

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 report<sup>34</sup> 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

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.

*1302nd plenary meeting,  
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.<sup>35</sup>

*1302nd plenary meeting,  
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,<sup>36</sup>

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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,

<sup>35</sup> A/5195/Rev.1.

<sup>36</sup> *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).*

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

Recalling that General Assembly resolution 1714 (XVI) of 19 December 1961 calls for a general review of the World Food Programme at its nineteenth session,

Believing that such a review would not be useful prior to the end of the period of three years for which the Programme was set up,

Noting that pledges to the Programme are \$10 million short of the \$100 million goal, and that, in particular, pledges of cash are far short of the desired minimum target of one-third of total contributions,

1. *Expresses satisfaction* with the progress so far made by the Programme;

2. *Recommends* that the General Assembly defer a general review of the Programme from its nineteenth to its twentieth session;

3. *Appeals* to States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies who have not yet pledged contributions to the Programme, to make such pledges, if possible as contributions of cash, in order to attain the goal of \$100 million;

## B

Considering that the General Regulations of the World Food Programme have been approved by Council resolution 878 (XXXIII) of 18 April 1962,

Noting that the Inter-Governmental Committee of the World Food Programme recommends in paragraph 15 of its first annual report that General Regulation A (4) (c) (iii) should be modified so as to facilitate the arrangements necessary for the shipment and insurance of the products distributed,

Approves the substitution of the following text for the present wording of General Regulation A (4) (c) (iii) of the World Food Programme:

"Any ocean transportation (including insurance) contributed to the WFP shall be arranged by the contributing country at the request of the Executive Director, as agreed, but any paid by the WFP shall be arranged by the Executive Director. The Executive Director, however, may request the country contributing the commodities, the recipient country, or any other country to make such arrangements to move them."

*1300th plenary meeting,  
31 July 1963.*

**967 (XXXVI). Question of procedures for the revision of the International Convention on Road Traffic and of the Protocol on Road Signs and Signals, done at Geneva, 19 September 1949**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Noting that the amendments to the Convention on Road Traffic and to the Protocol on Road Signs and Signals, done at Geneva, 19 September 1949, drawn up

by the Inland Transport Committee of the Economic Commission for Europe and which were then proposed by the Government of Austria in accordance with the relevant provisions and communicated by the Secretary-General to the Contracting States in his circular note of 8 October 1962, did not find the support required in accordance with Article 31 of the Convention and of Article 60 of the Protocol,

Considering that a further attempt should be made to enable the proposed amendments to enter into force,

Taking into account that the rapid growth of road traffic may come to render desirable or necessary further revision of the existing Convention and Protocol or the negotiation of new Agreements,

1. *Invites* the Secretary-General, in accordance with Article 31, paragraph 1, of the Convention and Article 60, paragraph 1, of the Protocol, upon being so requested by one of the Contracting States, to communicate the amendments once again to all Contracting States, pointing out that the amendments are identical with those previously communicated and that replies previously received will be understood to remain valid in the absence of notification to the contrary;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation as appropriate with the Executive Secretaries of the regional economic commissions, to urge all Contracting States which have not previously done so to reply to the further communication of the Secretary-General as promptly as possible;

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General:

(a) To prepare, in co-operation with the regional economic commissions, a report on whether further action to revise or replace the existing Convention and the Protocol is desirable or necessary and, if so, to analyse the reasons for it and make appropriate proposals;

(b) To submit this report to the Council;

4. *Decides* to take up the question again at the latest at its thirty-eighth session in order to consider in the light of the aforementioned report what adequate action should be taken.

*1296th plenary meeting,  
25 July 1963.*

## **957 (XXXVI). Reports of the Governing Council of the Special Fund**

*The Economic and Social Council*

Takes note with appreciation of the reports<sup>37</sup> of the Governing Council of the Special Fund (ninth and tenth sessions).

*1279th plenary meeting,  
12 July 1963.*

<sup>37</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplements No. 11 (E/3717) and 11A (E/3789).*