

Bearing in mind resolution 144 (AC.40) of 8 April 1958, adopted at the sixth session of the Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America, which endorses the hope expressed by the Latin American governments that the decentralization of the Technical Assistance Administration be established on a permanent basis as soon as possible, in order to further the trend towards the more efficient utilization of resources for the Administration's programmes which has resulted from such decentralization,

Requests the Secretary-General to pay special attention to the said resolution 144 (AC.40) in preparing his report on the relationship between the work of the regional economic commissions and the work done under the Technical Assistance Programme which he was asked to prepare by Council resolution 664 (XXIV) of 1 August 1957.

*1029th plenary meeting,
10 July 1958.*

685 (XXVI). National food reserves

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report entitled *National Food Reserve Policies in Under-developed Countries*⁵ prepared by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 1025 (XI) and 1026 (XI) of 20 February 1957,

Affirming the desirability of achieving the objective set forth in General Assembly resolution 827 (IX) of 14 December 1954, regarding the possible use of food reserves for relieving famine and other emergency conditions,

Considering that the report of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations indicates the possibility and desirability of using surplus foodstuffs in building national reserves to be operated in accordance with the internationally agreed principles of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations for surplus disposal in order to :

- (a) Meet emergency situations,
- (b) Prevent excessive price increase arising as a result of a failure in local food supplies,
- (c) Prevent excessive price increases resulting from increased demand due to economic development programmes, thus facilitating the economic development of less developed countries,

1. *Commends* the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations for its useful report and agrees broadly with the conclusions of the report ;

2. *Recommends* that individual Governments in need of, and desirous of, assistance in establishing or enlarging national reserves prepare specific plans for discussion with other interested Governments ;

3. *Invites* Governments willing to assist in the establishment or enlargement of national reserves, or otherwise

⁵ Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, FAO Commodity Policy Studies No. 11, Rome, 1958.

interested in the problem, to stand prepared, or to consider steps which will enable them, to enter into discussions with a view to the early realization of mutually acceptable plans ;

4. *Further recommends* that, in setting up and operating national food reserves as envisaged in this resolution, Governments make appropriate use of the consultative machinery provided by the Sub-Committee on Surplus Disposal of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and ensure conformity with the principles for surplus disposal of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and other relevant international arrangements or obligations.

*1039th plenary meeting,
18 July 1958.*

687 (XXVI). Transfer of functions from the United Nations to the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization

The Economic and Social Council,

Having noted that the United Nations, in pursuance of Council resolutions 298 B (XI) of 12 July 1950, 537 A (XVIII) of 10 June 1954 and 645 B (XXIII) of 26 April 1957, is performing certain functions which are maritime in scope and as such would appear to belong to the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization,

Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to make appropriate arrangements for the transfer of the following activities from the United Nations to the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization, after he has ascertained that the latter organization is ready and willing to undertake these functions :

(a) Consultation with the Governments represented at the London Conference on Pollution of Sea Water (1954) regarding the collection and dissemination of technical information about oil pollution, requested by that conference in resolution No. 8;

(b) Completion of arrangements regarding the group of experts on the unification of maritime tonnage measurement which the Secretary-General of the United Nations was requested to establish in Council resolution 645 B (XXIII).

*1042nd plenary meeting,
28 July 1958.*

690 (XXVI). World economic situation

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BASES FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION

The Economic and Social Council,

Having discussed the question of an appeal by the Council to States Members of the United Nations concerning the further development of international economic co-operation to be based on a number of principles.