

and programmes in this field at the national, regional and international levels;

2. *Notes with interest* that an Intergovernmental Conference on Strategies and Policies for Informatics sponsored jointly by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Intergovernmental Bureau for Informatics, will take place from 28 August to 6 September 1978 at Torremolinos, Spain;

3. *Invites* the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, in co-operation with the Director-General of the Intergovernmental Bureau for Informatics, to report to the Council at its resumed second regular session of 1978 on the results of that Conference.

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1978/44. World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting that the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development has been convened by the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations for eight working days, beginning on 12 July 1979,¹³²

Conscious of the distressing economic and social conditions prevailing in the rural areas of many developing countries, where a large proportion of the population lives in extreme poverty,

Recalling Council resolutions 1967 (LIX) of 30 July 1975 on rural development and 1978/34 of 5 May 1978 on women in development and international conferences,

Aware that the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development complements the world conferences on other important issues relating to development and economic co-operation that have been organized in recent years by the United Nations system, and that it has an important bearing on the socio-economic development of the developing countries and on the establishment of the new international economic order,

1. *Endorses* the view expressed by the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations that the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development should result in well-defined and action-oriented programmes which would enhance agrarian reform and investment in the rural areas, increase production and raise the economic and social standards of the rural population;

2. *Takes note with appreciation* of the close co-operation established for the preparation of the World Conference between the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations and the other interested organizations and programmes of the United Nations system, within the framework of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination;

3. *Affirms* that the interagency approach to poverty-oriented rural development should result in an important system-wide input for the World Conference;

4. *Welcomes* the action taken by a great number of States to contribute to the World Conference by presenting country review papers analysing their experience and outlining their future programmes in this field;

¹³² See Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, *Report of the Conference of FAO, Nineteenth Session, Rome, 12 November–1 December 1977* (C 77/REP), para. 278, resolution 13/77.

5. *Urges* all States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency to participate in the World Conference, to arrange representation at a high level, taking into account the multidisciplinary character of the subject matter, and to consider the inclusion in their national delegations of representative bodies, for example, organizations of farmers, of rural workers, and related organizations.

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1978/45. World Climate Programme

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that climatic factors have a direct bearing on many national programmes and activities in the economic and social fields,

Considering further that recent events, both in developing and developed countries, have shown the increasing vulnerability of national economies to climate and to climate variability,

Noting that the World Meteorological Organization is preparing a plan for a World Climate Programme which will be submitted to the Eighth World Meteorological Congress in 1979 for adoption,¹³³

Noting further that the plan will provide for a new and comprehensive approach to the study of climate in all its aspects and will have particular reference to the impact of climate on human activities,

Aware that the co-operation of other appropriate programmes and organizations within the United Nations system has been sought and is being given in the preparation of the plan.

1. *Commends* the World Meteorological Organization for its initiative in deciding to prepare a plan for a new World Climate Programme;

2. *Endorses* that decision fully;

3. *Requests* the World Meteorological Organization to give particular attention to those aspects of the World Climate Programme which will give prompt and effective assistance to national planners and decision-makers in formulating economic and social programmes and activities in their respective countries;

4. *Invites* all other appropriate programmes and organizations within the United Nations system to continue to co-operate as fully as possible with the World Meteorological Organization in the preparation of the plan for the World Climate Programme and in its subsequent implementation;

5. *Requests* the World Meteorological Organization to report to the Council at its second regular session of 1979 on the details of the World Climate Programme, as adopted, and other developments in this connexion.

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1978/46. Assistance to Zambia

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling previous resolutions adopted by the Security Council concerning the question of assistance to Zambia,^{*} in particular resolution 329 (1973) of 10 March 1973,

¹³³ See World Meteorological Organization, *Annual Report of the World Meteorological Organization, 1977* (WMO-No.502), pp. 28 and 29.

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolutions 2012 (LXI) of 3 August 1976 and 2093 (LXIII) of 26 July 1977,

Recognizing that the Government of Zambia has incurred both direct costs and the costs of contingency measures as a result of its decision to apply sanctions against the illegal racist régime in Southern Rhodesia, as well as losses due to the diversion of limited financial and human resources from the country's normal development,

Recognizing further that the influx of refugees has imposed an additional burden on the economy of Zambia,

Expressing its appreciation to the Secretary-General for the measures taken to organize an international programme of assistance to Zambia,

Expressing its appreciation also to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for mobilizing assistance programmes on behalf of the refugees in Zambia,

Noting with satisfaction the assistance thus far provided to Zambia by various States and by various regional and international organizations,

Expressing deep concern, however, that the total assistance received to date to meet the economic sacrifices made by Zambia in the enforcement of sanctions still falls far short of requirements to cope with the situation,

Taking note of the urgent economic needs of Zambia as identified in the report of the review mission annexed to the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to Zambia,¹³⁴

1. *Endorses* the assessment and recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to Zambia;

2. *Commends* the Government of Zambia for its decision to implement United Nations mandatory sanctions against Southern Rhodesia, in spite of the substantial economic sacrifices entailed;

3. *Strongly endorses* the appeals of the Security Council to the international community to provide financial, technical and material assistance to Zambia;

4. *Calls upon* all States and all regional and intergovernmental organizations concerned to provide Zambia with ample and appropriate assistance, bilaterally and multilaterally, whenever possible in the form of grants, to enable Zambia to bear the cost arising from the implementation of sanctions and to carry out its normal development programme;

5. *Requests* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to continue his humanitarian assistance programmes on behalf of refugees in Zambia and urges the international community to provide him speedily with the necessary means to carry out those programmes;

6. *Requests* the United Nations and all the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to make every effort to assist Zambia;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To mobilize financial, technical and economic assistance from the international community in order to meet the short-term and long-term needs of Zambia until the situation in relation to the illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia is resolved satisfactorily;

(b) To ensure that adequate financial and budgetary arrangements are made to continue the mobilization of resources and the co-ordination of the programme of assistance to Zambia;

¹³⁴ E/1978/114.

(c) To keep the situation in Zambia under constant review, to hold consultations, as appropriate, with representatives of Governments of all interested Member States, regional organizations, intergovernmental agencies, interregional and international financial institutions and the specialized agencies, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session.

36th plenary meeting
2 August 1978

1978/47. Assistance to Lesotho

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling Security Council resolution 402 (1976) of 22 December 1976 concerning the serious situation created by South Africa's closure of certain border posts between South Africa and Lesotho aimed at coercing Lesotho into according recognition to the bantustan of the Transkei,

Further recalling the condemnation by the Security Council of any action by South Africa to coerce Lesotho into according recognition to the Transkei,

Commending the decision of the Government of Lesotho not to recognize the Transkei in compliance with General Assembly resolution 31/6 A of 26 October 1976,

Recognizing that the decision of the Government of Lesotho not to recognize the Transkei has imposed a special economic burden upon Lesotho.

Recalling also Security Council resolution 407 (1977) of 25 May 1977, in which the Council fully endorsed the assessment and recommendations contained in the report of the mission dispatched to Lesotho under its resolution 402 (1976), transmitted by a note by the Secretary-General dated 30 March 1977,¹³⁵

Taking note of General Assembly resolution 32/98 of 13 December 1977, in which the Assembly endorsed the assessment and recommendations contained in the note by the Secretary-General dated 30 March 1977 and in a note dated 9 November 1977,¹³⁶

Having examined the report of the mission to Lesotho sent by the Secretary-General in March 1978 in response to an urgent request from the Government of that country after the imposition of new restrictions on the travel of citizens of Lesotho to South Africa, transmitted in a report of the Secretary-General of 5 June 1978,¹³⁷

Having examined also the report of the second review mission to Lesotho sent by the Secretary-General in June 1978 to carry out a review of the economic situation in compliance with General Assembly resolution 32/98, transmitted in a report of the Secretary-General of 14 July 1978,¹³⁸

1. *Expresses concern* at the imposition of new restrictions on the travel of citizens of Lesotho to South Africa, which have added to the difficulties faced by Lesotho as a result of its decision not to recognize the so-called independent Transkei;

2. *Expresses also its full support* for Lesotho in meeting those difficulties;

¹³⁵ *Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-second Year, Supplement for January, February and March 1977*, document S/12315.

¹³⁶ *Ibid.*, *Supplement for October, November and December 1977*, document S/12438.

¹³⁷ A/33/112.

¹³⁸ A/33/112/Add.1.