

977 (XXXVI). International commodity problems

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting the survey by the Commission on International Commodity Trade on the trends in primary commodity trade over the last decade, and its review of the current primary commodity situation,

Endorsing the views of the Interim Co-ordinating Committee for International Commodity Arrangements and of the Commission on International Commodity Trade regarding the useful role of intergovernmental commodity study groups and other consultative bodies,

Noting the increased intergovernmental consideration of, and action on, the problems of individual primary commodities and in particular the entry into force of the International Coffee Agreement and the steps currently being taken for the negotiation of an international agreement on cocoa, and the discussions taking place with regard to grains and meat,

Considering the conclusions of the Commission on the question of financial measures to offset fluctuations in commodity export earnings, transmitted in accordance with Council resolution 915 (XXXIV) of 3 August 1962,

Noting with satisfaction the introduction by the International Monetary Fund of new arrangements designed to provide assistance to Member countries encountering payments difficulties produced by temporary export shortfalls,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report²⁹ of the Commission on International Commodity Trade on its eleventh session and the report³⁰ of the Interim Co-ordinating Committee for International Commodity Arrangements;

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Commission on International Commodity Trade in relation to financial measures to offset fluctuations in commodity export earnings, but at the same time notes that the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development will have on its agenda the whole subject of compensatory financing;

3. *Endorses further* the programme of work of the Commission on International Commodity Trade relating to measures for dealing with long-term international commodity problems, subject to its reconsideration, if appropriate, in the light of the conclusions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to circulate to those States and organizations participating in the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, as early as possible during the Conference, the main statistical data usually included in the Commodity Survey.

*1301st plenary meeting,
1 August 1963.*

²⁹ *Ibid.* Supplement No. 6 (E/3763).

³⁰ *Ibid.*, Annexes, agenda item 9, documents E/3731 and Add.1.

968 (XXXVI). Report of the Committee for Industrial Development

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Takes note* of the report³¹ of the Committee for Industrial Development (third session);

2. *Endorses* the programme of work contained in the report.

*1296th plenary meeting,
25 July 1963.*

969 (XXXVI). Industrial development activities of the United Nations system

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 1712 (XVI) of 19 December 1961 and 1821 (XVII) of 18 December 1962, and its resolution 873 (XXXIII) of 10 April 1962,

Noting with appreciation the report of the Advisory Committee of Experts on the Industrial Development Activities of the United Nations System,³²

Considering that, in the light of the importance of industrial development for developing countries, it is highly desirable that this report be circulated among all Governments of States Members of the United Nations for careful examination,

Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To transmit the report of the Advisory Committee of Experts to Governments of States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies for their attention, together with the report of the third session of the Committee for Industrial Development;³³

(b) To transmit to the specialized agencies and to the International Atomic Energy Agency the report of the Advisory Committee of Experts for such comments as they may deem appropriate, these comments should be presented in time for the Secretary-General to submit them to the General Assembly at its eighteenth session;

(c) To prepare, for submission to the General Assembly at its eighteenth session, a report containing:

(i) A summary of the activities of the Centre for Industrial Development and of those relating to assistance to the development of manufacturing industry under the United Nations programmes of technical assistance and the Special Fund, including a statement of expenditures in recent years relating to these activities;

(ii) A summary of the activities of the specialized agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency in their general areas of competence and specifically in the field of industry, to be prepared by the agencies concerned, together with such analysis of budgetary

³¹ *Ibid.* Supplement No. 14 (E/3781).

³² *Ibid.*, annex VIII.

³³ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 14 (E/3781).