

Decides that the implementation of resolution 188 (XXXIV) of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific constitutes an urgent need and that its provisions were of an unforeseeable nature at the time of the adoption of the 1978-1979 programme budget, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to make appropriate provision therefor in his supplementary budget estimates for 1978-1979, for consideration by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Fifth Committee during the thirty-third session of the General Assembly.

*38th plenary meeting
4 August 1978*

1978/68. Report of the Economic Commission for Africa

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Economic Commission for Africa covering the period from 4 March 1977 to 3 March 1978¹⁷⁶ and the addendum thereto covering the period from 4 March to 4 May 1978,¹⁷⁷

Noting that Djibouti has become a Member of the United Nations since the Economic Commission for Africa last submitted its annual report to the Council.

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Economic Commission for Africa;

2. *Decides*, in accordance with the recommendation made by the Commission in paragraphs 3 and 4 of its report:

(a) To add Djibouti to the list of member countries contained in paragraph 5 of the terms of reference of the Commission;¹⁷⁸

(b) To delete, in paragraph 5 of the terms of reference, the passage reading "provided that States which shall cease to have any territorial responsibilities in Africa shall cease to be members of the Commission";

(c) To amend paragraph 5 of the terms of reference accordingly to read:

"Membership of the Commission shall be open to: Algeria, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burundi, Cape Verde, the Central African Empire, Chad, the Comoros, the Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Gabon, the Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, the Ivory Coast, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, the Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa,* the Sudan, Swaziland, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, the United Republic of Cameroon, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Upper Volta, Zaire and Zambia, and to any State in the area which may hereafter become a Member of the United Nations."

*The Council decided, by its resolution 974 D IV (XXXVI) of 30 July 1963, that the Republic of South Africa should not take part in the work of the Commission until the Council, on the recommendation of the Commission, should find that conditions for constructive co-operation had been restored by a change in its racial policy."

*38th plenary meeting
4 August 1978*

¹⁷⁶ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 10 (E/1978/50) and E/1978/50/Add.2.*

¹⁷⁷ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 10, Addendum (E/1978/50/Add.1).

¹⁷⁸ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 11 (E/5783), annex III.*

1978/69. Mexico Declaration of the World Food Council

The Economic and Social Council,

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

Recalling General Assembly resolution 32/52 of 8 December 1977, in which the Assembly decided to review, at its thirty-third session, the implementation of the Programme of Action to Eradicate Hunger and Malnutrition contained in the Manila Communiqué of the World Food Council,¹⁷⁹

Having considered the report of the World Food Council on the work of its fourth session, held at Mexico City from 12 to 15 June 1978,¹⁸⁰

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the World Food Council on the work of its fourth session and expresses its appreciation to the Government and people of Mexico for acting as host to the World Food Council at that session and for ensuring its outstanding success;

2. *Transmits* the report of the World Food Council to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session, pursuant to paragraph 7 of Assembly resolution 3348 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, and draws the attention of the Committee Established under General Assembly Resolution 32/174 of 19 December 1977 to that report;

3. *Endorses* the Mexico Declaration of the World Food Council,¹⁸¹ which contains that Council's review and recommendations concerning the world food situation and the implementation of the Manila Communiqué of the World Food Council;

4. *Emphasizes* and endorses fully the important recommendations and decisions of the World Food Council concerning the necessary action and modalities for:

(a) Increasing food production in the developing countries, including new arrangements for the responsibilities previously entrusted to the Consultative Group on Food Production and Investment in Developing Countries;

(b) Improving human nutrition;

(c) Providing assistance to the countries of the Sahelian zone of Africa;

(d) Improving world food security;

(e) Increasing and improving food aid;

(f) Making the international emergency reserve of 500,000 tons of grains a continuing reserve and improving its effectiveness and ready availability;

(g) Improving the contribution of trade to the solution of food problems;

5. *Calls upon* the World Food Council to give consideration at its fifth ministerial session to the effective contribution of food trade to the solution of world food

¹⁷⁹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 19 (A/32/19)*, part one, para. 1.

¹⁸⁰ *Ibid.*, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 19 (A/33/19 and Corr.1).

¹⁸¹ *Ibid.*, part one para. 1.