

RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS ADOPTED ON THE REPORTS OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

RESOLUTIONS

2112 (LXIII). Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its fifth session

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the work of its fifth session²⁹ and the recommendations contained therein, including those submitted by the Governing Council in its capacity as the intergovernmental preparatory body for the United Nations Conference on Desertification,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its fifth session and also the statement made thereon by the Executive Director of the Programme at the sixty-third session of the Economic and Social Council;³⁰

2. *Invites* the General Assembly to approve the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its fifth session.

*2085th plenary meeting
4 August 1977*

2113 (LXIII). Convening of the conference of plenipotentiaries on the constitution of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization as a specialized agency

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 31/161 of 21 December 1976,

Taking into account the importance of the role of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in industrial development within the United Nations system and especially its role in increasing the industrial capacity of the developing countries,

Noting paragraph 184 of the report of the Industrial Development Board on its eleventh session,³¹ which refers to the convening of a conference of plenipotentiaries on the establishment of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization as a specialized agency,

²⁹ UNEP/GC/106 and Corr.1; transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/6023. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/32/25)*.

³⁰ See E/AC.6/SR.788.

³¹ ID/B/193; transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/6022. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/32/16)*.

Noting also the proposal of the Secretary-General that the conference of plenipotentiaries should be held at United Nations Headquarters from 29 August to 12 September 1977,

Taking into account the preparatory work necessary for the resumed thirty-first session of the General Assembly commencing 13 September 1977 and the importance of this work for both the resumed thirty-first session and the thirty-second regular session of the General Assembly in 1977,

Concerned that everything possible should be done to facilitate adequate preparation and full participation by Governments in the conference of plenipotentiaries,

Considering that a minimum period of three weeks would be necessary for negotiating and drafting a constitution for the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, taking into account the nature of the problems still outstanding,

1. *Expresses the view* that in the present circumstances the dates proposed by the Secretary-General would not be practicable;

2. *Recommends* that the General Assembly should give due consideration to this matter at its thirty-second session and fix the appropriate dates for convening the conference of plenipotentiaries at United Nations Headquarters in the early part of 1978.

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2114 (LXIII). Manila Communiqué of the World Food Council: A Programme of Action to Eradicate Hunger and Malnutrition

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the World Food Council on its Third Ministerial session, held at Manila from 20 to 24 June 1977,³²

Having heard the report of the President of the World Food Council,³³ made in accordance with paragraph 4 of Economic and Social Council resolution 2037 (LXI) of 5 August 1976,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the report of the World Food Council and submits it to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session, in accordance with paragraph

³² WFC/50; transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/6025. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 19 (A/32/19)*.

³³ See E/AC.6/SR.794.

7 of General Assembly resolution 3348 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974;

2. *Endorses* the "Manila Communiqué of the World Food Council: A Programme of Action to Eradicate Hunger and Malnutrition",³⁴

3. *Commends* the World Food Council for the important initiatives it has taken, as embodied in the Manila Communiqué, *inter alia*, for increasing food production in the developing countries, improving and ensuring world food security, expanding and improving food aid programmes, improving human nutrition and liberalizing and improving food trade;

4. *Recommends* that the General Assembly adopt the "Programme of Action to Eradicate Hunger and Malnutrition" contained in the Manila Communiqué and urge all Governments, specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system to implement the Programme fully.

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2115 (LXIII). Follow-up to the Mar del Plata Action Plan on integrated water resources development and management adopted by the United Nations Water Conference

The Economic and Social Council,

Bearing in mind resolution VIII of the United Nations Water Conference,³⁵

Recognizing the imperative need for accelerated progress in the investigation and development of water resources, and the difficulties in the area of co-ordination which affect United Nations bodies in the execution of their tasks relative to water resources,

Further recognizing the central role which the Committee on Natural Resources and the regional commissions within their respective regions should play in the promotion of intergovernmental co-operation in the follow-up to the Mar del Plata Action Plan³⁶ on integrated water resources development and management, as recommended by the United Nations Water Conference,

1. *Calls* upon the regional commissions to convene regional meetings to obtain the views of States Members of the United Nations on the follow-up to the United Nations Water Conference, and on the opportunities, needs and problems with respect to carrying out the recommendations of the Conference at the regional level;

2. *Calls* upon the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and the Environment Co-ordination Board to develop in greater detail the administrative and financial aspects of the proposals contained in their

³⁴ WFC/50, chap. I.

³⁵ See *Report of the United Nations Water Conference, Mar del Plata, 14-25 March 1977* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.77.II.A.12), p. 78.

³⁶ *Ibid.*, chap. I.

report on present and future activities of the United Nations system in water resources development;³⁷

3. *Decides* to convene a special session of the Committee on Natural Resources, in order to decide on further steps to secure the implementation of the Mar del Plata Action Plan on integrated water resources development; this special session, to be convened after the conclusion of the regional meetings referred to in paragraph 1 above, should be of no more than eight working days' duration and should take into account the observations of the regional meetings and the report to be prepared as requested in paragraph 2 above;

4. *Calls* upon the Committee on Natural Resources to provide for continued intergovernmental review and oversight of the follow-up to the United Nations Water Conference by the international organizations concerned in the field of water.

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2116 (LXIII). Co-ordination of programmes within the United Nations system in the field of natural resources development

The Economic and Social Council,

Reaffirming the important role of the Committee on Natural Resources pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1535 (LXIX) of 27 July 1970 entitled "Development of natural resources", in proposing recommendations to the Council in the programming and co-ordination of the activities in the United Nations system in the field of natural resources,

Emphasizing the need for the effective co-ordination of the activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies in the field of natural resources, in order to avoid unnecessary constraints on the scarce human and financial resources of the United Nations system and its capacity for supporting the developing countries in their development efforts,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and the Environment Co-ordination Board on present and future activities of the United Nations system in water resources development³⁸ and the report of the Secretary-General on a comprehensive plan of action for and co-ordination of programmes within the United Nations system in the field of natural resources development,³⁹ and of the comments made on these reports;

2. *Reaffirms* paragraph 2 of Council resolution 1957 B (LIX) of 25 July 1975, and in particular subparagraphs (c) and (d) thereof;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in the reports to be prepared pursuant to Council resolution 1957 B (LIX) a detailed analysis of the current and

³⁷ E/CONF.70/CBP/4 and Add.1 and 2.

³⁸ *Ibid.*

³⁹ E/C.7/74 and Add.1-3.