

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);