

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the measures taken by the Secretary-General to organize an effective programme of international assistance to Mozambique;

2. *Expresses appreciation* for the assistance so far provided to Mozambique by Member States and the United Nations system;

3. *Takes careful note* of the fact that the assistance received to date falls short of the amount required by Mozambique to deal with the special economic problems arising from the implementation of the measures decided upon in Security Council resolution 253 (1968);

4. *Calls* upon all Member States to respond generously to the appeal of the Security Council and to provide assistance, bilaterally and multilaterally, whenever possible in the form of grants, to enable Mozambique to bear the great cost arising from the implementation of sanctions and to carry out its normal development programme;

5. *Requests* the United Nations and all its organizations and specialized agencies to continue their efforts to assist Mozambique;

6. *Requests* the United Nations Special Fund to give special and favourable consideration to the needs of Mozambique;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the continuation of an effective programme of financial, material and technical assistance for Mozambique during 1977, and to continue close co-operation with the Government of Mozambique in the mobilization of the necessary resources;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that appropriate financial and budgetary arrangements are made to continue the mobilization of resources, and to co-ordinate the international programme of assistance to Mozambique;

9. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to arrange for the review mentioned in his report⁵ to be given the widest circulation as soon as it is completed;

10. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to keep the situation under constant review, to hold regular consultative meetings with representatives of Governments of all interested Member States, regional organizations, intergovernmental agencies, regional and international financial institutions, and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, and to report to the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-third session.

2030th plenary meeting
3 August 1976

2043 (LXI). Strengthening of the regional commissions for regional and interregional co-operation

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its many resolutions, as well as those of the General Assembly, on the decentralization of economic and social activities and the strengthening of the

⁵ *Ibid.*, para. 25.

regional commissions, including General Assembly resolutions 1709 (XVI) of 19 December 1961 and 1823 (XVII) of 18 December 1962 and Council resolutions 793 (XXX) of 3 August 1960, 1442 (XLVII) of 31 July 1969, 1756 (LIV) of 16 May 1973, 1896 (LVII) of 1 August 1974 and 1952 (LIX) of 23 July 1975,

Noting that slow but steady progress has been made in the decentralization of operational activities through the arrangements made between the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Secretary-General for the regional commissions to be executing agencies for sub-regional, regional and inter-regional projects under the conditions indicated in Council resolutions 1896 (LVII) and 1952 (LIX),

Noting with appreciation the reports, and the comments thereon, of the Joint Inspection Unit on the regional structures of the United Nations system⁶ and on the decentralization of United Nations economic, social and related activities and the strengthening of the regional commissions⁷ and the report of the Secretary-General on regional structures of the United Nations system,⁸

Noting further the preliminary proposals under discussion in the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Restructuring of the Economic and Social Sectors of the United Nations System in its consideration in particular of structures for regional and interregional co-operation,

Noting that the regional commissions have been adapting their work programmes and activities, in particular, to conform to the decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its sixth and seventh special sessions and to the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States contained in Assembly resolution 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974,

Recognizing, without prejudice to the special needs and conditions of each region, that the regional commissions, with their experience in promoting regional and sub-regional co-operation, are the appropriate institutions within the United Nations to act as centres for the formulation, co-ordination and implementation of programmes for the promotion of interregional co-operation also, especially with respect to the programme of economic co-operation among developing countries in their respective regions,

Appreciating that, as indicated in the report of the Secretary-General on the meetings of the executive secretaries of the regional commissions,⁹ efforts are being made to co-ordinate the activities of the commissions in this field, as well as those of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and of such United Nations bodies as the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Environment Programme, and those of all the specialized agencies;

⁶ E/5727 and Add.1 and 2.

⁷ E/5607 and Corr.1 and E/5607/Add.1 and 2.

⁸ E/5801.

⁹ E/5835 and Corr.1 and E/5835/Add.1.

1. *Reaffirms*, in conformity with Council resolution 1756 (LIV), that the regional commissions should be enabled fully to play their role as the main general economic and social development centres within the United Nations system for their respective regions and calls upon all the organizations and agencies in the system to work closely with the regional commissions to achieve the over-all economic and social development objectives at the regional level;

2. *Affirms*, without prejudice to the special needs and conditions of each region and to the outcome of the work of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Restructuring of the Economic and Social Sectors of the United Nations System, and having regard to General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970, especially section III of the annex thereto, that the regional commissions should, as defined in paragraphs 469 and 470 of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the regional structures of the United Nations system,¹⁰ exercise team leadership and responsibility for inter-sectoral co-ordination and co-operation at the regional level, with the active support of the United Nations Development Programme and of regional offices;

3. *Requests* the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Restructuring of the Economic and Social Sectors of the United Nations System, without prejudice to the special needs and conditions of each region and to the outcome of the work of the *Ad Hoc* Committee, to consider, *inter alia*, the following options:

(a) The designation of the regional commissions as team leaders with responsibilities for the co-operation and co-ordination of inter-sectoral programmes at the regional level;

(b) The designation, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV) and Council resolution 1896 (LVII), of the regional commissions as executing agencies of the United Nations Development Programme for future United Nations inter-sectoral sub-regional, regional and interregional projects and the inclusion of the commissions in the list of executing agencies for the implementation of such projects;

(c) The delegation in full to the regional commissions of the executing agency functions for existing inter-sectoral sub-regional and regional operational activities of the United Nations, in accordance with Council resolutions 1896 (LVII) and 1952 (LIX);

(d) The organization by the executive secretaries of the regional commissions, on a regular basis, of meetings, with a view to improving the co-ordination of the economic and social activities of the United Nations system in their respective regions;

(e) Arrangements for ensuring that regional views are duly reflected in the debates in the Second Committee of the General Assembly;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make adequate provisions in order to enable the regional commissions to continue to carry out their activities effectively, and

to consider arranging for the executive secretaries of these commissions to be present during the consideration of the budgets for their respective commissions;

5. *Recommends*, without prejudice to the special needs and conditions of each region, that the executive heads of such global organizations as the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Environment Programme and of the specialized agencies should intensify their co-operation with the secretariats of the regional commissions, with a view to making them centres for the formulation, co-ordination and implementation of programmes for the promotion of co-operation among States members of the respective commissions;

6. *Requests* the regional commissions concerned to work out a programme of work and priorities for their respective regions in the field of co-operation among developing countries, bearing in mind the Conference on Economic Co-operation Among Developing Countries to be held at Mexico City in September 1976 and the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation Among Developing Countries to be held in Argentina in 1977;

7. *Requests further* the Secretary-General to submit to the Council for consideration at its sixty-third session, taking into account the financial implications involved, proposals for strengthening, where necessary, the secretariats of the regional commissions to enable them to promote effectively co-operation among developing countries at the regional and interregional levels.

2032nd plenary meeting
5 August 1976

2044 (LXI). Inclusion of Maldives in the geographical scope of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and admission of Maldives as a member of the Commission

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the application for membership in the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific submitted by the Government of the Republic of Maldives,¹¹

1. *Decides* to include Maldives in the geographical scope of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and to admit it to membership of the Commission;

2. *Further decides* to amend paragraphs 2 and 3 of the terms of reference of the Commission¹² accordingly.

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5 August 1976

¹¹ E/5858.

¹² *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 9 (E/5786), annex III.*

¹⁰ E/5727.