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RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS ADOPTED WITHOUT REFERENCE TO A SESSIONAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTIONS

1950 (LIX). Annual report of the Economic Commission for Africa

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Economic Commission for Africa for the period 24 February 1974 to 28 February 1975¹ and of the recommendations and resolutions contained in part III thereof;

2. *Endorses* the medium-term plan for the period 1976-1979 contained in part V of the report;

3. *Takes note also* of part I of the document entitled "Survey of economic and social conditions in Africa, 1974",² dealing with the mid-term review and appraisal of progress in implementing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade;

4. *Decides* to amend the terms of reference of the Economic Commission for Africa by adding the following new paragraph between paragraphs 9 and 10:

"The Commission shall invite any national liberation movement recognized by the Organization of African Unity to send observers to participate in its consideration of any matter of interest to that movement. Such observers shall have the right to submit proposals, which may be voted upon at the request of any member of the Commission. The Commission shall defray all travel and other related expenses of representatives of the national liberation movements invited to attend such proceedings";³

5. *Recommends* that the General Assembly should approve the adoption of Arabic as an official and working language of the Economic Commission for Africa, in addition to English and French.⁴

*1971st plenary meeting
22 July 1975*

¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 10, vol. I and II (E/5657 and Corr.1 and 2).*

² E/CN.14/632.

³ See Commission resolution 255 (XII).

⁴ See Commission resolution 253 (XII).

1951 (LIX). Assistance to Zambia

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the resolutions of the General Assembly and of the Security Council concerning the United Nations policy of sanctions against the illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia,

Further recalling Security Council resolution 329 (1973) of 10 March 1973, and the previous Economic and Social Council resolutions on the question of assistance to Zambia to enable that country to offset the adverse economic consequences arising from the closure of its border with Southern Rhodesia,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the oral report on the current state of the programme of assistance for Zambia made on behalf of the Secretary-General by the Co-ordinator of United Nations Assistance to Zambia;⁵

2. *Reiterates* the expression of its appreciation to those Member States which have contributed to the programme of assistance for Zambia, and further invites Member States in a position to do so to render additional assistance to supplement Zambia's own efforts to bear the burden arising from its implementation of the United Nations policy of sanctions against the illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia;

3. *Further reiterates* its expression of satisfaction with the efforts which the Secretary-General continues to make in order to mobilize and co-ordinate the assistance to Zambia provided by Member States and by the United Nations system;

4. *Endorses* the request of the Government of Zambia that the United Nations programme of assistance for Zambia should be extended throughout 1976, in the light of present conditions and possible future developments.

*1972nd plenary meeting
23 July 1975*

⁵ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-ninth Session, 1972nd meeting.*

1952 (LIX). Regional co-operation

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1896 (LVII) of 1 August 1974 on regional co-operation,

Noting with satisfaction that, as requested in paragraph 1 of that resolution, the regional commissions, at their intergovernmental sessions held during the first half of 1975, paid special attention to adjusting, as appropriate, their respective programmes of work and activities in order to discharge effectively their responsibilities in connexion with resolution 1896 (LVII),

Bearing in mind that regional co-operation may contribute to the fulfilment of the objectives of article 17 of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,⁶ which affirms that international co-operation for development is the shared goal and common duty of all States,

Recognizing that the regional commissions have emphasized the need to promote interregional co-operation in order to assist developing countries in their efforts to achieve development in the changing circumstances of the world economic situation,

Noting further that, as also requested in its resolution 1896 (LVII), the Secretary-General and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme have entered into consultations with a view to complying with the Council's request in paragraph 5 of that resolution to make the necessary arrangements allowing for the delegation of the appropriate functions of an executing agency to the regional commissions for regional, subregional and interregional projects, financed by the Programme, in cases where such delegation is requested by the countries concerned and recommended by the Administrator of the Programme,

1. *Invites* the regional commissions to continue and intensify their activities concerning the implementation of the relevant global policy decisions taken by the Council and the General Assembly, and in particular of the resolutions of the sixth special session of the Assembly, and, in addition to exercising their regional responsibilities, to give special attention to these matters;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions to intensify their efforts in favour of all developing countries by promoting interregional as well as intra-regional co-operation consistent with the aims and objectives of the decisions taken by all agencies of the United Nations at the global level, in particular the resolutions of the sixth special session of the General Assembly;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to assist the Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions by providing the necessary resources for the purposes mentioned in paragraphs 1 and 2 above;

4. *Further requests* the regional commissions at their intergovernmental sessions to pay increasing attention, in preparing their programmes of activities, to the inclu-

sion of interregional projects which will directly assist their members in strengthening their development efforts and to take at these sessions greater initiatives, in consultation with the United Nations Development Programme and the countries concerned, in order to identify projects for which the regional commissions would be given the function of executing agencies by the United Nations Development Programme;

5. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to expedite in this connexion the conclusion of the necessary arrangements, in order that the regional commissions may function as executing agencies for regional, subregional and interregional projects financed by the Programme;

6. *Requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to utilize the services of the regional commissions at the request of the countries concerned for the purpose of making contributions to the forthcoming programme cycle, in particular to inter-country programming.

1973rd plenary meeting
23 July 1975

1959 (LIX). World Conference of the International Women's Year

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3010 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972 and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1849 (LVI), 1850 (LVI) and 1851 (LVI) of 16 May 1974, on the proclamation of the year 1975 as International Women's Year, the programme for the Year, the establishment of a fund for the Year and the convening of an international conference as a focal point of the international observance of the Year,

Considering that the World Conference of the International Women's Year, held at Mexico City from 19 June to 2 July 1975, marked a turning point signalling decisive changes designed to improve the status of women,

Noting that the General Assembly, in its resolution 3276 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974, requested the Conference to submit, if possible, such proposals and recommendations as it deemed appropriate to the General Assembly at its special session to be held in September 1975 and that it also decided to consider at its thirtieth regular session an item entitled "International Women's Year, including the proposals and recommendations of the Conference of the International Women's Year",

Considering that certain of the recommendations and resolutions of the Conference require urgent action,

Considering also that the Conference has stressed the need for adequate data and research on all aspects of the status of women,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Government and people of Mexico for their generous contribution to the success of the World Conference of the International Women's Year;

⁶ General Assembly resolution 3281 (XXIX).

2. *Takes note* of the report of the World Conference of the International Women's Year,⁷ and in particular of the Declaration of Mexico on the Equality of Women and their Contribution to Development and Peace, 1975,⁸ and the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year;⁹

3. *Draws the attention* of the General Assembly at its special session devoted to development and international economic co-operation to the proposals and recommendations of the Conference, especially those relating to women and development;

4. *Recommends* that the General Assembly should give due priority to the consideration at its thirtieth regular session of the report of the Conference and of the measures needed to implement the recommendations adopted and in particular the World Plan of Action, and should ensure that adequate budgetary provision is made for this purpose;

⁷ E/CONF.66/34. Part one of the report in provisional form was transmitted to the Council by a note of the Secretary-General (E/5725), and the final report will be issued subsequently as a United Nations publication.

⁸ E/5725, part one, sect. I.

⁹ *Ibid.*, sect. II.A.

5. *Urges* Member States and all organizations of the United Nations system to take intensified and sustained action to achieve the full equality of men and women and to improve the quality of life for all human beings;

6. *Recommends* to the General Assembly that, in proclaiming 1975-1985 as the Decade for Women and Development,¹⁰ it ensure that continuing action is taken at the national, regional and international levels throughout that period;

7. *Invites* Governments to contribute to the voluntary fund established under Council resolution 1850 (LVI), in order to supplement the budgetary resources available for the implementation of the decisions of the Conference;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirtieth session on the establishment of the international research and training institute for the promotion of women.¹¹

*1976th plenary meeting
28 July 1975*

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, para. 182.

¹¹ E/5725, part one, sect. III.26.

DECISIONS

101 (LIX). Economic, financial and technical assistance to the Government of Guinea-Bissau and to the territories still under Portuguese domination

At its 1971st meeting, on 22 July 1975, the Council took note of the report by the Secretary-General on economic, financial and technical assistance to the Government of Guinea-Bissau¹² and the report by the Secretary-General on economic, financial and technical assistance to the territories still under Portuguese domination,¹³ and decided to transmit those reports to the General Assembly at its thirtieth session.

102 (LIX). Annual report of the Economic Commission for Europe

At its 1971st meeting, on 22 July 1975, the Council:

(a) Took note of the report of the Economic Commission for Europe for the period 30 April 1974 to 24 April 1975,¹⁴ of the views expressed during the discussion in the Commission¹⁵ and of the resolutions and other decisions adopted by the Commission at its thirtieth session, contained in part IV of that report;

(b) Decided to endorse the programme of work and priorities contained in parts V and VI of the report.

¹² A/10105 and Add.1.

¹³ A/10106 and Corr.1 and A/10106/Add.1.

¹⁴ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 8 (E/5651)*.

¹⁵ *Ibid.*, part III.

103 (LIX). Annual report of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

At its 1971st meeting, on 22 July 1975, the Council:

(a) Took note of the report of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific for the period 7 April 1974 to 7 March 1975¹⁶ and of the recommendations and resolutions contained in chapters II and III of that report;

(b) Decided to endorse the programme of work and priorities contained in chapter IV of the report;

(c) Decided to amend the wording of paragraph 2 of the Commission's terms of reference¹⁷ by replacing the term "Continental Australia" by the word "Australia".

104 (LIX). Reports of the Economic Commission for Latin America

At its 1971st meeting, on 22 July 1975, the Council:

(a) Took note of the report of the Economic Commission for Latin America for the period 10 March 1974 to 6 May 1975¹⁸ and of the resolutions contained in part III of that report;

¹⁶ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 7 (E/5656).

¹⁷ *Ibid.*, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 5 (E/5469), annex III.

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 9, volumes I and II (E/5608).

(b) Decided to endorse the programme of work and order of priorities contained in part V of the report;

(c) Took note of the report of the Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America on its ninth extraordinary session¹⁹ and of the resolutions contained in part II of that report.

105 (LIX). Annual report of the Economic Commission for Western Asia

At its 1971st meeting, on 22 July 1975, the Council:

(a) Took note of the report of the Economic Commission for Western Asia on its second session²⁰ and of the resolutions contained in chapter III of the report;

(b) Decided to endorse the programme of work and priorities contained in chapter IV of the report.

106 (LIX). Report on the meetings of the Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions

At its 1971st meeting, on 22 July 1975, the Council took note of the annual report on the meetings of the Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions.²¹

107 (LIX). United Nations export promotion and development efforts

At its 1971st meeting, on 22 July 1975, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on United Nations export promotion and development efforts²² and of an excerpt²³ from the report of the Trade and Development Board on the second part of its fourteenth session²⁴ on the subject of export promotion efforts.

108 (LIX). Report of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT

At its 1971st meeting, on 22 July 1975, the Council decided to request the Secretary-General to submit the report of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT to the Council at its sixty-first session, together with the comments and suggestions of the Trade and Development Board thereon.

109 (LIX). Participation of intergovernmental organizations in the work of the Council

At its 1973rd meeting, on 23 July 1975, the Council decided:

¹⁹ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 9A (E/5608/Add.1).

²⁰ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 11 (E/5658).

²¹ E/5700.

²² E/5619.

²³ E/L.1665.

²⁴ TD/B/550; for the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/10015/Rev.1)*, part two, paras. 12-15.

(a) To designate the organizations invited to participate in the work of the Council in accordance with the decision taken at its fiftieth session,²⁵ namely, the Council of Europe, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, and Regional Co-operation for Development, to participate, on a continuing basis, in the work of the Council, under rule 79 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council;

(b) To designate the International Criminal Police Organization, which had been participating in the work of the Council in accordance with Council resolution 1579 (L), to participate, on a continuing basis, in the work of the Council, under rule 79 of the rules of procedure;

(c) To designate the World Tourism Organization, in accordance with the decision taken at its fiftieth session²⁶ and General Assembly resolutions 2529 (XXIV) and 2802 (XXVI), to participate, on a continuing basis, in the work of the Council, under rule 79 of the rules of procedure;

(d) To designate the Council of Arab Economic Unity to participate, on a continuing basis, in the work of the Council, under rule 79 of the rules of procedure;

(e) To designate the International Secretariat for Volunteer Service to participate, on an *ad hoc* basis, in the deliberations of the Council relating to operational activities for development (item 15 of the agenda of the Council's fifty-ninth session), and to designate the International Civil Defence Organization to participate, also on an *ad hoc* basis, in the deliberations of the Council relating to assistance in cases of natural disaster and other disaster situations (item 20 of the agenda of the Council's fifty-ninth session), under rule 79 of the rules of procedure.

111 (LIX). United Nations University

At its 1977th meeting, on 29 July 1975, the Council:

(a) Took note of the note by the Secretary-General on the United Nations University²⁷ and the reports of the Council of the United Nations University on its fourth and fifth sessions;²⁸

(b) Decided to transmit those reports to the General Assembly at its thirtieth session.

²⁵ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 1 (E/5044)*, "Decisions", p. 25, under the heading "Relations with non-United Nations intergovernmental organizations in the economic and social field".

²⁶ *Ibid.*, "Decisions", p. 25, under the heading "Co-operation and relations between the United Nations and the World Tourism Organization".

²⁷ E/5717 and Corr.1.

²⁸ For the report of the Council on its fourth session, see A/AC.169/L.2, and for the report on its fifth session, see A/AC.169/L.5 and Corr.1 and A/AC.169/L.5/Add.1. The report of the Council to the General Assembly at its thirtieth session appears in *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 31 (A/10031)*.

112 (LIX). Reports submitted to the Council in connexion with its general discussion of international economic and social policy, including regional and sectoral developments

At its 1977th meeting, on 29 July 1975, the Council took note of:

- (a) The report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on expenditures of the United Nations system in relation to programmes;²⁹
- (b) The progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development;³⁰
- (c) The progress report of the Secretary-General on international co-operation to combat desertification.³¹

113 (LIX). Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

At its 1977th meeting, on 29 July 1975, the Council decided to transmit the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees³² to the General Assembly at its thirtieth session.

115 (LIX). Elections

At its 1977th and 1978th meetings, on 29 and 30 July 1975, the Council held elections to fill vacancies in the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development, the Committee on Review and Appraisal and the Commission on Transnational Corporations, and confirmed the appointment of three members of the Working Group of the Sub-Commission on Illicit Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE APPLICATION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPMENT

The following 24 persons nominated by the Secretary-General were appointed by the Council for a period beginning on 30 July 1975 and expiring on 31 December 1977:

- Pierre Victor Auger (France)
- Bruce H. Billings (United States of America)
- Alfred Boettcher (Federal Republic of Germany)
- Hendrik Brugt Gerhard Casimir (Netherlands)
- Carlos Chagas (Brazil)
- Wilbert K. Chagula (United Republic of Tanzania)
- Guy B. Gresford (Australia)
- Jermen Mikhailovich Gvishiani (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)

- Z. A. Hashmi (Pakistan)
- Howe Yoon Chong (Singapore)
- Kenneth S. Julien (Trinidad and Tobago)
- Naji Abdul Kadir (Iraq)
- Leszek Kasprzyk (Poland)
- Alexander Keynan (Israel)
- Mohamed Liassine (Algeria)
- M. G. K. Menon (India)
- Takashi Mukaibo (Japan)
- Leonard Mukendi (Zaire)
- Tiberiu Muresan (Romania)
- Marcel Roche (Venezuela)
- Hassan Saab (Lebanon)
- K. M. Sape (Ghana)
- Victor Luis Urquidi (Mexico)
- Mohammed Yeganeh (Iran)

COMMITTEE ON REVIEW AND APPRAISAL

The Council elected Sri Lanka and Hungary for a term of office of four years beginning on 1 January 1976.

Membership in 1976³³

| | <i>Term of office expires on 31 December</i> |
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| Algeria | 1977 |
| Austria | 1977 |
| Belgium | 1977 |
| Bolivia | 1977 |
| Brazil | 1979 |
| Canada | 1977 |
| Chad | 1977 |
| Colombia | 1977 |
| Czechoslovakia | 1979 |
| Dominican Republic | 1979 |
| Egypt | 1977 |
| Finland | 1979 |
| France | 1977 |
| German Democratic Republic | 1979 |
| Germany, Federal Republic of | 1977 |
| Guatemala | 1977 |
| Guinea | 1977 |
| Honduras | 1977 |
| Hungary | 1979 |
| India | 1979 |
| Iran | 1977 |
| Italy | 1979 |
| Ivory Coast | 1977 |
| Japan | 1979 |
| Jordan | 1977 |
| Kenya | 1977 |
| Liberia | 1977 |
| Madagascar | 1977 |
| Malaysia | 1977 |
| Mexico | 1979 |

³³ At its 1977th meeting, on 29 July 1975, the Council decided to postpone until a future session the election of:

- (a) One member from African States and two members from Asian States for a term of office of four years beginning on 1 January 1976;
- (b) Two members from Asian States for a term of office beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1977.

²⁹ E/5673.
³⁰ E/5686.
³¹ E/5689.
³² E/5688 and Corr.1 and E/5688/Add.1; for the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplements Nos. 12 and 12A (A/10012 and Add.1).*

Membership in 1976 (continued)

| | <i>Term of office expires on 31 December</i> |
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| Netherlands | 1977 |
| Nigeria | 1977 |
| Norway | 1979 |
| Pakistan | 1979 |
| Peru | 1979 |
| Senegal | 1979 |
| Spain | 1979 |
| Sri Lanka | 1979 |
| Sweden | 1979 |
| Trinidad and Tobago | 1979 |
| Tunisia | 1979 |
| Uganda | 1979 |
| Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic | 1979 |
| Union of Soviet Socialist Republics | 1979 |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | 1977 |
| United States of America | 1979 |
| Venezuela | 1977 |
| Yugoslavia | 1979 |
| Zaire | 1977 |

Membership in 1976 (continued)

| | <i>Term of office expires on 31 December</i> |
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| Peru | 1978 |
| Philippines | 1977 |
| Senegal | 1976 |
| Sierra Leone | 1977 |
| Spain | 1978 |
| Sweden | 1976 |
| Thailand | 1976 |
| Trinidad and Tobago | 1976 |
| Tunisia | 1977 |
| Uganda | 1976 |
| Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic | 1978 |
| Union of Soviet Socialist Republics | 1976 |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | 1976 |
| United States of America | 1976 |
| Venezuela | 1978 |
| Yugoslavia | 1978 |
| Zaire | 1976 |
| Zambia | 1977 |

COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS

The Council elected Canada, Italy and Spain for a term of office of three years beginning on 1 January 1976.

Membership in 1976

| | <i>Term of office expires on 31 December</i> |
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| Algeria | 1978 |
| Argentina | 1977 |
| Australia | 1977 |
| Bangladesh | 1977 |
| Barbados | 1976 |
| Brazil | 1976 |
| Bulgaria | 1977 |
| Canada | 1978 |
| Colombia | 1977 |
| Democratic Yemen | 1977 |
| Ecuador | 1977 |
| France | 1977 |
| Gabon | 1978 |
| German Democratic Republic | 1977 |
| Germany, Federal Republic of | 1977 |
| Guinea | 1977 |
| India | 1978 |
| Indonesia | 1976 |
| Iran | 1978 |
| Iraq | 1978 |
| Italy | 1978 |
| Ivory Coast | 1978 |
| Jamaica | 1978 |
| Japan | 1977 |
| Kenya | 1976 |
| Kuwait | 1976 |
| Mexico | 1976 |
| Netherlands | 1976 |
| Nigeria | 1978 |
| Pakistan | 1978 |

WORKING GROUP OF THE SUB-COMMISSION ON ILLICIT TRAFFIC AND RELATED MATTERS IN THE NEAR AND MIDDLE EAST

The Council confirmed the appointment of the following representatives:

- Faruk Yaqubi (Afghanistan)
- Asrar Husain (Pakistan)
- A. Turan Senel (Turkey) ³⁴

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The Council decided to postpone until a future session the election of:

- (a) One member from Asian States to the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, for a term of office beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1977;
- (b) Three members from Asian States to the Committee on Science and Technology for Development, two for a term of office of four years beginning on 1 January 1976 and one for a term of office beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1978;
- (c) One member from Asian States to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a term of office beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1978;
- (d) One member from African and Asian States and one member from Latin American States to the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, for a term of office beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1978.

³⁴ The fourth member of the Working Group is Hassan Ali Azarakhsh (Iran).

With regard to the election of one member from Western European and other States to the Board of Governors of the United Nations Special Fund for a term of office beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1977, the Council decided to inform the General Assembly that it had not filled the vacancy remaining to be filled pursuant to a decision taken by the General Assembly at its 2325th meeting on 18 December 1974.³⁵

With regard to the election of one member from African States to the United Nations/FAO Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Programme for a term of office of three years beginning on 1 January 1976, the Council decided not to proceed with the election, pending action by the General Assembly at its thirtieth session on a proposal for reconstituting the Intergovernmental Committee as a Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes [see decision 118 (LIX)]. Elections by the Economic and Social Council to the latter Committee, if established, would be held at the Council's organizational session for 1976.

³⁵ See General Assembly resolution 3356 (XXIX), note. One of the remaining two vacancies mentioned in the note was filled by the Council at its organizational session for 1975 (decision 70 (ORG-75)).

128 (LIX). Programme budget implications of action taken by the Council at its fifty-eighth and fifty-ninth sessions and of proposals under consideration at the fifty-ninth session

At its 1979th meeting, on 31 July 1975, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General containing the summary of programme budget implications of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council during its fifty-eighth and fifty-ninth sessions,³⁶ and of the summary statement of the programme budget implications of proposals under consideration at the fifty-ninth session of the Economic and Social Council.³⁷

129 (LIX). Participation of a national liberation movement in the work of the Council

At its 1954th meeting, on 3 July 1975, the Council decided, in accordance with rule 73 of its rules of procedure, to invite the Palestine Liberation Organization to participate, without the right to vote, in its deliberations on any matter of particular concern to that Organization.

³⁶ E/5745.

³⁷ E/L.1675.

RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS ADOPTED ON THE REPORTS OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

RESOLUTIONS

1953 (LIX). Lima Declaration and Plan of Action on Industrial Development and Co-operation

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the Lima Declaration and Plan of Action on Industrial Development and Co-operation,³⁸ which constitute a positive contribution towards the establishment of a new international economic order,

Recalling paragraph 69 of the Lima Declaration and Plan of Action, in which it is recommended that the United Nations Industrial Development Organization should be converted into a specialized agency of the United Nations,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970 containing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Develop-

³⁸ The text of the Lima Declaration and Plan of Action appears in the report of the Second General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (ID/CONF.3/31, chap. IV), transmitted to the Economic and Social Council by a note of the Secretary-General (E/5696). See also United Nations Industrial Development Organization, *Lima Declaration and Plan of Action on Industrial Development and Co-operation* (Vienna, 1975 (PI/38)).

ment Decade, 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 on the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, and 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,

Reaffirming Industrial Development Board resolution 45 (IX) of 30 April 1975 concerning the follow-up of the decisions and recommendations of the Second General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization,³⁹

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Second General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization,⁴⁰ the report of the Industrial Development Board on the work of its ninth session,⁴¹ the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization on measures taken or contemplated by the Industrial Development Board at its ninth session with a view to implementing the Lima Declaration and Plan of Action on Industrial Development and Co-

³⁹ ID/B/156 (transmitted to the Economic and Social Council by a note of the Secretary-General (E/5695)), annex I.

⁴⁰ ID/CONF.3/31.

⁴¹ ID/B/156.

operation,⁴² and the note by the Secretary-General containing the draft constitution of a specialized agency for industrial development,⁴³ and transmits them, together with the comments and suggestions made thereon at the fifty-ninth session of the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its special session to be devoted to development and international economic co-operation and at its thirtieth regular session;

2. *Draws the attention* of the General Assembly at its above-mentioned special session to the recommendation concerning the conversion of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization into a specialized agency of the United Nations;

3. *Recommends* that at its thirtieth regular session the General Assembly examine the possibilities of expanding the areas of agreement with respect to matters dealt with in the Lima Declaration and Plan of Action, with a view to improving the conditions for their earliest implementation;

4. *Recommends further* that adequate resources be provided for the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to enable it to implement the relevant provisions of the Lima Declaration and Plan of Action.

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1954 (LIX). Problems of availability and supply of natural resources

A

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking into account the importance of natural resources, *inter alia*, for world economic development,

Noting the great importance of non-fuel minerals such as copper and some others,

Recognizing the importance of training national personnel of the developing countries,

Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To co-ordinate and strengthen the research and dissemination of information with regard to projections of supply, demand, consumption and reserves of natural resources, especially in the medium term, drawing upon the work carried out within and outside the United Nations system;

(b) To ensure that serious attention is given in the next few years not only to oil and gas but also to the problems of the development of alternative sources of energy, both from fossil fuel and renewable sources, which can play an important part in the economic development of all countries, particularly the developing countries, taking into account the environmental aspects of the problem;

⁴² E/5712.

⁴³ E/5711.

(c) To prepare for the Committee on Natural Resources at its fifth session comprehensive reports on the following:

- (i) The status of the use of coal, oil shale and geothermal energy in developed and developing countries and of rational measures for expanding the use of those sources of energy;
- (ii) The dissemination of world experience in the use of fossil coal and oil shale as chemical raw materials and as raw materials for obtaining high-calorie liquid and gaseous fuel;

(d) To organize an international seminar on the evaluation and working of coal deposits and the planning of mining enterprises for the coal industry within the next few years;

(e) To submit to the Committee on Natural Resources at its fifth session a comprehensive report containing a 10 to 15-year evaluation of prospects for the development of the raw materials base for the copper industry and also of the demand for copper, including its recycling, which should pay special attention to the evaluation of measures being taken to assist the developing countries in this field; within the limits of available resources, similar studies should be undertaken in relation to other non-ferrous metals.

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B

The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing the need to find agreement on terminology used in categorizing mineral resources so that there should be comparable and generally agreed statistics,

Having due regard to the work of the International Geological Correlation Programme and the Committee on Storage and Automatic Retrieval of Geological Data of the International Union of Geological Sciences,

1. *Requests:*

(a) The Centre for Natural Resources, Energy and Transport to review the present definitions and terminology for reserves, production and consumption that are being used in the mineral resources field;

(b) The Secretary-General to convene afterwards a group of experts selected on an equitable geographical basis to prepare a report recommending a common set of definitions and terminology which might be used internationally for the purpose of reporting to the United Nations on mineral resources;

2. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit the report of the group of experts referred to in paragraph 1 (b) above to the Committee on Natural Resources at its sixth session.

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C

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking fully into account General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing respectively the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order,

Fully conscious of the provisions of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,⁴⁴

Recalling paragraph 2 of Council resolution 1911 (LVII) of 2 August 1974,

Bearing in mind the provisions of the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order and of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States on the principle of permanent sovereignty over natural resources,

1. *Recognizes* the need for the increased use of natural resources by developing countries for their national development;

2. *Stresses* the urgent need for measures to avoid the irrational and wasteful consumption and use of natural resources of all countries, particularly those of developing countries;

3. *Expresses the conviction* that reserves of natural resources should be viewed in a dynamic context in the light of changing technology, scientific advancement and economic structures;

4. *Asserts* the need to take measures to promote the processing of raw materials in the producer developing countries, and to establish appropriate processing arrangements which would allow the fullest benefits to developing countries;

5. *Considers* that there is an urgent need to promote the development and transfer of technology in the field of the production and use of natural resources, in order to accelerate the development efforts of the developing countries;

6. *Emphasizes* the crucial importance of securing a fair and equitable return on natural resources exported in any form by the developing countries;

7. *Underlines* the importance of promoting co-operation among developing countries in the field of natural resources, as provided for by the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, within the framework of interdependence and without prejudice to over-all co-operation;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue to collect and to provide information on natural resources, including relevant data on processing, transportation and the structure and operations of industries in natural resources sectors;

(b) To provide assistance to developing countries, at their request, in their efforts to improve data on their

resources and the methodologies necessary for the national forecasting of the supply of and demand for natural resources, and in the formulation of appropriate policies, consistent with the needs of their national development plans;

(c) To take appropriate action to strengthen and intensify international co-operation by promoting:

(i) The organization of specific research and development programmes in developing countries directed towards their energy needs, including the special requirements in rural areas;

(ii) The exchange of information between countries on energy research and development, its conservation and greater efficiency in fuel use, and on the non-conventional sources such as solar energy, geothermal energy, wind power, oil shales and biogas;

(d) To develop and promote the standardization of concepts, terminology and methods of measurement of reserves, supplies and consumption of natural resources, taking into account the special interests of developing countries;

(e) To examine the problems of natural resources, reserves and supplies in the light of world economic and monetary conditions;

(f) To work closely with the regional commissions and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in complying with this request.

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D

Survey of current problems in the fields of energy and minerals

The Economic and Social Council,

Aware of the urgency of developing alternative sources of energy,

Recognizing the importance of geothermal and solar energy as energy sources which could provide relatively low-cost alternative energy in the short term in various parts of the world,

Recognizing also the important work that is being done through training courses sponsored by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and by the Pisa Geothermal Data Bank, in co-operation with the United Nations,

Noting, however, that the development and wider application of geothermal energy is hampered by lack of exploration and of trained personnel,

Further noting that the Council of the newly established United Nations University has decided to include the management and use of natural resources among its initial programme priorities,⁴⁵

⁴⁵ For the report of the Council of the United Nations University, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 31 (A/10031)*.

⁴⁴ General Assembly resolution 3281 (XXIX).

1. *Recommends* that the Council of the United Nations University should consider including in its programme of priorities research in the field of geothermal and solar energy and the practical applications of those energy sources;

2. *Invites* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, in collaboration with all the competent organs of the United Nations system and bilateral technical assistance programmes, to give favourable consideration to the funding of information systems, training courses and seminars in the exploration and utilization of geothermal energy, and of research and development in solar energy, and to support the developing countries in participating in these

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E

Medium-term and long-term projections of reserves, supply and demand with respect to energy, minerals and water resources

The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing the increasing need for the strengthening of the voluntary exchange of information on natural resources on a global basis,

Affirming the role of the United Nations as a clearing-house for information on natural resources,

Emphasizing the importance of intensifying the capabilities of the United Nations information services concerning energy, mineral and water resources.

Recalling its resolution 1761 B (LIV) of 18 May 1973.

Bearing in mind that the General Assembly, in its resolution 3345 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, has requested the Secretary-General to provide facilities for research in related fields and to report on the result of this research on a continuing basis to the Economic and Social Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to it, at one of its sessions in 1976, a proposal for the implementation of the recommendations concerning the intensification of United Nations information services in the natural resources field as agreed upon by the Committee on Natural Resources at its fourth session,⁴⁶ as well as the implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1761 B (LIV), and to indicate the total estimate of funds and manpower resources required for the programme;

2. *Decides* to formulate a programme after its deliberation on the proposal to be submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with paragraph 1 above.

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⁴⁶ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/5663), chap. II, sect. B.*

1955 (LIX). International river basin development

The Economic and Social Council,

Bearing in mind the need for co-operation in the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 2669 (XXV), 2780 (XXVI), 2926 (XXVII), 3071 (XXVIII) and 3315 (XXIX) of 8 December 1970, 3 December 1971, 28 November 1972, 30 November 1973 and 14 December 1974 respectively, referring to the study by the International Law Commission of the law of the non-navigational uses of international watercourses,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3129 (XXVIII) of 13 December 1973 on co-operation in the field of the environment concerning natural resources shared by two or more States, in which the Assembly took note with satisfaction of the relevant parts of the Economic Declaration adopted by the Fourth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Algiers in September 1973,⁴⁷

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, in which the Assembly further confirmed the principles stated in its resolution 3129 (XXVIII),

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to utilize the experience, knowledge and capacity of the Centre for Natural Resources, Energy and Transport and other organizations of the United Nations system having direct interest in the field:

(a) For assisting the International Law Commission in its study of the law of the non-navigational uses of international watercourses by providing the necessary advice on related technical, scientific and economic problems, so as to enable the Commission to decide on the principles and methods for determining criteria for the equitable sharing of responsibilities and benefits in the management and integrated development of international river basins;

(b) For co-operating with the United Nations Environment Programme in its implementation of General Assembly resolution 3129 (XXVIII), which should be read in conjunction with General Assembly resolution 3281 (XXIX);

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit the reports on the action taken pursuant to the request in paragraph 1 above to the Committee on Natural Resources at its fifth session;

3. *Appeals* to the International Law Commission to give priority to the study of the law of the non-navigational uses of international watercourses and to submit a progress report to the United Nations Water Conference, which is to take place in 1977.

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⁴⁷ A/9330, p. 57, and A/9330/Corr.1.

1956 (LIX). Permanent sovereignty over natural resources

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the pertinent provisions of the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order,⁴⁸ and of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,⁴⁹

Reaffirming the inviolable principle that every State has the right to adopt the economic and social system which it deems most favourable to its development,

Reiterating that the inalienable right of each State to the full exercise of national sovereignty over its natural resources has been recognized by the international community in numerous resolutions of various organs of the United Nations,

1. *Strongly reaffirms* the inalienable right of States to exercise full permanent sovereignty over all their wealth, natural resources and economic activities;

2. *Reaffirms* that the application of the principle of nationalization carried out by States, as an expression of their sovereignty in order to safeguard their natural resources, implies that each State is entitled to determine the amount of possible compensation and the mode of payment, and that any disputes which might arise should be settled in accordance with the national legislation of each State carrying out such measures;

3. *Also reaffirms* the right of all States to associate in organizations of primary commodity producers;

4. *Considers* it to be indispensable for States to regulate and supervise the activities of transnational corporations within their national jurisdiction and to take measures to ensure that such activities comply with their laws, rules and regulations and conform with their economic and social policies;

5. *Re-emphasizes* that actions, measures or legislative regulations applied by States aimed at coercing, directly or indirectly, other States or peoples engaged in the reorganization of their internal structure or in the exercise of their sovereign rights over their natural resources are in violation of the Charter of the United Nations and the principles contained in the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in the light of the outcome of the special session of the General Assembly devoted to development and international economic co-operation and of any other relevant developments and taking into consideration the views expressed in the Committee on Natural Resources at its fourth session, to update his recent reports on the subject of permanent sovereignty over natural resources.⁵⁰

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⁴⁸ General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI).

⁴⁹ General Assembly resolution 3281 (XXIX).

⁵⁰ A/9716 and Corr.1, E/5425 and Corr.1, E/5425/Add.1, and E/5549.

1957 (LIX). Comprehensive plan of action for and co-ordination of programmes within the United Nations system in the field of natural resources development

A

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking into account the importance of co-ordinating the programmes of the United Nations organs and specialized agencies operating in the field of natural resources and with a view to eliminating duplication and wastage of resources and concentrating efforts in the most important directions,

1. *Recommends* that the States members of the Committee on Natural Resources and other States concerned and organizations of the United Nations system operating in the field of natural resources should consider carefully the data compiled by the Secretariat on the work programmes of the United Nations system relating to natural resources and submit to the Secretary-General within one year any specific proposals they may have concerning the improvement of those programmes from the standpoint of their co-ordination and the reallocation of resources;

2. *Recommends* that the Secretary-General should submit for consideration by the Committee on Natural Resources at its fifth session a comprehensive plan for the co-ordination of the activities of the United Nations system in the field of natural resources, drawn up in the light of the observations received.

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B

The Economic and Social Council,

Emphasizing the important role of the Committee on Natural Resources, pursuant to Council resolution 1535 (XLIX) of 27 July 1970, in providing guidance and making appropriate recommendations to the Council on the programming and co-ordination of activities in the United Nations system in the field of natural resources,

Considering that the documentation submitted by the Secretariat⁵¹ pursuant to Council resolution 1761 (LIV) of 18 May 1973 provides for the first time a comprehensive picture of various United Nations activities in the field of natural resources, constituting as such a first step towards the improved co-ordination of programmes within the United Nations system in that field,

Recalling the "Guidelines for action in the development of natural resources"⁵² adopted by the Committee on Natural Resources at its second session, which provide

⁵¹ E/C.7/47 and Add. 1-3.

⁵² *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 5 (E/5097 and Corr.1 and 3), para. 20.*

the United Nations system with an initial plan of action to guide agency programming,

Recognizing that the preparation of a more broadly based plan of action will require far-reaching efforts in joint inter-agency programme analysis and planning,

Conscious of the need to overcome as rapidly as possible the constraints on programme planning referred to in the report of the Secretary-General,⁵³

1. *Urges* all United Nations organs and specialized agencies to co-operate under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council in programming an expanded and joint plan of action for the development of natural resources, based, *inter alia*, on the "Guidelines for action in the development of natural resources" and on relevant decisions of the United Nations organs and decision-making bodies of related agencies; in order to perform this task, objectives should be defined and programme planning procedures used by the various participating bodies should be reviewed and harmonized;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the organization and programmes concerned, to prepare reports to be submitted to the Committee on Natural Resources at each of its regular sessions, along the following lines:

(a) The reports should reflect as fully as possible the on-going and planned programme activities on natural resources to be undertaken by all bodies of the United Nations system, including information on the financial implications of the various programme elements;

(b) Particular emphasis should be placed on programme activities of a world-wide and multidisciplinary nature relating to the most urgent needs of the developing countries;

(c) Possible gaps and overlapping of activities should be identified;

(d) The reports should be prepared in such a way as to provide the Committee on Natural Resources with the necessary analytical capability to carry out functions of co-ordination and priority-setting;

3. *Further recommends* that the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the United Nations organs, in particular the United Nations Development Programme, and the specialized agencies concerned, should undertake the necessary arrangements to reach a better co-ordination and harmonization of operational activities in the field of natural resources at the country level, if necessary on an experimental basis, and suggests that the Secretary-General should submit a report on the results achieved to the Committee on Natural Resources at its fifth session.

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⁵³ E/C.7/47, paras. 8-10.

1958 (LIX). Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its third 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 third session,⁵⁴

Having considered also the progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 3337 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974 on international co-operation to combat desertification,⁵⁵

Considering the need to ensure co-operation in carrying out the activities of the United Nations Environment Programme and implementing its decisions,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its third session and of the progress report by the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 3337 (XXIX) on international co-operation to combat desertification;

2. *Invites* the Executive Director of the Programme to continue to bear in mind the need for the Programme to be in line with the relevant provisions of the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order⁵⁶ and of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States;⁵⁷

3. *Invites* the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and other organizations of the United Nations system to continue their active co-operation in carrying out the activities of the United Nations Environment Programme, allocating the necessary priorities and resources for the maximum success of those activities.

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1960 (LIX). Information and Research Centre on Transnational Corporations

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1721 (LIII) of 28 July 1972,

Further recalling its resolution 1908 (LVII) of 2 August 1974, by which it decided to establish an information and research centre on transnational corporations,

Recalling, in addition, its resolution 1913 (LVII) of 5 December 1974, by which it decided to establish an inter-governmental commission on transnational corporations to assist it in dealing with this issue and which also established the terms of reference of the Information and Research Centre on Transnational Corporations,

⁵⁴ UNEP/GC/55; transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/5710. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/10025)*.

⁵⁵ E/5689.

⁵⁶ General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI).

⁵⁷ General Assembly resolution 3281 (XXIX).

Conscious of the importance of the early commencement by the Centre of its work,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its first session;⁵⁸

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary measures to bring the Information and Research Centre on Transnational Corporations into operation;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to appoint, as soon as possible, the Executive Director of the Centre.

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1961 (LIX). Joint liaison and support units of the Information and Research Centre on Transnational Corporations and the regional commissions

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1721 (LIII) of 28 July 1972,

Recalling also the pertinent provisions of 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, and General Assembly resolution 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, and with due regard to the guidelines contained in those resolutions,

Further recalling its resolutions 1908 (LVII) of 2 August 1974, by which it decided to establish an information and research centre on transnational corporations,

Recalling, in addition, its resolution 1913 (LVII) of 5 December 1974, by which it decided to establish an intergovernmental commission on transnational corporations to assist it in dealing with this issue and which also established the terms of reference of the Information and Research Centre on Transnational Corporations,

Having regard to the fact that a large number of transnational corporations are operating in the developing countries and have a considerable impact on the development processes in those countries,

Considering that in the different regions the operations and activities of transnational corporations have different characteristics,

Considering also that the political, economic and juridical instruments of host countries differ even within regions,

Mindful of the important function performed by the regional commissions,

Considering also that, within the framework of the programme of work⁵⁹ agreed upon by the Commission on Transnational Corporations and the Economic and Social Council, the regional commissions can make an

important contribution to the work of the Information and Research Centre on Transnational Corporations, within the terms of reference of the Commission on Transnational Corporations and the Centre,

Taking note of resolution 349 (XVI) of the Economic Commission for Latin America of 12 May 1975,⁶⁰ which recommended the establishment of a regional unit in Latin America and its terms of reference,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in initiating the operations of the Information and Research Centre on Transnational Corporations, to establish, on the basis of consultations between the Centre and the Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions, joint liaison and support units in each of the regional commissions to be jointly supported financially by the Centre and the regional commissions concerned;

2. *Decides* that the work programmes at the regional level should be worked out between the Centre and the secretariats of the regional commissions within the framework of the programme of work agreed upon by the Commission on Transnational Corporations and the Economic and Social Council;

3. *Requests* the Information and Research Centre on Transnational Corporations to keep the Commission on Transnational Corporations informed about progress in the establishment of the joint liaison and support units and the work programmes at the regional level, as provided for in paragraphs 1 and 2 above;

4. *Requests* the Commission on Transnational Corporations to report to the Economic and Social Council on the progress made in the establishment of the joint liaison and support units and of the work programmes at the regional level.

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1973 (LIX). Further steps to be taken concerning the transport of dangerous goods

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering its resolutions 645 G (XXIII) of 26 April 1957, 724 C (XXVIII) of 17 July 1959 and 1488 (XLVIII) of 22 May 1970 concerning the composition of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods,

Recalling its resolution 1743 (LIV) of 4 May 1973 concerning the international carriage of dangerous goods and their identifications and marking,

Noting that dangerous goods account for an increasingly large proportion of international trade,

Conscious that the transport of such goods in complete safety needs to be ensured in a manner which will not hamper either the development of this important trade or the participation of developing countries,

⁵⁸ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 12 (E/5655 and Corr.1).*

⁵⁹ *Ibid.*, chap. I, sect. B.

⁶⁰ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 9, volume I (E/5608), part III.

Reaffirming that the intermodal transport of such goods necessitates thorough harmonization of the rules governing the various modes of transport,

Noting the concern expressed by the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods in its report to the Economic and Social Council pursuant to Council resolution 1743 (LIV) of 4 May 1973,⁶¹ that, when the same problems are considered by different groups, they may be given solutions that are scarcely compatible and that are therefore likely to impede harmonization.⁶²

Taking note of the observations of the Committee of Experts in that report concerning the divergencies currently existing in the modal practices applicable to the transport of dangerous goods in respect of their classification, identification, labelling and packaging and on the steps that should be taken with a view to bringing about uniformity in the various modes of transport.

Considering the work of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Group for a Convention on Intermodal Transport, established in pursuance of Council resolution 1734 (LIV) of 10 January 1973,

Considering also resolution No. 1 adopted by the International Conference on the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, with a view to the drafting of a self-contained international convention on the transport of dangerous goods by all modes of transport, as well as the discussions which took place during the eighth session of the Committee of Experts.⁶³

1. *Requests* the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, taking into consideration the real capabilities of the developing countries, to pursue its efforts in particular in two areas: that of giving the recommendations of the Committee of Experts⁶⁴ more scope and depth and that of strengthening harmonization on the bases that have now been laid;

2. *Also requests* the Committee of Experts to study, in consultation with other bodies concerned, particularly the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization, the International Civil Aviation Organization, the International Air Transport Association and the regional commissions, the possibility of a joint approach to the drafting of an international convention on the transport of dangerous goods by all modes of transport which would take into account the general scope of a future convention on international intermodal transport, and to report to the Economic and Social Council the results of its study;

3. *Urges* Governments of Member States and the international organizations concerned to support the

efforts of the Committee of Experts, in particular by giving appropriate instructions to their representatives on the various bodies concerned at the international or at the regional or subregional level;

4. *Decides* to enlarge the composition of the Committee of Experts by adding five members from developing countries, so as to ensure the adequate participation of such countries, and for this purpose requests the Secretary-General to enter into consultations with Governments concerned as soon as possible, in order that they may nominate the experts to be appointed.

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1974 (LIX). Work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 645 G (XXIII) of 26 April 1957, 724 C (XXVIII) of 17 July 1959, 871 (XXXIII) of 10 April 1962, 994 (XXXVI) of 16 December 1963, 1110 (XL) of 7 March 1966, 1488 (XLVIII) of 22 May 1970 and 1744 (LIV) of 4 May 1973,

Recalling also recommendations 71 and 75 of the Action Plan for the Human Environment adopted by the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment,⁶⁵

Noting with satisfaction the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods,

Noting in particular the programme of work for 1975-1976 proposed by the Committee of Experts in paragraphs 143 to 147 of its report on its eighth session,⁶⁶

1. *Commends* the experts and rapporteurs for their excellent work;

2. *Takes note* of the recommendations contained in the report of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods on its eighth session;

3. *Takes note also* of the fact that the Committee of Experts intends to enter into discussions with the United Nations Environment Programme about the role of the Committee of Experts in the prevention of pollution;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in the light of the contents of the report of the Committee of Experts:

(a) To incorporate in the recommendations of the Committee of Experts⁶⁷ the amendments set forth in the report of the Committee of Experts on its eighth session;

(b) To recast the recommendations in accordance with the new structure proposed by the Committee of Experts and to secure the services of a consultant for this purpose;

⁶¹ E/CN.2/CONF.5/56, transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/5620.

⁶² E/CN.2/CONF.5/56, para. 60.

⁶³ See E/CN.2/CONF.5/57.

⁶⁴ See *Transport of Dangerous Goods* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.70.VIII.2), vols I-IV, and *Transport of Dangerous Goods, Supplement 1973, parts I and II* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.73.VIII.2).

⁶⁵ *Report of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, Stockholm, 5-16 June 1972* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.73.II.A.14), chap. II.

⁶⁶ E/CN.2/CONF.5 57.

⁶⁷ See *Transport of Dangerous Goods* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.70.VIII.2), vols I-IV, and *Transport of Dangerous Goods, Supplement 1973, parts I and II* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.73.VIII.2).

(c) To publish the recommendations, as amended, in a printed form in order to reduce the number of volumes and to ensure legibility;

(d) To circulate the recommendations as soon as possible to Governments of Member States, to the specialized agencies, to the International Atomic Energy Agency and to the other international organizations concerned;

(e) To convene meetings of the Committee of Experts and of its subsidiary bodies in the light of the programme of work;

5. *Invites* Governments of Member States, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the other international organizations concerned to transmit to the Secretary-General such comments as they may wish to make on the amended recommendations and to indicate to what extent they will be applied.

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1975 (LIX). Transport of dangerous goods

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting with satisfaction the further work done by the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods on the establishment of adequate packaging standards for the conveyance of dangerous goods by all modes of transport,

Recognizing the efforts already made by the international organizations to ensure adequate packaging standards for the conveyance of dangerous goods,

Recalling in particular that packaged goods carried by sea and air are normally conveyed by other modes of transport at some stage of their journey and that conflicting requirements hamper trade,

1. *Recommends* that the international organizations concerned should, in drawing up their requirements, take into account the standards recommended by the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, with due regard to the needs of other modes of transport concerned;

2. *Urges* Governments of Member States, in the interests of harmonizing packaging requirements, particularly for Classes 3-9 in the recommendations of the Committee of Experts,⁶⁸ to accept, as providing an adequate physical standard of safety for journeys to and from airports and seaports, packagings which meet the requirements of the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization, the International Civil Aviation Organization or the International Air Transport Association, to the extent that such packagings comply with or exceed the recommendations of the Committee of Experts;

⁶⁸ See *Transport of Dangerous Goods* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.70.VIII.2), vols. I-IV, and *Transport of Dangerous Goods, Supplement 1973, parts I and II* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.73.VIII.2).

3. *Invites* Governments of Member States to take appropriate steps for the application of adequate packaging standards for the carriage of dangerous goods by sea and air, based in principle on the regulations of the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization, the International Civil Aviation Organization or the International Air Transport Association, to the extent that such packagings meet or exceed the recommendations of the Committee of Experts.

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1976 (LIX). Identification of the least developed among the developing countries

The Economic and Social Council,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 2768 (XXVI) of 18 November 1971, in paragraph 4 of which the Assembly approved the list of hard-core least developed countries, and in paragraph 5 of which it requested the Council to instruct the Committee for Development Planning to continue, in close collaboration with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the review of criteria for the identification of the least developed among the developing countries,

Recalling Council resolution 1726 (LIII) of 28 July 1972, in which, *inter alia*, the Committee for Development Planning was requested to undertake an examination of the latest updated statistical information on the relevant economic, social and other variables in respect of the developing countries, with a view to making recommendations to the Council on any modification that might appear necessary in the list of hard-core least developed countries on the basis of the criteria used in drawing up that list,

Noting chapter II of the report of the Committee for Development Planning on its eleventh session,⁶⁹

Recommends that the General Assembly at its thirtieth session should approve the addition of Bangladesh, the Central African Republic, Democratic Yemen and the Gambia to the list of hard-core least developed countries.

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1977 (LIX). Public administration and finance for development

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1567 (L) of 6 May 1971 and General Assembly resolution 2845 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971,

Having reviewed the report of the Secretary-General on the Third Meeting of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance,⁷⁰

⁶⁹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 4 (E/5671).*

⁷⁰ E/5640 and Add 1.

Taking particular note of the findings of the Meeting of Experts concerning recent changes and trends in public administration and finance in developing countries and its recommendations on the work programme of the Division of Public Administration and Finance for 1976-1977 and the medium-term plan for 1976-1979,⁷¹

Recognizing that the further improvement of public administration and finance systems could contribute significantly to the achievement of national objectives under the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade⁷² and the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order,⁷³

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, taking into account the needs and experience of developing countries in this particular field, to formulate programmes for the improvement of public administration and finance required to further national development objectives, and to consider the feasibility of measures for forecasting specific public administration and finance objectives for the 1980s and of initiating steps for formulating them;

2. *Requests* the international organizations, and, in particular, the United Nations Development Programme, to support projects in the field of public administration and finance at the national, regional and interregional levels, and measures for the development and dissemination of information on critical problems of public administration and finance in developing countries;

3. *Further requests* that the next Meeting of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance review progress in public administration and finance and recommend additional measures appropriate for promoting the establishment of a new international economic order, review the feasibility of the development of pertinent objectives in public administration and finance for the 1980s, and, in the light of the foregoing, review the integrated United Nations programme in public administration and finance.

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1980 (LIX). Special session of the General Assembly devoted to development and international economic co-operation

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 3172 (XXVIII) of 17 December 1973 and 3343 (XXIX) of 17 December

1974 in connexion with the convening of the special session of the General Assembly devoted to development and international economic co-operation,

Recalling further the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order⁷⁴ and the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,⁷⁵

Bearing in mind Council resolution 1911 (LVII) of 2 August 1974 regarding *inter alia* preparations for the special session,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Development and International Economic Co-operation on its second session;⁷⁶

2. *Decides* that the provisional agenda of the special session should be "Development and international economic co-operation", as called for in General Assembly resolution 3172 (XXVIII), while the issues to be considered will be essentially international trade, international monetary reform and the transfer of real resources for financing the development of developing countries, science and technology, industrialization, food and agriculture, and the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system;

3. *Decides further* that the Preparatory Committee shall hold its third session from 18 to 22 August 1975 at United Nations Headquarters, with a view to finalizing the process of preparations for the special session, in particular by submitting to the Assembly at its special session proposals that will serve as a basis for negotiations and decisions at that session;

4. *Recommends* that the General Assembly at its special session should:

(a) Adopt, on a priority basis, concrete and positive decisions on all issues mentioned in paragraph 2 above which would make a decisive impact on further negotiations within the United Nations, as well as in other international fora, for the establishment of a new international economic order;

(b) Initiate the process for the restructuring of the United Nations system in the economic and social fields and establish an intergovernmental committee to deal with such issues.

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⁷¹ E/5640, para.125.

⁷² General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV).

⁷³ General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI).

⁷⁴ General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI).

⁷⁵ General Assembly resolution 3281 (XXIX).

⁷⁶ E/5702.

DECISIONS

110 (LIX). Report of the Committee on Natural Resources

At its 1975th meeting, on 25 July 1975, the Council took note of the report of the Committee on Natural Resources on its fourth session.⁷⁷

114 (LIX). Summary records for the Commission on Transnational Corporations and convening of an expert group

At its 1977th meeting, on 29 July 1975, the Council decided:

(a) To authorize the provision of summary records, in accordance with paragraph (f) of Council decision 65 (ORG-75), for the Commission on Transnational Corporations at its future sessions;

(b) To authorize the Information and Research Centre on Transnational Corporations to convene an expert group to explore the possibility of working out standard forms for the presentation of the financial relations between transnational corporations and their associated enterprises.

122 (LIX). Mid-term review and appraisal of progress in implementing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade

At its 1978th meeting, on 30 July 1975, the Council took note of the reports and documents submitted to it on the subject of the mid-term review and appraisal of progress in implementing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, listed in the annex to the present decision, and decided to transmit them, together with the comments and suggestions made thereon at its fifty-ninth session, to the General Assembly at its thirtieth session.

Annex

Report of the Committee on Review and Appraisal on its third session^a

Report of the Committee for Development Planning on its eleventh session^b

World Economic Survey, 1974, part one: Mid-term Review and Appraisal of Progress in the Implementation of the International Development Strategy^c

World Economic Survey, 1974, part two: Current economic developments^d

Report of the Secretary-General on the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries^e

Note by the Secretary-General on the special economic problems and development needs of the geographically more disadvantaged developing island countries^f

⁷⁷ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/5663).*

Note by the Secretariat on country participation in the second global review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy^g

Report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on technical co-operation among developing countries^h

Note by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on technical co-operation among developing countriesⁱ

Report of the Secretary-General on recent policy and action concerning tourism, with special reference to the recommendations contained in resolution 37 (III) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development of 13 May 1972^j

Note by the Secretary-General containing the study by the International Union of Official Travel Organizations on the impact of international tourism on the economic development of developing countries^k

Report by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on new directions in international trade and development policies^l

Report by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on the question of the establishment of a comprehensive international trade organization^m

Report of the Secretary-General entitled "Implementation of the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order: activities of organizations of the United Nations system"ⁿ

Summary of the 1974 Report on the World Social Situation^o

Report of the Secretary-General on the mobilization of public opinion for development^p

Report of the Secretary-General on the Third Meeting of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration^q

Summary of the sixth report on progress in land reform^r

Second progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Council resolution 1707 (LIII) on agrarian reform^s

^a *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 5 (E/5693).*

^b *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 4 (E/5671).

^c United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.II.C.1.

^d E/5681 and Add.1-4. To be issued as a United Nations publication.

^e E/5690 and Add.1.

^f E/5647.

^g E/5701.

^h DP/120.

ⁱ DP/117 and Add.1-6.

^j E/5625 and Corr.1

^k E/5678.

^l TD/B/530 (to be issued as a United Nations publication) and TD/B/530/Add.1 (parts I and II and part II/annex) and TD/B/530/Add.2.

^m TD/B/535 and Add.1.

ⁿ E/5629.

^o E/CN.5/512.

^p E/5627.

^q E/5640 and Add.1.

^r E/5618.

^s E/5641.

123 (LIX). Report of the Board of Governors of the United Nations Special Fund

At its 1978th meeting, on 30 July 1975, the Council took note of the report of the Board of Governors of the United Nations Special Fund on the work of its first session⁷⁸ and decided to transmit it, together with the comments and suggestions made thereon at its fifty-ninth session, to the General Assembly at its thirtieth session.

127 (LIX). Draft provisional agenda and annotations for the third session of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Development and International Economic Co-operation

At its 1979th meeting, on 31 July 1975, the Council approved the following draft provisional agenda and annotations for the third session of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Development and International Economic Co-operation:

1. Adoption of the agenda

[The draft provisional agenda for the third session was approved by the Economic and Social Council at its 1979th meeting, on 31 July 1975.]

2. Development and international economic co-operation: international trade, international monetary reform and transfer of real resources for financing the development of developing countries, science and technology, industrialization, food and agri-

⁷⁸ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 21 (A/10021).*

culture, and the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system.

[The Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 1980 (LIX), decided that the Preparatory Committee should hold a third session, with a view to finalizing the process of preparations for the special session, in particular by submitting to the General Assembly at its special session proposals that would serve as a basis for negotiations and decisions at that session.

In the same resolution, the Council recommended that the Assembly at its special session should:

(a) Adopt, on a priority basis, concrete and positive decisions on all issues under the present agenda item which would make a decisive impact on further negotiations within the United Nations, as well as in other international fora, for the establishment of a new international economic order;

(b) Initiate the process for the restructuring of the United Nations system in the economic and social fields and establish an intergovernmental committee to deal with such issues.]

3. Any other business

[Under this item, the Preparatory Committee may wish to consider and formulate recommendations concerning organizational arrangements for the special session, including recommendations relating to the number and the mandate of the sessional bodies to be set up at that session.]

4. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee on its third session.

RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS ADOPTED ON THE REPORTS OF THE POLICY AND PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE

RESOLUTIONS

1962 (LIX). Proposal for an international year of the child

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the views concerning an international year of the child contained in chapter VII of the report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund⁷⁹ and the documents mentioned therein,⁸⁰

Recognizing that, in addition to various types of emergency assistance, there is need for a rapid enlargement and permanent improvement of basic services for children

⁷⁹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-ninth session, Supplement No. 6 (E/5698 and Corr.1).*

⁸⁰ E/ICEF/L.1330, E/ICEF/L.1331, E/ICEF/NGO/165, E/ICEF/NGO/166.

to help to alleviate the chronic conditions of poverty and need which afflict children in many developing countries,

Concerned about the well-being of the child in all its aspects, as well as his human rights and his legal and cultural identity,

Believing that a greatly enhanced awareness in the international community of the situation of children would significantly assist endeavours to meet their needs,

Believing further that an international year of the child, if adequately prepared, supported and financed by Governments and the general public through voluntary contributions, could contribute to strengthening such awareness and lead to appropriate action,

Requests the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the organizations concerned in the United Nations system

and with interested non-governmental organizations, to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session, through the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-first session, bearing in mind the need for government support if such a year is to be productive, a report on measures and modalities for ensuring the adequate preparation, support and financing of an international year of the child, to be preferably the year 1979, to coincide with the twentieth anniversary of the Declaration of the Rights of the Child.⁸¹

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1963 (LIX). Technical co-operation among developing countries

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the Consensus of 1970⁸² and the decision taken by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its twentieth session concerning new dimensions in multilateral technical co-operation,⁸³

Recalling further that by resolution 3251 (XXIX) of 4 December 1974 the General Assembly invited the regional commissions and the participating and executing agencies of the United Nations system to implement the recommendations addressed to them in the report of the Working Group on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries on its third session,⁸⁴

Noting with satisfaction the decision taken at the twentieth session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme concerning technical co-operation among developing countries,⁸⁵

1. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, in view of the importance which developing countries attach to technical co-operation activities among developing countries, to integrate these activities in the regular framework of the United Nations Development Programme, and to give them due priority;

2. Requests the Administrator of the Programme to carry out further studies, with a view to identifying specific projects of technical co-operation among developing countries at the subregional, regional and interregional levels, through the special unit for co-ordination referred to in paragraph 2 of Assembly resolution 3251 (XXIX), with the object of establishing programmes of technical co-operation among developing countries;

3. Further requests that the Administrator of the Programme, for the purpose of achieving a practical applica-

tion of technical co-operation among developing countries, should give special consideration to the recruitment of experts, consultants and contractors from developing countries on a preferential basis in accordance with United Nations practice, and, also on a preferential basis, should purchase necessary suitable and competitive equipment and materials that can be supplied by developing countries;

4. Stresses the desirability of the regional intergovernmental meetings on technical co-operation among developing countries, referred to in paragraph 4 of Assembly resolution 3251 (XXIX), being held as soon as possible, and therefore not later than December 1976;

5. Looks forward to the further report of the Administrator of the Programme on the question of centralized purchasing and to a subsequent decision by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme thereon, in view of the importance of this question with respect to project implementation;

6. Stresses the importance of the recommendations contained in paragraphs 43 to 49 of the final report of the Working Group on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, contained in the report of the Working Group on its third session;

7. Recommends that the General Assembly should appropriate funds under the regular budget of the United Nations to cover the cost of providing conference servicing facilities for the regional meetings and the intergovernmental regional and global symposia on technical co-operation among developing countries;

8. Endorses the decision of the Governing Council that, for the 1977-1981 period, the Programme Reserve shall be used to promote, *inter alia*, technical co-operation among developing countries, if resources are not available elsewhere.⁸⁶

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1964 (LIX). Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its session held at United Nations Headquarters from 14 to 30 May 1975,⁸⁷

Noting with approval the information provided therein by the Executive Board concerning the activities of the Fund,

Deeply concerned about the serious deterioration in the conditions of life for children and in services on their behalf in many developing countries,

Aware that this deterioration is a matter of grave concern to the conscience of mankind and a serious obstacle to development,

⁸¹ *Ibid.*, para. 314 (i).

⁸² *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 6 (E/5698 and Corr.1).

⁸¹ General Assembly resolution 1386 (XIV).

⁸² Approved by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its tenth session; the text appears in the annex to General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV).

⁸³ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 2A (E/5703)*, para. 54.

⁸⁴ DP/69.

⁸⁵ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 2A (E/5703)*, para. 332.

Convinced that a rapid enlargement of basic services for children is feasible and a most effective means for coping with the problem,

1. *Approves* the efforts of the United Nations Children's Fund to draw attention to the situation of children in need for the purpose of enlarging assistance to them through the Fund and through all other organizations in a position to do so;

2. *Takes note* of the resolution of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund⁸⁸ appealing to the General Assembly to give consideration to the situation of children and to the necessary measures for meeting their needs, and requests the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Development and International Economic Co-operation to recommend such measures as it may deem appropriate;

3. *Appeals*, with a sense of urgency, to all Governments, especially those of the industrialized countries, and other potential contributors to increase their contributions to the Fund, so that it may rapidly augment its assistance to basic services for children.

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1965 (LIX). United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering its resolution 1762 (LIV) of 18 May 1973, the report of the Committee on Natural Resources on its fourth session,⁸⁹ in particular chapter III thereof, and the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its twentieth session,⁹⁰ in particular chapter XI thereof,

Reaffirming that the aim of the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration is to help the developing countries in their affirmation of their permanent sovereignty over their natural resources,

Taking note of the discussions on this item at its fifty-ninth session,

1. *Reaffirms* its resolution 1762 (LIV), particularly paragraph 1 (k) (ii) and (iii), which provides that the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration may assist exploration up to and including the stage of feasibility studies;

2. *Requests* the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to reconsider at its twenty-first session the level of contributions to the Fund, in order to allow the Fund to assist exploration up to and including the stage of feasibility studies, in accordance

⁸⁸ *Ibid.*, para. 17.

⁸⁹ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 3 (E/5663).

⁹⁰ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 2A (E/5703).

with Council resolution 1762 (LIV) and chapter III of the report of the Committee on Natural Resources on its fourth session.

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1966 (LIX). Youth policies and programmes

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 3125 (XXVIII) of 13 December 1973 and 3140 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973,

Taking note with appreciation of the note by the Secretary-General on the feasibility of voluntary contributions in support of United Nations youth programmes,⁹¹

Aware of the increasing difficulties with which millions of young people in many parts of the world are faced as they seek to take constructive roles in the development of their societies,

Believing that the United Nations must intensify its efforts to implement practical programmes to assist young people to take such roles, including the means of financing such programmes,

Acknowledging the role in the achievement of national and international development goals that has been entrusted to the United Nations Volunteers programme, and the potential of that programme for the advancement of youth's role in development,

1. *Recommends* that the General Assembly at its thirtieth session approve the recommendation of the Secretary-General⁹² that the United Nations Volunteers programme be designated as the principal operational unit of the United Nations for the execution of youth programmes, especially of pilot projects and training programmes for youth workers, such projects and programmes to be undertaken only after consultation with the Governments of the countries concerned;

2. *Recommends further* that the General Assembly at its thirtieth session approve the expansion of the terms of reference of the Special Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Volunteers to include the receipt of additional contributions for the purposes described in paragraph 1 above;

3. *Appeals* to Governments and other potential sources for contributions to the Special Voluntary Fund, to be used to help to finance United Nations youth programmes sponsored by the United Nations Volunteers programme;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to hold joint intersecretariat consultations at least once every year to discuss the implementation of programmes to be undertaken as described in paragraphs 1 to 3 above,

⁹¹ E/CN.5/502.

⁹² *Ibid.*, para. 14 (a).

on the basis of principles and programmes objectives laid down by the relevant policy-making bodies;

5. *Further request* the Secretary-General and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to take whatever administrative action is necessary, within existing resources, to follow the course of action described in paragraphs 1 to 4 above, with effect from 1 January 1976;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission for Social Development at its twenty-fifth session, in 1977, a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

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1967 (LIX). Rural development

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting the decision in principle taken by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations at its sixty-sixth session with a view to holding in 1978 a World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development⁹³ and to seeking the association, in this undertaking, of the United Nations and the specialized agencies concerned,

Considering that it would be valuable for the United Nations to be associated with that Conference, if it takes place,

Recalling the resolution on priorities for agricultural and rural development adopted by the World Food Conference,⁹⁴

Considering the resolution on rural development adopted by the International Labour Conference at its sixtieth session,⁹⁵

Noting the arrangements made by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination for carrying out a joint inter-agency planning exercise in rural development,⁹⁶

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations, subject to a final decision on convening the planned World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development, to be ready to co-operate actively with the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in the preparations for the Conference, and at the same time invites other interested specialized agencies to take part actively in the Conference;

2. *Invites* the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to continue joint inter-agency planning relating to rural development aimed at the creation of a joint inter-agency programme, and to include a progress report

⁹³ FAO Council, document CL 66/REP/5, para. 39.

⁹⁴ E/5587, chap. V, resolution II; see also *Report of the World Food Conference, Rome, 5-16 November 1974* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.II.A.3), chap. II, resolution II.

⁹⁵ See International Labour Office, *Resolutions adopted by the International Labour Conference at its 60th session* (Geneva, 1975).

⁹⁶ E/5675 (part I), paras. 26-28.

in its next annual report to the Economic and Social Council;

3. *Requests* the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to include also in its next annual report to the Council an account of such preparations as may be in progress for the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development and of the contribution of the United Nations system to the Conference.

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1968 (LIX). Tripartite World Conference on Employment, Income Distribution, Social Progress and the International Division of Labour

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that article 23 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that everyone has the right to work, to free choice of employment, to just and favourable conditions of work and to protection against unemployment,

Taking into account, in accordance with the principles of equity, equality, sovereignty and interdependence, the relationship of the relevant portions of General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 concerning the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order and of Assembly resolution 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States to the serious economic problems afflicting the international community,

Recalling that one of the fundamental aims of international economic and social co-operation is to promote higher standards of living, full employment, and conditions of economic and social progress and development, as stated in Article 55 *a* of the Charter of the United Nations,

Further recalling that the fight against unemployment is regarded as an urgent task in the Declaration of Philadelphia,⁹⁷

Bearing in mind that the Governing Body of the International Labour Office agreed at its 196th session to convene a Tripartite World Conference on Employment, Income Distribution, Social Progress and the International Division of Labour, which is to meet at Geneva in June 1976,

Stressing that one of the fundamental objectives of United Nations economic and social policy should be to secure full employment in all countries,

Conscious of the need to promote an integral relationship between the social policies of the specialized agencies and a new international economic order,

⁹⁷ Declaration concerning the aims and purposes of the International Labour Organisation, adopted by the International Labour Conference on 10 May 1944 (United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 15, p. 104).

Recalling that the International Labour Conference adopted at its sixtieth session a declaration on equality of opportunity and treatment for women workers, in which it considered that the establishment of a new international economic and social order in keeping with United Nations resolutions would help to secure better employment opportunities, working conditions and living conditions for women, particularly in the developing countries,

Emphasizing that the items on the agenda of the Tripartite World Conference on Employment, Income Distribution, Social Progress and the International Division of Labour are closely related to the basic topics considered by the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-ninth session,

Realizing the extreme desirability of strengthening co-operation between the various international bodies, with a view to achieving greater efficiency in solving political, economic and social problems, which cannot be dealt with separately but only within a general frame of reference,

1. Requests the regional commissions to give the fullest possible co-operation to the International Labour Organisation in the preparations for the Tripartite World Conference on Employment, Income Distribution, Social Progress and the International Division of Labour;

2. Further requests the competent bodies of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the specialized agencies, especially the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the World Health Organization, to collaborate with the International Labour Organisation in readiness for their participation in the Tripartite World Conference on Employment, Income Distribution, Social Progress and the International Division of Labour.

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1969 (LIX). Food problems

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3348 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, in which the Assembly established the World Food Council,

Bearing in mind the report of the World Food Conference,⁹⁸ and the recommendations contained therein,

Expressing concern at the fact that the target of 10 million tons of food grains accepted as the minimum target by the World Food Conference in its resolution XVIII has not so far been attained,

Reaffirming the urgent need to increase the flow of financial and technical assistance for agricultural development and food production in developing countries,

⁹⁸ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.II.A.3.

1. Takes note of the report of the World Food Council on its first session⁹⁹ and transmits it to the General Assembly at its thirtieth session, in accordance with paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 3348 (XXIX);

2. Appeals to all countries to contribute to the attainment of the target of 10 million tons of food grains set for 1975/76 and to the provision of adequate quantities of other food commodities;

3. Urges all donor countries to give high priority to meeting the requirements of the most seriously affected countries in 1975/76;

4. Urges also that donor countries should, to the fullest extent possible, accept the concept of the forward planning of "food aid", as recommended in resolution XVIII of the World Food Conference;

5. Further urges the early establishment of the International Fund for Agricultural Development, in pursuance of resolution XIII of the World Food Conference;

6. Recommends that the *Ad Hoc* Working Group set up to work out the details of the establishment and operation of the Fund¹⁰⁰ should take into account the special agricultural and food production problems and the particular situation of all the developing countries, and particularly of the least developed among them, in framing the criteria for the utilization of the Fund;

7. Further recommends, bearing in mind the need for a small secretariat of high professional competence with an equitable geographical balance, that the General Assembly provide all necessary administrative and budgetary resources required to enable the World Food Council secretariat to discharge effectively the duties which have been entrusted to it.

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1970 (LIX). Uses of the sea and coastal area development

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1537 (XLIX) of 27 July 1970, and its resolution 1802 (LV) of 7 August 1973, in which the Secretary-General was requested to report regularly on developments in the uses of the sea, to undertake a comprehensive interdisciplinary study on the problems of coastal area development and to submit, *inter alia*, proposals for possible appropriate action at the regional and subregional levels.

Recognizing the increasing importance of marine resources and uses of the sea for the development and well-being of nations and the need for regular information about major trends and advances in this field,

⁹⁹ WFC/13; transmitted to the Economic and Social Council by a note of the Secretary-General (E/5708). For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 19 (A/10019)*.

¹⁰⁰ WFC/13, para. 50.

Bearing in mind that activities relating to the uses of the sea and the development of coastal areas should not prejudice the outcome of the United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea,

Mindful of the close interrelationship among the activities taking place in coastal areas and of the need for a comprehensive integrated approach designed to maximize the benefits to be derived from the resources and the uses of these areas, while preserving the coastal environment, in particular the maintenance of the ecological balance,

Noting with approval the results of the first meeting of the Group of Experts on coastal area development, as summarized in the annex to the report of the Secretary-General on coastal area management and development,¹⁰¹ convened at United Nations Headquarters in November 1974, to assist in the preparation of outline programmes for the integrated development of coastal areas in selected regions,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the study prepared by the Secretary-General on the uses of the sea¹⁰² and the report of the Secretary-General on coastal area management and development,¹⁰³ which were prepared in co-operation with the competent organizations of the United Nations system;

2. *Endorses* the Secretary-General's programme of activities in the field of coastal area development, as outlined in paragraph 56 of his report on coastal area management and development;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Council, on a regular and continuing basis, pertinent information on the uses of the sea;

4. *Requests* the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the other United Nations institutions concerned with marine affairs to contribute to the elaboration of further studies by the Secretary-General on marine questions;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the competent organizations of the United Nations system, particularly with the United Nations Environment Programme and the regional commissions, to continue the process of identifying various regions or sub-regions specially amenable to coastal area management and development, paying attention to the fact that some regions have not been the subject of in-depth study to date, and in this connexion, at the request of Governments concerned, to assist in the elaboration of comprehensive plans of action for such an approach, drawing for this purpose upon the expertise of appropriate organizations within the United Nations system and taking into account the need to avoid duplication of activities;

6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to take effective measures for the promotion of a better and wider application of marine technology suitable for

¹⁰¹ See "Summary report on the meeting of a group of experts on coastal area development, 11-15 November 1974, United Nations Headquarters, New York" (E/5648, annex.)

¹⁰² E/5650 and Corr.1.

¹⁰³ E/5648.

developing countries in their endeavours relating to coastal areas, including the provision of assistance in the matter of training, institution-building and the acquisition and implantation of appropriate technology;

7. *Requests* the organizations of the United Nations system concerned and also the regional commissions to give full support to the Secretary-General in implementing programmes for coastal area development as a joint endeavour and to develop further their existing close collaboration, using whenever appropriate established mechanisms of co-ordination;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Council at its sixty-third session on the progress made in implementing the present resolution.

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1971 (LIX). Assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting with deep concern the persistence of the drought in 11 out of the 14 provinces of Ethiopia,

Further noting the extremely adverse impact of the drought on the growth of the Ethiopian economy in general and on agricultural output in particular,

Appreciating the recent austerity measures introduced by the Ethiopian Government to combat drought,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 on the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, particularly section X thereof containing the Special Programme of emergency measures to mitigate the hardships of the developing countries most seriously affected by the economic crisis,

Further recalling resolution 1833 (LVI) of 8 May 1974, by which the Council called upon the Secretary-General to take the necessary action to respond to the request of the Ethiopian Government with regard to the immediate, medium-term and long-term needs of the drought-stricken regions, and resolution 1876 (LVII) of 25 July 1974, by which the Council invited all Member States, international organizations and voluntary agencies to continue to give their fullest support and assistance to the endeavours of the Secretary-General and the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator in mobilizing emergency relief assistance,

Appreciative of the assistance given to the drought-stricken regions of Ethiopia by Governments, inter-governmental organizations and voluntary agencies,

Noting the efforts made by the United Nations system towards the implementation of the provisions of Council resolutions 1833 (LVI) and 1876 (LVII),

1. *Urges* the United Nations and its specialized agencies to implement vigorously the provisions of Council resolutions 1833 (LVI) and 1876 (LVII);

2. *Appeals* to the Governments of all Member States and to intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and voluntary agencies to intensify their assistance to the drought-stricken regions of Ethiopia, in view of the increasing severity of the drought;

3. *Decides* to keep this matter under review.

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1972 (LIX). Assistance in cases of natural disaster and other disaster situations

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971 concerning the creation of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator and General Assembly resolution 3243 (XXIX) of 29 November 1974 on the strengthening of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator,

Recalling also Council resolution 1891 (LVIII) of 31 July 1974 on assistance in cases of natural disaster and other disaster situations,

Recalling in particular paragraph 10 of General Assembly resolution 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971, under which limited funds at present included in the regular budget are available to the Co-ordinator for emergency assistance, and General Assembly resolution 3152 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973 authorizing the Secretary-General, as an interim measure, to draw on the Working Capital Fund up to 1975 for technical assistance to Governments in preparing to meet natural disasters,

Noting with concern paragraphs 12 and 13 of the report of the Secretary-General concerning the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator,¹⁰⁴ in which he refers to the need for taking a decision on funds available to the Co-ordinator's Office from 1976 onwards for emergency assistance to countries stricken by natural disasters and for technical co-operation to prevent and prepare for disasters,

Aware that the Office of the Co-ordinator, in addition to being strengthened as provided for in General Assembly resolution 3243 (XXIX), should be given the requisite means to discharge more effectively its tasks of emergency assistance and technical co-operation,

Recalling once again the adverse effects of disasters on the development process in the countries affected, especially in developing countries,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Secretary-General concerning the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, and of the activities of the Co-ordinator with respect to natural disasters and other disaster situations;

2. *Requests* that qualitative data necessary for the formulation of an international strategy for the prevention

¹⁰⁴ A/10079 and Corr.1.

of disasters should be provided to the international community by bodies competent in this subject;

3. *Recommends* that the General Assembly, at its thirtieth session, consider increasing, within revised limits, the resources available to the Co-ordinator for emergency assistance to countries stricken by natural disasters and for technical co-operation to prevent and prepare for disasters;

4. *Recommends also* that, at its thirtieth session, the General Assembly give urgent consideration to determining the proper source or sources for funding these activities, and suggests, as a possibility, that the existing voluntary trust fund as established under General Assembly resolution 3243 (XXIX) for the strengthening of the Office of the Co-ordinator could also serve as a framework for voluntary contributions from Governments for these purposes;

5. *Invites* Governments of States Members of the United Nations and/or members of the specialized agencies to make contributions to the voluntary trust fund mentioned in paragraph 4 above, in order to permit effective, significant and continuing action by the Co-ordinator to help countries stricken by natural disasters.

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1978 (LIX). 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,¹⁰⁵ the report of the President of the Economic and Social Council,¹⁰⁶ and the annual report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination for 1974/75¹⁰⁷ concerning the item entitled "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",

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 3300 (XXIX) of 13 December 1974 and Council resolution 1892 (LVII) of 1 August 1974,

Taking into account 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 at the fifty-ninth session of the Council,¹⁰⁸

¹⁰⁵ A/10080 and Add.1-3.

¹⁰⁶ E/5709.

¹⁰⁷ E/5675 (part I), paras. 30-50.

¹⁰⁸ See E/AC.24/SR.579 and E/AC.24/SR.580.

Gravely concerned that millions of people are still living under oppressive colonial and alien domination and conscious of the critical need of these peoples and their national liberation movements for concrete assistance from the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations in their struggle for liberation from colonial rule and in their efforts to consolidate their national independence,

Reaffirming the responsibility of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to take all effective measures, within their respective spheres of competence, to ensure the full and speedy implementation of the Declaration and other relevant resolutions of United Nations bodies, particularly in the provision of moral and material assistance, on a priority basis, to the peoples of the colonial territories and their national liberation movements,

Aware that, although considerable progress has been made in the extension of assistance to refugees from the colonial territories in Africa, mainly through the efforts of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the action taken hitherto by the organizations concerned in the provision of assistance to the peoples of the territories through their national liberation movements continues to remain inadequate to meet the urgent needs of those peoples,

Noting with satisfaction the measures initiated by some of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, in particular the World Food Programme and the United Nations Development Programme, to provide assistance on a priority basis to the peoples of the territories formerly administered by Portugal, and expressing its appreciation to the Secretary-General for the initiative he has taken in that regard,

Expressing its appreciation to the General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity for the continued co-operation and assistance extended by it to the organizations within the United Nations system in connexion with the implementation of the relevant resolutions of the United Nations,

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 achieve freedom 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 the colonial territories and their national liberation movements;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those specialized agencies and organizations within the United Nations system which have continued to co-operate in varying degrees with the United Nations in the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and other relevant resolutions of the United Nations, and urges all the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Na-

tions system to accelerate the full and speedy implementation of the relevant provisions of those resolutions;

4. *Requests* the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to render or continue to render, as a matter of urgency, all possible moral and material assistance to the colonial peoples in Africa struggling for their liberation from colonial rule and, in particular, recommends that the organizations concerned should initiate or broaden contacts and co-operation with these peoples, in consultation with the Organization of African Unity, and should work out and implement concrete programmes for such assistance with the active collaboration of the national liberation movements concerned;

5. *Urges* the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to extend all moral and material assistance to the newly independent and emerging States;

6. *Requests* the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council, to continue to take all necessary measures to withhold any financial, economic, technical or other assistance from the Government of South Africa and the illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia, to discontinue all support to them until they restore to the peoples of Namibia and Zimbabwe their inalienable right to self-determination and independence, and to refrain from taking any action which might imply recognition of the legitimacy of the domination of the territories by those régimes;

7. *Notes with satisfaction* the arrangements made by several specialized agencies and organizations enabling representatives of the national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity to participate fully as observers in their proceedings relating to the countries concerned, and calls upon those organizations which have not yet done so to make such arrangements without delay, including provision for the payment of travel and other related expenses incurred in connexion with the participation of representatives of the national liberation movements in such proceedings;

8. *Invites* all Governments to intensify their efforts in the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system of which they are members to ensure the full and effective implementation of the Declaration and other relevant resolutions of the United Nations and, in that connexion, to accord priority to the provision of adequate resources for the desired programmes of assistance to the peoples in the colonial territories and to their national liberation movements;

9. *Urges* the executive heads of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, with a view to facilitating the implementation of the provisions of paragraph 8 above, to formulate and submit to their respective governing bodies or legislative organs, as a matter of priority and with the active co-operation of the Organization of African Unity, concrete proposals for the full implementation of the relevant

United Nations decisions, in particular specific programmes of all possible assistance to the peoples in the colonial territories and their national liberation movements.

10. *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 to the present resolution and to the discussions on the subject at the fifty-ninth session of the Council;

11. *Requests* the President of the Economic and Social Council to continue consultations on this matter with the Chairman of the Special Committee and to report thereon to the Council;

12. *Decides* to keep this question under continuous review.

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1979 (LIX). Preparatory work for the United Nations Water Conference

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1761 C (LIV) of 18 May 1973,

Taking note of chapter IV of the report of the Committee on Natural Resources on its fourth session,¹⁰⁹ which contains the comments made by members of the Committee at that session,

1. *Decides* to authorize the Committee on Natural Resources to act as the preparatory committee to assist the Secretary-General in the preparation and organization of the United Nations Water Conference;

2. *Approves* the revised provisional agenda for the United Nations Water Conference contained in the annex to the progress report of the Secretary-General,¹¹⁰

¹⁰⁹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/5663).*

¹¹⁰ E/C.7/48.

based on the agenda proposed in the report of the Intergovernmental Panel of Specialists,¹¹¹ on the understanding that the provisional agenda should be finalized by the Committee on Natural Resources, acting as the preparatory committee for the Conference;

3. *Emphasizes* the importance of regional meetings as part of the preparatory process for the United Nations Water Conference, as outlined in the progress report of the Secretary-General and, to this end, requests the regional commissions to hold the regional meetings before the end of 1976;

4. *Decides* to convene the United Nations Water Conference in Argentina from 7 to 18 March 1977;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure, throughout the process of the preparatory work for the United Nations Water Conference, full co-ordination with the preparatory work for the United Nations Conference on Desertification, in order to ensure the appropriate contributions by the Water Conference to the Conference on Desertification;

6. *Recommends* that the Governments which have not yet done so should start the preparation of their contribution to the United Nations Water Conference, which could include, if they deem it necessary, the establishment of national water conference committees;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue with the preparation for the United Nations Water Conference as suggested in his progress report, in close co-operation with the specialized agencies concerned, the regional commissions and organs of the United Nations, together with intergovernmental and international non-governmental institutions in a position to contribute to the preparations for that Conference, and to submit a report on the progress accomplished to the Committee on Natural Resources, acting as the preparatory committee for the Conference.

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¹¹¹ E/C.7/31.

DECISIONS

116 (LIX). Reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme

At its 1978th meeting, on 30 July 1975, the Council decided to:

(a) Take note of the reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its nineteenth session¹¹² and its twentieth session;¹¹³

(b) Bring to the attention of the General Assembly the decision of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on the future role of the Pro-

gramme in world development in the context of the preparations for the special session of the General Assembly devoted to development and international economic co-operation,¹¹⁴ together with the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on new dimensions in technical co-operation¹¹⁵ and the relevant part of the Governing Council's report on its twentieth session,¹¹⁶ this being the contribution of the Programme to the preparations for that special session of the General Assembly;

¹¹⁴ *Ibid.*, para. 54.

¹¹⁵ DP/114.

¹¹⁶ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 2A (E/5703), chap. II.*

¹¹² *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 2 (E/5646).*

¹¹³ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 2A (E/5703).

(c) Recommend that the General Assembly should authorize the United Nations Fund for Population Activities to convene a pledging conference in 1976, in conformity with the decision taken by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, acting as the governing body of the Fund, at its 482nd meeting in the course of its twentieth session.¹¹⁷

117 (LIX). Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the need for a revised concept of the regional training programmes of the United Nations Development Programme in the least developed countries: the East African case

At its 1978th meeting, on 30 July 1975, the Council took note of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the need for a revised concept of the regional training programmes of the United Nations Development Programme in the least developed countries, with particular reference to the East African case.¹¹⁸

118 (LIX). Reconstitution of the United Nations/FAO Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Programme as a Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes

At its 1978th meeting, on 30 July 1975, the Council took note of, and decided to recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of, the following draft resolution:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 3348 (XXIX) endorsing the resolutions of the World Food Conference,

"Considering that paragraph 6 of resolution XXII of the World Food Conference recommended that the United Nations/FAO Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Programme be reconstituted, so as to enable it to help to evolve and co-ordinate short-term and longer-term aid policies recommended by the World Food Conference,¹¹⁹

"Recalling the resolutions¹²⁰ setting up the World Food Programme as a programme undertaken jointly by the United Nations and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and establishing, for the purpose of providing guidance on policy, administration and operations, an Intergovernmental Committee of twenty-four members elected half by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and half by the Economic and Social Council,

"Concurring with the proposals made, on the recommendation of the Intergovernmental Committee, by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations at its sixty-sixth session and the Economic

and Social Council at its fifty-ninth session, to reconstitute the Intergovernmental Committee so as to ensure the effective evolution and co-ordination of multilateral, bilateral and non-governmental food aid programmes, in the light of the recommendations set forth in resolution XVIII of the World Food Conference,

"Desirous at the same time of maintaining as much as possible the established rules and procedures relating to the operation of the World Food Programme,

"1. Decides that the United Nations/FAO Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Programme shall be reconstituted as the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes (hereinafter referred to as 'the Committee'), which shall comprise 30 States members of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations or States Members of the United Nations, 15 of these members to be elected by the Economic and Social Council and 15 by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, it being understood that outgoing members shall be eligible for re-election;

"2. Resolves that States already elected as members of the United Nations/FAO Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Programme, pursuant to the provisions of previous resolutions, shall continue as members of the Committee for the remainder of their respective terms, and requests the Economic and Social Council and the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to elect three additional members each, one member each for a term of one year, one member each for a term of two years and one member each for a term of three years;¹²¹

"3. Decides that thereafter all members of the Committee shall be elected for a term of three years, and requests the Economic and Social Council and the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to make such provisions as will ensure that the terms of office of five members elected by each of the two Councils shall expire in each calendar year;

"4. Requests the Economic and Social Council and the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, when they elect members of the Committee, to take into account the need for the balanced representation of economically developed and developing countries and other relevant factors, such as the representation of potential participating countries, both contributing and recipient, equitable geographical distribution, and the representation of both developed and developing countries having commercial interests in international trade in foodstuffs, especially those highly dependent on such trade;

¹²¹ In this text, it is assumed that the proposed resolution will be adopted by the General Assembly after the November 1975 post-Conference session of the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, at which that Council is due to elect four members of the Intergovernmental Committee to fill the same number of vacancies. However, in the event of the General Assembly adopting the resolution before that session of the Council, the Council, at that session, would have to fill those four vacancies in addition to electing three additional members.

¹¹⁷ *Ibid.*, para. 494, sub-paragraph (g) of the decision.

¹¹⁸ E/5594 and Add.1-8.

¹¹⁹ *Report of the World Food Conference, Rome, 5-16 November 1974* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.II.A.3), chap. II.

¹²⁰ Resolutions 1/61 and 4/65 of the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and General Assembly resolutions 1714 (XVI) and 2095 (XX).

"5. *Further decides* that, in addition to discharging the functions hitherto exercised by the Intergovernmental Committee, the Committee shall help to evolve and co-ordinate short-term and longer-term food aid policies recommended by the World Food Conference, and shall, in particular:

"(a) Provide general guidance on the policy, administration and operation of the World Food Programme;

"(b) Provide a forum for intergovernmental consultations on national and international food aid programmes and policies;

"(c) Review periodically general trends in food aid requirements and food aid availabilities;

"(d) Recommend to Governments, through the World Food Council, improvements in food aid policies and programmes on such matters as programme priorities, commodity composition of food aid and other related subjects;

"(e) Formulate proposals for the more effective co-ordination of multilateral, bilateral and non-governmental food aid programmes, including emergency food aid;

"(f) Review periodically the implementation of the recommendations made by the World Food Conference on food aid policies;

"6. *Decides also* that the Committee shall report annually to the Economic and Social Council and the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, which, in considering the reports of the Committee, shall take into account the responsibilities of World Food Council, and that the Committee shall submit periodic and special reports to the World Food Council;

"7. *Resolves* that the Committee should normally hold regular sessions twice a year and such special sessions as it considers necessary or as called for by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, in consultation with the Executive Director of the World Food Programme, or on request submitted in writing by at least one third of the members of the Committee;

"8. *Resolves further* that the Committee shall be serviced by the Executive Director of the World Food Programme, acting in consultation with the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and that in this respect the Executive Director shall be guided by the relevant provisions of the General Regulations of the World Food Programme, and in particular shall continue to rely to the maximum extent possible on the technical services of the United Nations and its subsidiary bodies, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system, without any duplication of such services;

"9. *Calls upon* the Committee to adopt its own rules of procedure, which shall be based on the rules of procedure hitherto applicable to the Intergovernmental

Committee, and to make provision for inviting States Members of the United Nations or members of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations that are not members of the Committee to participate in its deliberations;

"10. *Authorizes* the Committee to establish such subsidiary bodies as may be necessary to enable it to discharge its functions;

"11. *Resolves* that the appointment of the Executive Director and the administration, procedures, financing and other working arrangements of the World Food Programme should continue to be governed, *mutatis mutandis*, by the 'World Food Programme Basic Documents'."

119 (LIX). Amendment to General Regulation No. 6 of the General Regulations of the World Food Programme

At its 1978th meeting, on 30 July 1975, the Council decided to amend General Regulation No. 6 of the General Regulations of the World Food Programme, the revised text¹²² to read as follows:

"6. A portion of the resources of the Programme will be reserved each year for use by the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations for emergency food needs. The amounts to be reserved will be determined by the Intergovernmental Committee from time to time, in accordance with changing circumstances. In cases of special need, the Intergovernmental Committee may, at the request of the Executive Director, in consultation with the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, allocate further amounts for use by the Director-General to meet emergency food requirements. Any unused balance of the emergency allocation will return to the general resources of the Programme at the end of each year."

120 (LIX). Harmonization of programme budget presentation and co-ordination within the United Nations system

At its 1978th meeting, on 30 July 1975, the Council:

(a) Decided to request the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to report on the progress made by the inter-agency task force working towards the harmonization of the programme budget presentation;

(b) Decided to endorse the initiative of that Committee in regard to the harmonization of the budget presentation and to urge the organizations and programmes concerned in the United Nations system to seek every feasible means of harmonizing programme budgets and medium-term plans, giving special attention to the comparability of programme narratives;

(c) Decided to review at its sixty-first session the comments of other interested bodies on the recommenda-

¹²² WFP/IGC: 27/18 (transmitted to the Economic and Social Council by a note of the Secretary-General (E/5694)), annex IV.

tions in the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on medium-term planning in the United Nations system¹²³ and to urge the early implementation of those conclusions of the report already accepted by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination;

(d) Took note of the degree of progress achieved in the development of common concepts of information and the Common Register of Development Activities (CORE) and decided to encourage further progress and co-operation in this area;¹²⁴

(e) Took note with appreciation of the annual report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination for 1974/75¹²⁵ and the reports of the specialized agencies¹²⁶ and the International Atomic Energy Agency,¹²⁷ submitted to the Council at its fifty-ninth session.

121 (LIX). Report of the Joint Meetings of the Policy and Programme Co-ordination Committee and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, and report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on spheres of competence and work programmes of United Nations organizations and agencies in the field of marine science and its applications

At its 1978th meeting, on 30 July 1975, the Council took note of the report of the Joint Meetings of the Policy and

¹²³ A/9646 and Add. 1.

¹²⁴ E/5662.

¹²⁵ E/5675 (parts I and II).

¹²⁶ International Labour Office, "Twenty-ninth report of the International Labour Organisation to the United Nations" (Geneva, 1975), transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/5705; Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, "Report of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-ninth session: summary for the year 1974" (Rome, 1975), transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/5687; report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (E/5680); International Civil Aviation Organization, "Analytical summary of activities in 1974", transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/5649; World Health Organization, "Report of the World Health Organization, 1974: analytical summary", transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/5706; Universal Postal Union, "Analytical report on the work of the Universal Postal Union in 1974" (Berne, 1975), transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/5691; International Telecommunication Union, "Analytical summary of the report on the activities of the International Telecommunication Union in 1974 to the fifty-ninth session of the United Nations Economic and Social Council" (Geneva, 1975), transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/5684; World Meteorological Organization, "Analytical summary of the annual report of the World Meteorological Organization for 1974 submitted to the fifty-ninth session of the Economic and Social Council", transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/5707; Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization, "Analytical summary of the annual report 1974/1975", transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/5666; World Intellectual Property Organization, "Report of the World Intellectual Property Organization to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations at its fifty-ninth session: analytical summary for the year 1974" (Geneva, 1975), transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/5697.

¹²⁷ Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency: note by the Director-General (E/5679). The report of the International Atomic Energy Agency was submitted to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session under the symbols A/9722 and Add.1.

Programme Co-ordination Committee and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination¹²⁸ and of the report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination entitled "Marine science and its applications: spheres of competence and work programmes of United Nations organizations and agencies".¹²⁹

124 (LIX). Cycle of sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

At its 1979th meeting, on 31 July 1975, the Council decided to draw the attention of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, at its fourth special session, to the discussion which took place in the Policy and Programme Co-ordination Committee on that Commission's cycle of sessions.¹³⁰

125 (LIX). Calendar of conferences and meetings

At its 1979th meeting, on 31 July 1975, the Council decided.

(a) To approve the Economic and Social Council provisional calendar of conferences and meetings for 1976 and for 1977,¹³¹

(b) That, in the light of the decision to be taken by the General Assembly on the dates of the fourth session of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea, it will reconsider and, if necessary, alter the dates of the sixtieth session of the Council;

(c) That all meetings of the Commission on Human Rights, the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, and their subsidiary bodies, shall be held at Geneva.

126 (LIX). Third session of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Development and International Economic Co-operation, and meetings of Working Group II of the Committee for Development Planning, and of the Working Group on Oceanography and Data Exchange of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission

At its 1979th meeting, on 31 July 1975, the Council decided:

(a) That the third session of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Development and International Economic Co-operation will be held at United Nations Headquarters from 18 to 22 August 1975;

¹²⁸ E/5704.

¹²⁹ E/5676.

¹³⁰ See E/AC.24/SR.576.

¹³¹ See the annex to the report of the Policy and Programme Co-ordination Committee (E/5742), reproduced in the report of the Council to the General Assembly at its thirtieth session (*Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 3* (A/10003)).

(b) That Working Group II of the Committee for Development Planning, originally scheduled to meet at Geneva from 22 to 26 September 1975, should meet instead at United Nations Headquarters from 1 to 5 December 1975, without interpretation facilities;

(c) That the Working Group on Oceanography and Data Exchange of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, originally scheduled to meet at United Nations Headquarters from 14 to 18 July 1975, should meet instead from 2 to 5 September 1975 at Headquarters, without interpretation facilities.

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