

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.