

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).

trends as may be helpful in providing a meaningful interpretation of their activities;

(d) To include in the provisional agenda of the eighteenth session of the General Assembly, under the item relating to industrial development, a sub-item on the consideration of the industrial development activities of the United Nations system and to transmit to this session the information requested in sub-paragraphs (b) and (c) above, together with such comments as he may deem appropriate;

(e) To transmit to the Committee for Industrial Development, for consideration at its fourth session, the information and comments requested in sub-paragraphs (b) and (c) above, together with a summary of the General Assembly's discussion of this item and of any decision thereon.

*1296th plenary meeting,
25 July 1963.*

978 (XXXVI). Proposals for a priority programme of co-ordinated action in the field of water resources

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 876 (XXXIII) of 17 April 1962 and 916 (XXXIV) of 3 August 1962,

Reaffirming the fundamental importance of water resources development to economic development and the contribution it can make during the United Nations Development Decade and beyond,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the report³⁴ of the United Nations Water Resources Development Centre prepared in response to the above-mentioned resolution 876 (XXXIII) and the preliminary proposals for priority action contained therein, outlining as initial steps towards more substantial development adequate to meet growing needs,

(a) Preliminary country surveys of water needs and resources;

(b) Preliminary surveys of international river basins of interest to developing countries;

(c) Large-scale pre-development investigations of ground-water basins;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to study these proposals further, in collaboration with the specialized agencies concerned and the International Atomic Energy Agency through the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and to submit his recommendations to the 1964 session of the Council;

3. *Invites*, in the meanwhile, the Secretary-General by appropriate action at Headquarters and in the regional economic commissions, in line with its resolution 955 (XXXVI) of 5 July 1963 on the decentralization of economic and social activities of the United Nations, as well as invites the executive heads of the specialized

³⁴ *Ibid.*, Annexes, agenda item 6, document E/3760.

agencies concerned and of the International Atomic Energy Agency, in co-ordination with the United Nations Water Resources Development Centre, to continue to make available such facilities as appropriate for the implementation of projects in the field of water resources development, including those for the training of local technical personnel, in response to Government requests;

4. *Draws the attention* of Governments of Member States of the United Nations to these preliminary proposals for action and for this purpose recommends that due consideration be given to the importance of more adequate water resources development in the submission of Special Fund and technical assistance requests, with such assistance being sought as appropriate from the United Nations Water Resources Development Centre, regional and other bodies;

5. *Requests* the Centre to furnish information to the Council, in its biennial reports, on the progress achieved.

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1 August 1963.*

981 (XXXVI). Financing of economic development

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the international flow of long-term capital and official donations, 1959-1961.³⁵

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1 August 1963.*

971 (XXXVI). World Food Programme

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the first report of the United Nations/FAO Inter-Governmental Committee of the World Food Programme,³⁶

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Noting that the experimental programme has proved effective in providing food-aid in seven emergency situations in the past ten months and that four projects applying food assistance to stimulate economic and social development have already been started and four more approved,

Noting with approval the arrangements made by the Programme for co-ordination and co-operation within the United Nations system including maximum use of existing staff and facilities of the United Nations, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and other specialized agencies,

³⁵ A/5195/Rev.1.

³⁶ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-sixth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 10, document E/3791, (UN/FAO Intergovernmental Committee, document IGC/3/63/REP.1 of 31 May 1963).