

3. *Reaffirms* the policies of the United Nations Children's Fund and expresses its appreciation of the initiatives taken by it in furtherance of the objectives of the new international economic order.

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1978/57. United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3504 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, by which the Assembly decided to establish a special fund for the land-locked developing countries to compensate for their additional transit and transport costs,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 31/177 of 21 December 1976, by which the Assembly approved the statute of the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries and requested the Secretary-General to convene a pledging conference for the Fund,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 32/113 of 15 December 1977, by which the Assembly *inter alia* expressed its concern at the fact that the Fund had not yet become operational as envisaged in General Assembly resolution 31/177,

Aware of the special problems and particular needs of the land-locked developing countries, as recognized by the international community,

Reaffirming that, owing to the disadvantaged situation of the land-locked developing countries, their development efforts are affected by particular problems, especially with regard to additional transit, transport and transshipment costs,

1. *Takes note* of decision 25/15 of 28 June 1978 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme;¹⁵³

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make a fresh appeal to all countries, in particular the developed countries, to make generous contributions to the Fund and to become members of its Board of Governors, so as to enable the Fund to become operational as soon as possible.

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2 August 1978

1978/58. Report of the Committee for Development Planning

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 31/187 and 31/188 of 21 December 1976, and 32/93, 32/94, 32/100 and 32/101 of 13 December 1977, in which, taking into account the special difficulties and upheavals experienced by Sao Tome and Principe, Angola, Djibouti, Tonga, Guinea-Bissau and Seychelles, the Assembly *inter alia* requested the Committee for Development Planning to consider the question of the inclusion of those countries in the list of the least developed countries,¹⁵⁴

Having examined the relevant conclusions reached by the Committee for Development Planning, contained in chapter IV of the report on its fourteenth session,¹⁵⁵

¹⁵³ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 13 (E/1978/53/Rev.1), chap. XX.

¹⁵⁴ See General Assembly resolutions 2768 (XXVI) and 3487 (XXX).

¹⁵⁵ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 6 (E/1978/46 and Corr.1).*

Noting the Committee's conclusion that, on the basis used in the 1975 general review, the six above-mentioned countries did not satisfy the existing criteria, applicable during the Second United Nations Development Decade, for inclusion in the list of the least developed countries,

Having regard to the Committee's opinion that the special difficulties and upheavals faced by those countries require special measures of assistance in their favour,

Urges all States to take the view of the Committee for Development Planning into account in formulating their assistance programmes and policies, with regard to both terms and volume, towards Sao Tome and Principe, Angola, Djibouti, Tonga, Guinea-Bissau and Seychelles.

37th plenary meeting
3 August 1978

1978/59. United Nations Transport and Communications Decade in Africa

The Economic and Social Council,

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

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970, containing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

"Noting with satisfaction the initiative taken by the Organization of African Unity and the Economic Commission for Africa to establish an integrated African road network and to rationalize Africa's railway systems and other transport systems in order to facilitate the promotion of multinational economic co-operation in Africa, intra-African trade and the political, social and economic integration of Africa, as well as the work carried out since June 1977,

"Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 2097 (LXIII) of 29 July 1977 on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,

"Recalling further General Assembly resolution 32/160 of 19 December 1977, by which the Assembly, *inter alia*, proclaimed a Transport and Communications Decade in Africa during the years 1978-1988 and requested the Secretary-General to mobilize all necessary resources to make the Decade a success,

"Taking note of resolution ECO(XVIII)/Res. 2, adopted by the Executive Committee of the Economic Commission for Africa at its eighteenth meeting, held at Khartoum from 2 to 4 May 1978,¹⁵⁶ in which measures were proposed for the implementation of the global strategy and comprehensive programme of work for the Decade,

"Noting with appreciation the work carried out so far by the Economic Commission for Africa and the Organization of African Unity in preparation for the Decade,

"1. *Endorses* resolution ECO(XVIII)/Res.2, by which the Executive Committee of the Economic Commission for Africa decided to convene early in

¹⁵⁶ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 10, Addendum (E/1978/50/Add.1), chap. II.*