

*Considering* the critical financial crisis facing the Institute, the decline in the contributions of member States and the decision of the United Nations Development Programme to withdraw its assistance for training at the Institute and funding of its core staff at the end of 1989,

*Noting with satisfaction* that the Governing Council of the Institute has appointed a sub-committee to review the structure and management of the Institute and make recommendations on its restructuring,

*Expressing appreciation* for the support that the United Nations Development Programme has so far given the Institute,

1. *Urges* the Governing Council of the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning to expedite the work of restructuring and rationalizing the activities and means of the Institute in order to establish, as early as possible, a renewed and financially viable Institute for the benefit of African development;

2. *Invites* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to reconsider, in the light of the progress made in the restructuring process, the decision to cease the funding of the Institute after December 1989 and to provide support, as appropriate;

3. *Earnestly urges* African Governments to pay their contributions in a regular and timely manner and make plans to pay gradually their accumulated arrears.

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#### **1989/118. Interregional co-operation for facilitation of international trade**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its decision 1982/174 of 30 July 1982, in which it requested the executive secretaries of the

regional commissions to submit recommendations concerning a subject for interregional co-operation of common interest to all regions, and noting ongoing activities undertaken by the regional commissions within this framework,

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General on regional co-operation,<sup>93</sup> in particular section IV thereof,

*Conscious* of the global importance of trade facilitation and of the work carried out by the regional commissions to reduce, simplify and harmonize formalities, procedures and documentation for the development of international trade, and of the technical co-operation activities carried out by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to promote and implement such measures pursuant to the decision adopted by the Economic and Social Council on 31 July 1969,

*Noting* that the Rules for Electronic Data Interchange for Administration, Commerce and Transport (EDIFACT) being developed and maintained within the Economic Commission for Europe allow for the progressive replacement of trade documents by electronic messages,

*Recalling*, in the light of Economic Commission for Europe decision L (44) of 21 April 1989,<sup>94</sup> that consideration should be given to augmenting the existing facilities in the Commission for the development and the maintenance of EDIFACT, given the central importance of these facilities for the use of EDIFACT by all countries concerned,

*Recognizing* that the introduction of trade facilitation measures leading to simpler, faster and more economical documentary procedures might require the modification of trade-related practices,

*Noting* that the introduction of electronic data interchange is contingent upon the availability of appropriate data-processing equipment and telecommunications facilities, as well as relevant business management techniques, which have still to be established in many countries, particularly developing countries,

1. *Invites* the regional commissions to formulate, jointly with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, within existing resources, a draft proposal for interregional co-operation based on projects detailing technical and resource requirements, duly taking into account the national laws and regulations and the needs and concerns of the various regions, especially those of the developing countries, in the area of trade facilitation, and in particular the phased application of EDIFACT, wherever appropriate, and to submit the draft proposal for approval to the Council at its second regular session of 1990;

2. *Requests* the regional commissions to consult with funding organizations, notably the United Nations

<sup>93</sup> E/1989/96.

<sup>94</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1989, Supplement No. 15 (E/1989/34), chap. IV.*

Development Programme, concerning the financial resources available for possible execution of the draft proposal after approval by the Council at its second regular session of 1990;

3. *Recommends* to the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe that, in examining closely the resources required for maintenance and development activity now under way, consideration be given to the issue of what resources, from within the existing resources of the Commission, might be made available to support this activity.

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#### **1989/119. Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 1982/57 of 30 July 1982, 1983/62 of 29 July 1983, 1984/75 of 27 July 1984, 1985/70 of 26 July 1985 and 1987/69 of 8 July 1987,

*Having considered* the conclusions contained in the interim report prepared in compliance with Council resolution 1987/69 by the Executive Secretaries of the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe on the progress being made in the studies relating to the project for a Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar,<sup>95</sup>

*Bearing in mind* the new dynamism being brought to the region owing, in particular, to the proclamation of the Maghreb Arab Union and to the greatly expanding land transport infrastructure leading to the Strait of Gibraltar,

*Noting* the resolution adopted on 1 February 1989 by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe<sup>96</sup> regarding measures to encourage the construction of a major traffic artery in south-western Europe and to study thoroughly the possibility of a permanent link between Europe and Africa across the Strait of Gibraltar,

*Also noting* the resolution adopted by the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning at its sixth meeting, held at Kinshasa in March 1988,<sup>97</sup> concerning the establishment of an entity for the development of transport in the North Africa region,

*Aware* that the studies on the permanent link have contributed to other regional projects, such as the connection of the electricity grids of Morocco and Spain and the Maghreb-Europe gas pipeline,

*Welcoming* the co-operation between the Economic Commission for Africa, the Economic Commission for

Europe, the Governments of Morocco and Spain and the Transport Study Centre for the Western Mediterranean,

*Conscious* of the importance of the project for the development of transport in the region, the consolidation of North-South relations and the promotion of scientific and technological research at the international level,

1. *Invites* interested Governments and the enterprises and institutions concerned, as well as other competent organizations, to participate in the international symposium on the permanent link to be held at Marrakesh from 16 to 18 May 1990 with a view to the implementation of the project;

2. *Also invites* the countries concerned to co-operate with the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe in accelerating the creation of transport networks leading to the Strait of Gibraltar and in harmonizing transport regulations with a view to facilitating the transport of goods and merchandise between the two areas;

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

(a) To submit, at the Marrakesh symposium, a global evaluation of the studies and work relating to the project based on the reports of the Executive Secretaries transmitted by the Secretary-General to the Economic and Social Council;

(b) To allocate as far as possible the resources necessary for the evaluation of the studies and work relating to the project and of the results and recommendations of the Marrakesh symposium;

(c) To submit an interim report on the project to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1991.

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#### **1989/120. Development of human resources**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Reaffirming* the crucial role of human resources in the socio-economic development process, and recognizing that the development of human resources is both an essential pre-condition for development and the ultimate aim of development,

*Bearing in mind* that it is the sovereign right and responsibility of each country to formulate and implement national strategies, policies, plans and programmes for human resources development as part of the overall development process and within the context of its specific national development needs and objectives,

*Recognizing* that the integrated and concerted strategies, policies, plans and programmes for develop-

<sup>95</sup> See E/1989/58.

<sup>96</sup> See Council of Europe, Parliamentary Assembly, Fortieth Ordinary Session (third part), *Texts Adopted by the Assembly*, resolution 912 (1989).

<sup>97</sup> See E/ECA/CM.14/24.

ment in the 1990s should place greater emphasis on human resources development,

*Emphasizing* that many developing countries are devoting a considerable share of their limited resources to the development of their human resources,

*Taking into account* the continuing evolution of the concept of human resources development and the consequent variety in the scope and nature of the experience and technical capacity of organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system in contributing to the promotion of human resources development in their respective fields of competence, and convinced of the need for greater effectiveness, clarity and co-ordination in carrying out such activities,

*Aware* that the development of human resources is a long-term and multidisciplinary process requiring an integrated approach,

*Believing* that a more common operational definition of human resources development, reflecting the views, priorities and objectives of Member States, would enhance the effectiveness and impact of the activities of the United Nations system in this field,

*Noting with satisfaction* the contribution to the elaboration of the concept of human resources development made by the Khartoum Declaration: Towards a Human-focused Approach to Socio-economic Recovery and Development in Africa,<sup>98</sup> the Jakarta Plan of Action on Human Resources Development in the ESCAP Region<sup>99</sup> and the African Alternative Framework for Structural Adjustment Programmes for Socio-economic Recovery and Transformation,<sup>100</sup>

*Recalling* Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/81 of 8 July 1987 on the development of human resources,

*Also recalling* decision 88/29 of 1 July 1988 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its experience in human resources development,<sup>101</sup>

*Bearing in mind* that human resources development is an important area of activity for organizations of the United Nations system,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on human resources development and the activities of the United Nations system in that field;<sup>102</sup>

2. *Recognizes* the important work already done by relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, including funding bodies, in the field of

human resources development, and invites them to enhance those activities;

3. *Notes* that the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme intends to issue a report on human development, and invites him to continue to prepare the report in close co-operation with the other organizations of the United Nations system concerned;

4. *Reaffirms* the need for an integrated and multidisciplinary approach to all aspects of human resources development as an important feature of the programmes of work of the relevant mandated organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system that deal with economic and social development;

5. *Stresses* the continuing need to strengthen and expand the human resource base of developing countries and their capacity to face the challenges of development and accelerated technological change in order to achieve sustained development, and calls upon the international community to support the efforts of developing countries in this area, in accordance with their national priorities and plans;

6. *Invites* the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, including funding bodies, to co-operate effectively with developing countries in support of the development and implementation of their strategies, policies, plans and programmes for human resources development and to promote the effective co-ordination of the activities of the United Nations system in this field;

7. *Invites* the *Ad Hoc* Committee of the Whole for the Preparation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade to consider the issue of human resources development in the light of its economic and social impact on the overall process of development;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to enhance the efforts made in the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to elaborate a more common operational definition of human resources development in order to strengthen the effectiveness of programmes in this field in accordance with specific national development objectives and needs;

9. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation, within his competence and functions as set out in General Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977, with the responsibility for overall co-ordination of the activities of relevant secretariat units of the organizations of the United Nations system in the field of human resources development;

10. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of the present resolution in the context of the reports on operational activities for development and on the world social situation and to include in those reports recommendations for improving operational arrangements and focusing support,

<sup>98</sup> A/43/430, annex I.

<sup>99</sup> Resolution 274 (XLIV) of 20 April 1988 of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific. See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1988, Supplement No. 11* (E/1988/35), chap. IV.

<sup>100</sup> A/44/315, annex.

<sup>101</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1988, Supplement No. 9* (E/1988/19), annex I.

<sup>102</sup> A/44/229-E/1989/60.

especially financial and technical support, for more commonly defined human resources development activities.

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**1989/121. Target for World Food Programme pledges for the period 1991-1992**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Noting* the comments of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes of the World Food Programme concerning the minimum target for voluntary contributions to the Programme for the period 1991-1992,<sup>103</sup>

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

1. *Recommends* to the General Assembly the adoption of the draft resolution annexed to the present resolution;

2. *Urges* States Members of the United Nations and members and associate members of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to undertake the necessary preparations for the announcement of pledges at the Fourteenth Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme.

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<sup>103</sup> See WFP/CFA: 27/15 (transmitted to the Economic and Social Council as document E/1989/107), paras. 80 and 81.

**ANNEX**

**Target for World Food Programme pledges for the period 1991-1992**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* the provisions of its resolutions 2095 (XX) of 20 December 1965 to the effect that the World Food Programme is to be reviewed before each pledging conference,

*Recalling also* the provisions of paragraph 4 of its resolution 42/164 of 11 December 1987 stipulating that, subject to the review mentioned above, the next pledging conference, at which Governments and appropriate donor organizations should be invited to pledge contributions for 1991 and 1992, with a view to reaching such a target as may then be recommended by the General Assembly and by the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, should be convened, at the latest, early in 1990,

*Noting* that the Programme was reviewed by the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes of the World Food Programme at its twenty-seventh session and by the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1989,

*Having considered* Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/121 of 28 July 1989 and the recommendation of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes,

*Recognizing* the value of and continuing need for multilateral food aid as provided by the World Food Programme, both as a form of capital investment and for meeting emergency food needs,

1. Establishes for the period 1991-1992 a target for voluntary contributions to the World Food Programme of \$1.5 billion, of which not less than one third should be in cash and/or services, and expresses the hope that those resources will be substantially augmented by additional contributions from other sources in view of the prospective volume of sound project requests and the capacity of the Programme to operate at a higher level;

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

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, to convene a pledging conference for this purpose at United Nations Headquarters early in 1990.

**DECISIONS**

**1989/163. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters**

1. At its 17th plenary meeting, on 5 July 1989, the Economic and Social Council adopted the agenda of its second regular session of 1989<sup>104</sup> and approved the organization of work for the session.<sup>105</sup>

2. At its 21st plenary meeting, on 7 July 1989, the Council approved the requests made by non-governmental organizations to be heard by the Council at its second regular session of 1989.<sup>106</sup>

<sup>104</sup> E/1989/100, sect. I.

<sup>105</sup> E/1989/100, sect. III.

<sup>106</sup> See E/1989/124.

**1989/164. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees**

At its 17th plenary meeting, on 5 July 1989, the Economic and Social Council decided to transmit the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees<sup>107</sup> to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session.

**1989/165. Participation of intergovernmental organizations in the work of the Economic and Social Council**

At its 34th plenary meeting, on 24 July 1989, the Economic and Social Council, having considered the

<sup>107</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/44/12).*

applications of the Arab Security Studies and Training Center and the Customs Co-operation Council, decided, in accordance with rule 79 of the rules of procedure of the Council,<sup>108</sup> that those organizations might participate on an *ad hoc* basis, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Council on questions within the scope of their activities.

**1989/166. Report of the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee of the Whole for the Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to International Economic Co-operation, in Particular to the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries**

At its 34th plenary meeting, on 24 July 1989, the Economic and Social Council took note of the report made at its 30th plenary meeting, on 14 July 1989, by the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee of the Whole for the Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to International Economic Co-operation, in Particular to the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries.<sup>109</sup>

**1989/167. Report of the Trade and Development Board**

At its 35th plenary meeting, on 26 July 1989, the Economic and Social Council took note of the report of the Trade and Development Board on the second part of its thirty-fifth session.<sup>110</sup>

**1989/168. Report of the Task Force on Long-term Development Objectives of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination**

At its 35th plenary meeting, on 26 July 1989, the Economic and Social Council took note of the report of the Task Force on Long-term Development Objectives of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on its seventeenth session.<sup>111</sup>

**1989/169. Report of the Chairman of the *Ad Hoc* Committee of the Whole for the Preparation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade**

At its 35th plenary meeting, on 26 July 1989, the Economic and Social Council took note of the report on the work of the *Ad Hoc* Committee of the Whole for the Preparation of the International Development Strategy

for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, made by the Chairman of the *Ad Hoc* Committee before the First (Economic) Committee at its 12th meeting, on 7 July 1989.

**1989/170. Provisional agenda and documentation for the twenty-sixth session of the Population Commission**

At its 35th plenary meeting, on 26 July 1989, the Economic and Social Council approved the provisional agenda and documentation for the twenty-sixth session of the Population Commission set out below:

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND DOCUMENTATION FOR THE TWENTY-SIXTH SESSION OF THE POPULATION COMMISSION**

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Action by the United Nations to implement the recommendations of the World Population Conference, 1974:
  - (a) Exchange of national experience in population matters;
  - (b) Monitoring of population trends and policies, with in-depth consideration of a special topic.

*Documentation*

Concise report of the Secretary-General on the monitoring of world population trends and policies (Council decision 87 (LVIII))

4. International meeting on population in 1994.

*Documentation*

Report of the Secretary-General on preparations for the international meeting on population in 1994 (Council resolution 1989/91)

5. Programme of work in the field of population for the biennium 1992-1993 and implementation of the programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991.

*Documentation*

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress of work in the field of population in 1989-1990

Note by the Secretary-General on the proposed programme of work in the field of population for 1992-1993

Report of the Secretary-General on requirements for population specialists in national institutions and international organizations (Council resolution 1989/93)

6. Follow-up to the recommendations of the International Conference on Population, 1984

*Documentation*

Concise report of the Secretary-General on the monitoring of world population trends and policies (Council decision 87 (LVIII) and resolution 1985/4)

Report of the Secretary-General on population and environment<sup>112</sup>  
Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations system in the field of population (Council resolution 1985/4)

Report of the Secretary-General on the monitoring of multilateral population assistance (Council resolution 1985/4)

Report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the activities of the Fund (Council resolution 1986/7)

Parts of the reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its thirty-sixth and thirty-seventh sessions dealing with the United Nations Population Fund

<sup>108</sup> E/5715/Rev.1 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.83.I.9).

<sup>109</sup> See E/1989/SR.30.

<sup>110</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/44/15), vol. I.*

<sup>111</sup> E/1989/80, annex.

<sup>112</sup> Subject to availability of extrabudgetary resources.

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in the implementation of the World Population Plan of Action (Council resolution 1986/7)

7. Provisional agenda for the twenty-seventh session of the Commission.
8. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its twenty-sixth session.

#### **1989/171. Reports considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with the question of population**

At its 35th plenary meeting, on 26 July 1989, the Economic and Social Council took note of the following reports:

- (a) Report of the Population Commission on its twenty-fifth session;<sup>113</sup>
- (b) Report of the Secretary-General on the monitoring of world population trends and policies, with special emphasis on the population situation in the least developed countries;<sup>114</sup>
- (c) Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations system in the field of population;<sup>115</sup>
- (d) Report of the Secretary-General on the monitoring of multilateral population assistance;<sup>116</sup>
- (e) Parts of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its thirty-sixth session<sup>117</sup> relating to the United Nations Population Fund.

#### **1989/172. Documents considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with the question of human settlements**

At its 35th plenary meeting, on 26 July 1989, the Economic and Social Council took note of the following documents:

- (a) Report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the work of its twelfth session and on the implementation of the Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000;<sup>118</sup>
- (b) Note by the Secretary-General on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territories.<sup>119</sup>

<sup>113</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1989, Supplement No. 6 (E/1989/24).*

<sup>114</sup> E/1989/10.

<sup>115</sup> E/1989/11.

<sup>116</sup> E/1989/12.

<sup>117</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1989, Supplement No. 13 (E/1989/32).*

<sup>118</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 8 and addendum (A/44/8 and Add.1).*

<sup>119</sup> E/1989/98.

#### **1989/173. Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people**

At its 35th plenary meeting, on 26 July 1989, the Economic and Social Council took note of the interim report on assistance to the Palestinian people, prepared by the Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat).<sup>120</sup>

#### **1989/174. Summary records of sessional committees and subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council**

At its 35th plenary meeting, on 26 July 1989, the Economic and Social Council, recalling its resolutions 1979/69 of 2 August 1979 and 1981/83 of 24 July 1981 and its decisions 1983/184 of 29 July 1983, 1985/200 of 26 July 1985 and 1987/179 of 8 July 1987, decided to discontinue for a further period of two years, from 1990, summary records for its sessional committees (First (Economic) Committee, Second (Social) Committee and Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee) and for the following subsidiary bodies:

Commission for Social Development;  
Commission on the Status of Women;  
Commission on Narcotic Drugs;  
Economic Commission for Europe;  
Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific;  
Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean;  
Economic Commission for Africa;  
Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations;  
Committee on Natural Resources;  
Committee for Programme and Co-ordination;  
Commission on Transnational Corporations.

#### **1989/175. Statement by the Conference on Nutrition in Times of Disaster**

At its 35th plenary meeting, on 26 July 1989, the Economic and Social Council took note of the decision of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to endorse and bring to the attention of the Council the statement issued by the Conference on Nutrition in Times of Disaster, which was convened from 27 to 30 September 1988 under the auspices of the Subcommittee on Nutrition of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and the International Nutrition Planners Forum and organized by the World Health Organization and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.<sup>121</sup>

#### **1989/176. Reports heard by the Economic and Social Council in connection with the question of special economic and humanitarian assistance**

1. At its 35th plenary meeting, on 26 July 1989, the Economic and Social Council took note of the report on

<sup>120</sup> E/1989/113, annex.

<sup>121</sup> See E/1989/101, annex.



assistance to Mozambique made on behalf of the Secretary-General at the 27th plenary meeting, on 12 July 1989, by the representative of the Under-Secretary-General for Special Political Questions, Regional Co-operation, Decolonization and Trusteeship.<sup>122</sup>

2. At the same meeting, the Council took note of the following reports made before the Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee at its 3rd meeting, on 7 July 1989:

(a) Reports on emergency assistance to Somalia and the Sudan, made on behalf of the Secretary-General by the representative of the Under-Secretary-General for Special Political Questions, Regional Co-operation, Decolonization and Trusteeship;

(b) Reports on the International Conference on Central American Refugees, the International Conference on Indo-Chinese Refugees, the situation of refugees in the Sudan and refugees and displaced persons in Djibouti and Malawi, assistance to refugees in Somalia, assistance to refugees and returnees in Ethiopia and assistance to student refugees in southern Africa, made on behalf of the Secretary-General by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;

(c) Report on assistance to refugees in Somalia, made on behalf of the Secretary-General by the representative of the United Nations Development Programme.

#### **1989/177. Reports considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with the question of the environment**

At its 36th plenary meeting, on 27 July 1989, the Economic and Social Council took note of the following reports:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on products harmful to health and the environment;<sup>123</sup>

(b) Report by the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme on the protection of the ozone layer;<sup>124</sup>

(c) Reports of the governing bodies of the organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system on progress made towards sustainable and environmentally sound development;<sup>125</sup>

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 42/186 and 42/187;<sup>126</sup>

(e) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the work of its fifteenth session.<sup>127</sup>

<sup>122</sup> See E/1989/SR.27.

<sup>123</sup> A/44/276-E/1989/78.

<sup>124</sup> A/44/349-E/1989/102, annex.

<sup>125</sup> A/44/339-E/1989/119.

<sup>126</sup> A/44/350-E/1989/99.

<sup>127</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/44/25).*

#### **1989/178. Documents considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with the question of the effective mobilization and integration of women in development**

At its 36th plenary meeting, on 27 July 1989, the Economic and Social Council took note of the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development;<sup>128</sup>

(b) Report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on plans and programmes of the organizations of the United Nations system to implement the system-wide medium-term plan for women and development for the period 1990-1995;<sup>129</sup>

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the cross-organizational programme analysis of the activities of the United Nations system for the advancement of women;<sup>130</sup>

(d) Report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on its twenty-ninth session, chapter IV, section B;<sup>131</sup>

(e) Extract from the *1989 World Survey on the Role of Women in Development*.<sup>132</sup>

#### **1989/179. Co-operation in the field of informatics**

1. At its 36th plenary meeting, on 27 July 1989, the Economic and Social Council took note of Decision 7.1 adopted by the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its one hundred and thirty-first session<sup>133</sup> in which the Executive Board invited the Director-General to communicate to the Council his report on North-South co-operation in the field of informatics.<sup>134</sup>

2. The Council decided to consider, as appropriate, at its organizational session for 1990, the inclusion in its programme of work for 1990 of a separate item on international co-operation in the field of informatics, which would be considered by the First (Economic) Committee.

#### **1989/180. Reports considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with co-ordination questions**

At its 36th plenary meeting, on 27 July 1989, the Economic and Social Council took note of the following reports:

<sup>128</sup> A/44/290-E/1989/105.

<sup>129</sup> E/1989/16 and Corr. 1.

<sup>130</sup> E/1989/19 and Corr. 1.

<sup>131</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/44/16).*

<sup>132</sup> E/1989/L.23.

<sup>133</sup> E/1989/L.28, annex.

<sup>134</sup> UNESCO document 131 EX/22.

(a) Annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination for 1988;<sup>135</sup>

(b) Report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on the Register of Development Activities of the United Nations System;<sup>136</sup>

(c) Report by the Secretary-General of the World Tourism Organization on the progress made in implementing the Manila Declaration and the Acapulco Document on World Tourism;<sup>137</sup>

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on economic and technical aspects of marine affairs;<sup>138</sup>

(e) Report of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on marine research and ocean services.<sup>139</sup>

#### **1989/181. Election and confirmation of members of subsidiary and related bodies of the Economic and Social Council**

##### **(a) Confirmation of nominations**

###### **BOARD OF THE UNITED NATIONS RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

At its 19th plenary meeting, on 6 July 1989, the Economic and Social Council, recalling its decision 1989/132 of 24 May 1989 and having considered the note by the Bureau,<sup>140</sup> decided, on an exceptional basis, to confirm the nomination of the following three candidates, proposed on the basis of informal consultations, for membership of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development for a term beginning on 6 July 1989 and ending on 30 June 1993:

Lars Anell (Sweden)

Tatyana Ivanovna Koryagina (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)

Akilagpa Sawyerr (Ghana).

##### **(b) Elections**

At its 36th plenary meeting, on 27 July 1989, the Council took the following action with regard to elections postponed from previous sessions:

###### **POPULATION COMMISSION**

PANAMA was elected for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1990.

The Council postponed until a future session the election of one member from African States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1990.

###### **COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS**

PERU was elected for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1990.

The Council postponed until a future session the election of one member from Asian States and one member from Latin American and Caribbean States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1990 and one member from African States and one member from Asian States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1991.

###### **COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**

The Council postponed until a future session the election of three members from African States, three members from Asian States and four members from Western European and other States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1992 and two members from Asian States and three members from Western European and other States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1990.

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

The Council postponed until a future session the election of one member from African States and one member from Eastern European States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1991 and two members from African States, two members from Asian States and two members from Latin American and Caribbean States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1990.

#### **1989/182. Documents 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 37th plenary meeting, on 28 July 1989, the Economic and Social Council took note of the following documents:

(a) *World Economic Survey, 1989*;<sup>141</sup>

(b) Report of the Committee for Development Planning on its twenty-fifth session;<sup>142</sup>

(c) Summary of the economic survey of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1988;<sup>143</sup>

(d) Summary of the economic and social survey of Asia and the Pacific, 1988;<sup>144</sup>

<sup>135</sup> E/1989/18.

<sup>136</sup> E/1989/74.

<sup>137</sup> A/44/273-E/1989/77, annex.

<sup>138</sup> E/1989/110.

<sup>139</sup> E/1989/111, annex.

<sup>140</sup> E/1989/123.

<sup>141</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No. E.89.II.C.1, and corrigendum.

<sup>142</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1989, Supplement No. 11* (E/1989/29).

<sup>143</sup> E/1989/59.

<sup>144</sup> E/1989/55.

(e) Summary of the survey of economic and social conditions in Africa, 1987-1988;<sup>145</sup>

(f) Summary of the economic survey of Europe in 1988-1989;<sup>146</sup>

(g) Summary of the survey of economic and social developments in the region of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia during the Third United Nations Development Decade;<sup>147</sup>

(h) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States;<sup>148</sup>

(i) Report of the Secretary-General on international economic security;<sup>149</sup>

(j) Note by the Secretariat on reports submitted by specialized agencies in pursuance of paragraphs 2 (a) (iv) and 2 (b) 1 (ii) of Council resolution 1988/77.<sup>150</sup>

#### **1989/183. Venue of the forty-sixth session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific**

At its 37th plenary meeting, on 28 July 1989, the Economic and Social Council, taking into account paragraph 4 (f) of section I of General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985, and taking note of the offer of the Government of Malaysia to act as host to the forty-sixth session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, decided that the forty-sixth session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, in 1990, should be held at Kuala Lumpur, in accordance with paragraph 5 of section I of General Assembly resolution 40/243.

#### **1989/184. Venue of the twenty-fifth session of the Economic Commission for Africa and the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of Ministers of the Commission**

At its 37th plenary meeting, on 28 July 1989, the Economic and Social Council, taking into account paragraph 4 (f) of section I of General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985, and taking note of the offer of the Government of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to act as host to the twenty-fifth session of the Economic Commission for Africa and the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of Ministers of the Commission, decided that the twenty-fifth session of the Economic Commission for Africa and the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of Ministers, in 1990, should be held at Tripoli, in accordance with paragraph 5 of section I of General Assembly resolution 40/243.

<sup>145</sup> E/1989/68.

<sup>146</sup> E/1989/61.

<sup>147</sup> E/1989/67.

<sup>148</sup> A/44/266-E/1989/65 and Add.1.

<sup>149</sup> A/44/217-E/1989/56.

<sup>150</sup> E/1989/INF/8.

#### **1989/185. Triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development**

At its 37th plenary meeting, on 28 July 1989, the Economic and Social Council recommended to the General Assembly that the 1989 triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development be completed by the Assembly at its forty-fourth session.

#### **1989/186. Annual policy review of operational activities for development**

At its 37th plenary meeting, on 28 July 1989, the Economic and Social Council, recalling its resolution 1988/77 of 29 July 1988, in particular paragraph 2 (d) on operational activities, decided:

(a) To consider at its organizational session for 1990 arrangements to ensure that it would be able to undertake its annual consideration of operational activities for development in a focused and co-ordinated manner, with the necessary documentation available in accordance with the established procedures;

(b) To request the President of the Economic and Social Council for 1990 to hold informal consultations with members of the Council to that end prior to the organizational session for 1990.

#### **1989/187. Commemoration of forty years of multilateral technical co-operation within the United Nations system**

At its 37th plenary meeting, on 28 July 1989, the Economic and Social Council recommended that the General Assembly allocate a specific period of time during its forty-fifth session to commemorate, in an appropriate manner and at the highest possible level, forty years of multilateral technical co-operation within the United Nations system, as proposed in decision 89/68 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme.<sup>151</sup>

#### **1989/188. Expression of appreciation to Mr. George Arthur Brown, Associate Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme**

At its 37th plenary meeting, on 28 July 1989, the Economic and Social Council joined the Governing Council in expressing deep appreciation to George Arthur Brown, who served as Associate Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme from 1978 to 1989, for his significant contribution to the operational activities of the United Nations system and in expressing best wishes to him in future endeavours.

<sup>151</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1989, Supplement No. 13* (E/1989/32), annex I.

**1989/189. Documents considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with the question of operational activities for development**

At its 37th plenary meeting, on 28 July 1989, the Economic and Social Council took note of the following documents:

(a) Report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation on the comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development;<sup>152</sup>

(b) Report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration;<sup>153</sup>

(c) Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on a review of the use of equipment provided to technical co-operation projects in developing countries<sup>154</sup> and the comments of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination thereon;<sup>155</sup>

(d) Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund;<sup>156</sup>

(e) Extract from the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its organizational meeting for 1989, its special session, and its thirty-sixth session;<sup>157</sup>

(f) Report of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes of the World Food Programme;<sup>158</sup>

(g) Statement by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on the role and functioning of the United Nations development system in the 1990s;<sup>159</sup>

<sup>152</sup> See A/44/324-E/1989/106 and Add.1.

<sup>153</sup> DP/1989/49.

<sup>154</sup> E/1989/7.

<sup>155</sup> E/1989/7/Add.1.

<sup>156</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1989, Supplement No. 12* (E/1989/31).

<sup>157</sup> E/1989/L.24 and Corr.1-3, containing the decisions adopted by the Governing Council during 1989. For the full report, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1989, Supplement No. 13* (E/1989/32).

<sup>158</sup> WFP/CFA: 27/15; transmitted to the Council as document E/1989/107.

<sup>159</sup> E/1989/108, annex.

(h) Note by the Secretary-General on operational activities for development of the United Nations system;<sup>160</sup>

(i) Letter dated 30 June 1989 from the President of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to the President of the Economic and Social Council;<sup>161</sup>

(j) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting information received from the United Nations Children's Fund and from the World Food Programme.<sup>162</sup>

**1989/190. Calendar of conferences and meetings for 1990 and 1991**

At its 37th plenary meeting, on 28 July 1989, the Economic and Social Council approved the calendar of conferences and meetings for 1990 and 1991,<sup>163</sup> as orally revised.<sup>164</sup>

**1989/191. Documents considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with the question of regional co-operation**

At its 37th plenary meeting, on 28 July 1989, the Economic and Social Council took note of the following documents:

(a) Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia<sup>165</sup> and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon;<sup>166</sup>

(b) Progress report of the Secretary-General on the preparatory arrangements for the Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa, 1991-2000;<sup>167</sup>

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on regional co-operation.<sup>168</sup>

<sup>160</sup> E/1989/117.

<sup>161</sup> E/1989/121 and Corr.1.

<sup>162</sup> E/1989/L.35.

<sup>163</sup> E/1989/L.20 and Corr.1.

<sup>164</sup> See E/1989/SR.37.

<sup>165</sup> A/44/206-E/1989/69 and Corr.1.

<sup>166</sup> A/44/206/Add.1-E/1989/69/Add.1.

<sup>167</sup> A/44/255-E/1989/62.

<sup>168</sup> E/1989/96.



