

1441 (XLVII). Regional co-operation

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut;⁸

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the appropriate measures to strengthen the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut by providing it with the necessary expertise and other means that will enable it to discharge efficiently its functions in the field of social and economic development.

*1625th plenary meeting,
31 July 1969.*

1442 (XLVII). The role of the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut in the Second United Nations Development Decade

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting with satisfaction the growing effectiveness of the regional economic commissions in initiating and implementing an increasing number of regional, subregional and multinational projects of direct and practical importance to the developing countries, as well as the increasing spirit of self-reliance and the desire for economic co-operation in the developing world,

Aware that the promotion of economic co-operation in such forms among the developing countries within a comprehensive regional framework is important for the success of their development efforts, individually and collectively,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 1709 (XVI) of 19 December 1961 and 1823 (XVII) of 18 December 1962 and Council resolution 793 (XXX) of 3 August 1960 on decentralization of the economic and social activities of the United Nations and strengthening of the regional economic commissions,

Aware of the firm determination of the developing countries to mobilize all their human and material resources for speeding up their economic and social development during the 1970s,

Emphasizing the importance of consultations within the system of United Nations organizations and specialized agencies and with the United Nations Development Programme,

Considering that within the framework of any arrangement that might be made for the implementation of the Second United Nations Development Decade, the regional economic commissions have a crucial and vital role to play in helping Governments to implement the global strategy,

Appreciating that steps are being taken to promote specific measures to ensure the effective co-operation of

⁸ E/4659.

the United Nations system of specialized agencies in the implementation of the work programmes approved by the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut, and towards this end to achieve, as far as possible, the establishment of joint work programmes with the individual agencies in their respective fields of competence,

Endorsing the proposals for reorganization set out in resolutions 188 (IX) and 189 (IX) of the Economic Commission for Africa,⁹ and including, *inter alia*, the strengthening of subregional offices,

1. *Urges* that a more effective and substantial decentralization of operational activities be carried out in accordance with the resolutions of the Council and of the General Assembly, and *invites* the regional economic commissions to bear this requirement in mind in drawing up their work programmes;

2. *Recommends* that the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut play a more active role in the implementation of operational programmes for economic and social action in the priority areas indicated by the commissions, the Office in Beirut, the Council and the General Assembly;

3. *Further recommends* that the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut participate effectively in the operation of any arrangement that might be established for the formulation of policies and the preparation and evaluation of development plans under the Second United Nations Development Decade and for this purpose assist in setting the standards and criteria that are appropriate for a meaningful assessment of economic and social progress in the different regions;

4. *Urges* the appropriate agencies to give favourable consideration to such requests as may be made by member States of the regional economic commissions, individually or collectively, for the placing at their disposal of the services of experts and such other services essential for the development of the regions.

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31 July 1969.*

1446 (XLVII). Report of the Industrial Development Board

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the report of the Industrial Development Board on the work of its third session¹⁰ and transmits it to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session.

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4 August 1969.*

⁹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-seventh Session*, document E/4651, part III.

¹⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/7617)*, transmitted to the Council by a note of the Secretary-General (E/4708).