

RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL DURING ITS SIXTY-FIRST SESSION

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RESOLUTIONS

2009 (LXI). Declaration of Abidjan

The Economic and Social Council,

Meeting for the first time in Africa, from 30 June to 9 July 1976, at the invitation of the Government of the Republic of Ivory Coast,

1. *Welcomes* the important statement of His Excellency the President of the Republic of Ivory Coast before the Council at the opening meeting of its sixty-first session, in which he eloquently analysed problems of developing countries in general and those of Africa in particular:

2. *Remains mindful* of the fundamental purposes of the United Nations, as laid down in the Charter of the United Nations, in particular the maintenance of international peace and security through, *inter alia*, effective collective measures for the prevention and removal of threats to peace and for the suppression of acts of aggression or other breaches of the peace, the development of friendly relations among nations based on respect for the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples and the achievement of international co-operation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character;

3. *Welcomes* the emergence to independence of States—the majority of which are in Africa—as a result of their struggle for self-determination and national liberation;

4. *Calls* for the speedy elimination of all forms of colonialism, neo-colonialism, foreign aggression and occupation, alien domination, racial discrimination and *apartheid* from the African continent and from wherever they exist and affirms that this should continue to receive very high priority among the major preoccupations of the international community;

5. *Determines* that there is an imperative need to eliminate injustice and inequality which afflict vast sections of humanity and to accelerate the development of developing countries;

6. *Urges* all countries and international organizations to give added impetus to the efforts of the international

community towards the achievement of the goals, targets and objectives of the development of developing countries through individual or collective action, taking fully into account the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order (General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974), as well as the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States (General Assembly resolution 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974), the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade (General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970) and General Assembly resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation;

7. *Further urges* all countries and international organizations to pursue with the maximum sense of urgency the implementation of agreements reached within the United Nations system, including those reached at the fourth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and in other international conferences and fora, the search for further agreements and the widening of the existing ones where appropriate, bearing in mind the need to conduct negotiations and, where agreed, preparatory meetings for this purpose, so as to provide concrete solutions to the problems of developing countries;

8. *Reaffirms* the need to implement special measures or specific action adopted in favour of the most seriously affected, least developed, land-locked, and island developing countries;

9. *Expresses its concern* over the critical nature of the problems of development in Africa, reflected by the large number of African countries identified as least developed or most seriously affected countries, and urges developed countries, developing countries which are in a position to do so and the appropriate organs of the United Nations system to increase assistance to these countries;

10. *Affirms* the need to increase substantially the level of food production in developing countries, particularly those in Africa, and to extend adequate assistance to them for this purpose;

11. *Urges* all nations to display the necessary political will and place adequate resources at the disposal of the United Nations, in order to enable it to fulfil its role in the economic and social fields;

12. *Finally declares* that:

The objective of eliminating injustice and inequality and of achieving international co-operation for the promotion of economic progress and better standards of life, as well as social advancement and the encouragement of respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction, has yet to be achieved in large areas of the world; to this end, the Council declares its adherence to the principles of national independence, sovereignty, and self-reliance and its faith in co-operation, dialogue and negotiation between developed and developing countries, based on a real political will to promote an equitable and just system of international economic relations in conformity with the principles of the United Nations Charter.

*2020th plenary meeting
9 July 1976*

2010 (LXI). Expression of thanks to the Government and people of Ivory Coast

The Economic and Social Council,

Meeting for the first time on the continent of Africa,

Conscious of its responsibilities under the Charter of the United Nations,

Convinced that its historic meeting at Abidjan has given new impetus to fulfil those responsibilities,

1. *Expresses its profound appreciation* to His Excellency the President of the Republic of Ivory Coast and to the Government of the Republic of Ivory Coast for making this meeting possible;

2. *Requests* the President of the Economic and Social Council to convey an expression of its deep gratitude to the people of the Republic of Ivory Coast, and in particular to those responsible for the excellent arrangements for the meeting, for the generous hospitality and warm welcome accorded to the Council on every side.

*2021st plenary meeting
9 July 1976*

2011 (LXI). Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3454 (XXX) of 9 December 1975 and earlier resolutions of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly relating to the activities of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,

Reaffirming the eminently humanitarian character of the activities of the High Commissioner for the benefit of refugees and displaced persons,

Recognizing the importance of the essential humanitarian tasks undertaken by his Office in the context of man-made disasters, in addition to its original functions,

Noting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees¹ and the oral statement made by him to the Council at its sixty-first session² on various aspects of his humanitarian activities,

1. *Commends* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for his efforts on behalf of refugees and displaced persons, victims of man-made disasters, requiring urgent humanitarian assistance;

2. *Requests* the High Commissioner to continue his activities, in co-operation with Governments, United Nations bodies, appropriate intergovernmental organizations and voluntary agencies, for alleviating the suffering of all those of concern to his Office and for promoting permanent and speedy solutions to their problems through the provision of urgently required relief assistance, voluntary repatriation and assistance in their rehabilitation, integration or resettlement;

3. *Calls* upon the international community to continue and to strengthen further its support for the humanitarian activities of the High Commissioner;

4. *Transmits* the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session.

*2028th plenary meeting
2 August 1976*

2012 (LXI). Assistance to Zambia

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling Security Council resolutions on the question of Southern Rhodesia, in particular resolution 232 (1966) of 16 December 1966 declaring that the situation in Southern Rhodesia constituted a threat to international peace and security, and resolution 253 (1968) of 29 May 1968 imposing mandatory sanctions against Southern Rhodesia,

Commending the decision of the Government of Zambia in 1968 to implement progressively United Nations mandatory sanctions against Southern Rhodesia in accordance with Security Council resolution 253 (1968), culminating in the closure of the border with Southern Rhodesia in 1973,

Appreciating the very substantial sacrifices made by the Government and the people of Zambia in terms of the opportunities forgone for the economic and social development of the country since the unilateral declaration of independence by Southern Rhodesia in November 1965,

Recalling Security Council resolution 277 (1970) of 18 March 1970 requesting *inter alia* Member States and

¹ E/5853 and Corr.1; for the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 2 (A/31/12)*.

² See E/SR.2017.