

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL DURING ITS THIRTY-SIXTH SESSION

ECONOMIC QUESTIONS

955 (XXXVI). Decentralization of the United Nations economic and social activities and strengthening of the regional economic commissions

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 793 (XXX) of 3 August 1960, 823 (XXXII) of 20 July 1961 and 879 (XXXIV) of 6 July 1962,

Noting the report of the Secretary-General of the meeting of the Executive Secretaries of the regional economic commissions to the Council,¹

Noting the report of the Secretary-General on decentralization of the United Nations economic and social activities and strengthening of the regional economic commissions,²

Noting also the annual reports of the regional economic commissions and the resolutions adopted at their last annual sessions regarding decentralization,³

Recognizing the important role of the regional economic commissions in the preparation of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,

1. Looks forward to the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions regarding the further steps that may be necessary to carry out the Assembly's decision on decentralization as requested by General Assembly resolution 1823 (XVII) of 18 December 1962, taking into account in particular the views of the executive secretaries of the regional economic commissions;

2. Notes with satisfaction the measures already taken by the Secretary-General on the implementation of the policy of decentralization of economic and social activities of the United Nations and strengthening of the regional economic commissions, including the establishment in the regional secretariats of technical assistance co-ordination units and of regional advisers who will considerably enhance the capacity and the expertise available

in the regional economic commissions necessary for advisory services to the Governments;

3. Invites the Secretary-General to explore ways and means of expanding the economic and social activities of the United Nations Office in Beirut, including the possible creation of a technical assistance co-ordination unit in it;

4. Expresses the hope that the process of decentralization will further evolve in a way that will enable the secretariats of the regional economic commissions increasingly to assist developing countries, upon their specific request, and in co-operation with the Technical Assistance Board resident representatives, in the formulation of their technical assistance programmes, both Regular and Expanded, as well as Special Fund projects, and in the evaluation of the results of such programmes and projects for which their assistance may be requested by the developing countries concerned;

5. Expresses the hope that the secretariats of the regional economic commissions will, upon the request of the secretary-general of the conference and in accordance with the process of decentralization, play an active role in the preparation for the forthcoming United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to report annually on the progress of decentralization and strengthening of the regional economic commissions.

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5 July 1963.*

945 (XXXVI). Annual report of the Economic Commission for Europe

The Economic and Social Council

1. Takes note of the annual report of the Economic Commission for Europe⁴ for the period 12 May 1962 to 4 May 1963, of the views expressed during the discussion, and the resolutions adopted during the eighteenth session of the Commission;

⁴ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 3 (E/3759).

¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-sixth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 12, document E/3798.

² *Ibid.*, document E/3786.

³ *Ibid.*, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 2 (E/3735); Supplement No. 3 (E/3759); Supplement No. 4 (E/3766/Rev.2); and Supplement No. 10 (E/3727/Rev.1).