

## Other decisions

### Report of the Commission on the Status of Women

#### (Item 3)

At its 1694th meeting, on 28 May 1970, the Council decided to take no action at its resumed forty-eighth session on draft resolution VI submitted by the Commission on the Status of Women,<sup>49</sup> and it requested the Secretary-General to forward the draft resolution to Governments for their comments in order that the Commission might reconsider it in the light of the replies received from Governments.

At the same meeting, the Council decided to refer the draft resolution entitled "Increased activities relating to the status of women at the regional level"<sup>50</sup> back to the Commission on the Status of Women for more detailed consideration. The Council further decided to transmit the draft resolution to Governments represented on the Commission in order to ascertain their views on it.

### Report of the Commission on Human Rights

#### (Item 2)

At its 1693rd meeting, on 27 May 1970, the Council decided:

(a) To forward, in accordance with paragraph 3 of resolution 8 (XXVI) of the Commission on Human Rights,<sup>51</sup> the report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts<sup>52</sup> established under resolutions 2 (XXIII), 2 (XXIV) and 21 (XXV) of the Commission to the Special Committee on the Policies of *Apartheid* of the Government of the Republic of South Africa, the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and the United Nations Council for Namibia;

(b) To transmit to the General Assembly, in accordance with paragraph 1 of resolution 14 (XXVI) of

<sup>49</sup> *Ibid.*, chap. XIII.

<sup>50</sup> *Ibid.*, *Forty-eighth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 3, document E/4870, para. 9, draft resolution VII.

<sup>51</sup> *Ibid.*, *Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 5* (E/4816), chap. XXIII.

<sup>52</sup> E/CN.4/1020 and Add.1-3.

the Commission,<sup>51</sup> the preliminary report of the Secretary-General on human rights and scientific and technological development;<sup>53</sup>

(c) To approve the decision taken by the Commission on Human Rights<sup>51</sup> at its twenty-sixth session to request the Secretary-General to transmit to the General Assembly in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2200 C (XXI) of 16 December 1966 the conclusion and the observations expressed in the Commission on the question of the establishment of commissions on human rights at the national level;

(d) To approve the decision taken by the Commission on Human Rights<sup>51</sup> at its twenty-sixth session to transmit to the Council the programme of work of the Commission with changes arising out of the decisions reached during that session;

(e) To take note of the report of the Secretary-General on co-ordination of United Nations activities with regard to policies of *apartheid* and racial discrimination in southern Africa;<sup>54</sup>

(f) To approve the decision taken by the Commission on Human Rights<sup>51</sup> at its twenty-sixth session to request the Secretary-General to transmit to the General Assembly the observations of the members of the Commission and of the Social Committee on the report of the Secretary-General on respect for human rights in armed conflicts.<sup>55</sup>

### Report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts established under resolutions 2 (XXIII), 2 (XXIV) and 21 (XXV) of the Commission on Human Rights

#### (Item 2)

At its 1693rd meeting, on 27 May 1970, the Council decided to transmit to the General Assembly the draft resolution<sup>56</sup> on the report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts established under resolutions 2 (XXIII), 2 (XXIV) and 21 (XXV) of the Commission on Human Rights.

<sup>53</sup> E/CN.4/1028 and Add.1-3 and Add.3/Corr.1, and Add.4.

<sup>54</sup> E/4817 and Corr.1.

<sup>55</sup> A/7720.

<sup>56</sup> E/CN.4/L.1139.

## ECONOMIC QUESTIONS

### 1488 (XLVIII). Transport of dangerous goods

#### *The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling its resolutions 645 G (XXIII) of 26 April 1957, 724 C (XXVIII) of 17 July 1959, 871 (XXXIII) of 10 April 1962, 994 (XXXVI) of 16 December 1963 and 1110 (XL) of 7 March 1966,

Noting with satisfaction the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, of the Group of Experts on Explosives and of the Group of Rapporteurs on the Packing of Dangerous Goods,

Noting the considerable progress achieved in harmonizing codes and regulations relating to the trans-

port of dangerous goods and of the prominent part played by the Committee of Experts in respect of co-ordination in this field,

Noting that the work on the transport of explosives, on the one hand, and the work on the transport of dangerous goods, on the other, are closely interrelated and that the Group of Experts has, in fact, been functioning satisfactorily as a subsidiary body of the Committee of Experts,

Noting the desirability of further promoting the safe transport of dangerous liquids and gases carried in bulk in certain tanks,

Noting the programme of work for 1970-1971 proposed by the Committee of Experts<sup>57</sup>

1. *Commends* the experts and rapporteurs on their valuable work;

2. *Decides*:

(a) That the Group of Experts on Explosives shall continue to function as a subsidiary body of the Committee of Experts and that the Committee may alter, as required, the composition of its subsidiary bodies;

(b) That the membership of the Committee of Experts may be raised to ten should further Governments of Member States wish to make available, at the request of the Secretary-General and at their own expense, experts to serve on the Committee;

(c) That the Committee of Experts shall study the questions concerning the construction, testing and use of tanks other than those permanently fixed to, or forming part of, the structure of sea-going vessels or inland waterway craft;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General in the light of the contents of the reports of the Committee of Experts on its fifth<sup>58</sup> and sixth<sup>59</sup> sessions:

(a) To amend the recommendations of the Committee in accordance with the proposals contained in the reports of the Committee on its fifth and sixth sessions and to issue a revised version of the recommendations on the transport of dangerous goods;

(b) To circulate the revised version of the recommendations to Governments of Member States, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and other interested international organizations;

(c) To convene meetings of the Committee of Experts and its subsidiary bodies, taking into account, on the one hand, the programme of work proposed by the Committee and, on the other, the calendar of conferences and availability of resources to service meetings;

4. *Invites* Governments of Member States, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and other interested international organizations to send to the Secretary-General such comments as they may wish to make on the revised version of the recommendations and to inform him, if possible within six months following the receipt of the said revised version, of the extent to which the recommendations are, or will be, applied within the framework of national or international regulations, as the case may be;

5. *Suggests* that the Committee of Experts consider:

(a) In view of the appearance of new dangerous goods, enlarging the list of dangerous goods by including there new dangerous goods;

(b) Grouping dangerous goods within classes by the type and degree of the danger of their transportation, with due regard to the specific conditions of their transportation such as their compatibility;

(c) Giving each of the dangerous goods a numerical designation, which, in addition to the "dangerous goods" label would indicate the group of compatibility, which could be instrumental in the solution of the problems of the joint transportation of dangerous goods;

(d) Supplementing the enlarged list of dangerous goods with indications of the properties and the category of danger of such goods, the fire-fighting means, other safety measures regarding such goods and their packing.

1688th plenary meeting,  
22 May 1970.

#### 1490 (XLVIII). Review of the activities of the United Nations system of organizations in the transport field

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling its resolutions 1082 A (XXXIX) of 30 July 1965, 1202 (XLII) of 26 May 1967 and 1372 (XLV) of 2 August 1968,

Having considered the Secretary-General's reports on the work of the United Nations Secretariat in the transport field<sup>60</sup> and on the major transport problems of developing countries,<sup>61</sup> and the report dealing with transport questions of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on its fifth session,<sup>62</sup>

Recognizing that transport development plays a vital role in the economic and social conditions of developing countries,

Bearing in mind that the devising of sound solutions for the transport problems of developing countries should be based on the appraisal of the possibilities offered by the new advances in transport technology as well as on economic research and exchange of information and experience,

Believing that the activities of the United Nations system in the transport field should be intensified and increased, particularly as part of the efforts to be made towards the achieving of the goals of the Second United Nations Development Decade,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the above-mentioned reports;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make available to the Economic and Social Council at its fiftieth session, after taking into account the views expressed at its forty-eighth session, additional and detailed information on the precise role, functions, responsibilities, terms of reference and organization of the proposed Centre;

3. *Decides further* to postpone a decision on the proposed meeting of ministers responsible for transport until developments relating to the programming of the regional economic commissions in the field of inland transport make possible further consideration of the matter.

4. *Decides* to defer the consideration of the question of the proposed Centre to its fiftieth session.

1690th plenary meeting,  
26 May 1970.

#### 1491 (XLVIII). The role of the co-operative movement in economic and social development

*The Economic and Social Council,*

<sup>60</sup> E/4794 and Add.1.

<sup>61</sup> E/4795 and Add.1-4.

<sup>62</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 9 (E/4846/Rev.1), chap. V.*

<sup>57</sup> See E/4783.

<sup>58</sup> E/CN.2/CONF.5/28.

<sup>59</sup> E/CN.2/CONF.5/41.