

regional advisers, as well as those of the specialized agencies concerned.

*1721st plenary meeting,  
30 July 1970.*

### **1553 (XLIX). Preparatory study on regional structures**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Considering the note by the Secretary-General on the terms of reference and financial implications of the proposed preparatory study on regional structures,<sup>27</sup>

Emphasizing the necessity of taking into full consideration the views of the States of the respective regions individually and collectively within the framework of their regional economic commissions,

Bearing in mind the fact that problems of regional co-operation vary from one region to another,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare, in consultation with other organizations of the United Nations system a questionnaire on the various aspects of regional structure and to forward it to the Governments of Member States with the request that they send their answers to their respective regional economic commissions;

2. Requests the executive secretaries of the regional economic commissions to prepare reports on the basis of the answers to the questionnaire and to submit them to the regional economic commissions at their next annual session in order to elicit comments from Governments;

3. Requests also the Director of the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut to prepare a report on the basis of the answers to the questionnaire received from Governments covered by the Office and to submit it to the Secretary-General;

4. Further requests the executive secretaries of the regional economic commissions to submit their reports, together with the comments of Governments, to the Secretary-General;

5. Also requests the Secretary-General to report to the Council as early as possible and not later than at its fifty-second session the results of the preliminary inquiry and to recommend concrete measures.

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### **1556 (XLIX). Second United Nations Development Decade**

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#### **COMPLETION OF AN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE 1970s**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling its relevant resolutions and those of the General Assembly on an international development strategy for the 1970s,

<sup>27</sup> E/AC.24/L.379.

Having considered item 3 of the agenda of its forty-ninth session entitled "Second United Nations Development Decade",

Having noted that a draft strategy for the Second Development Decade has not yet been completed,

Having noted further that there are still certain difficulties in the choice of an agreed basis to ensure the participation of all member Governments in the preparation of such a strategy,

1. Decides to transmit to the General Assembly documents A/7982, TD/B/299 and E/4776;

2. Draws the attention of the General Assembly to the comments and observations made in the Council on the subject and reflected in its report<sup>28</sup> and in its relevant summary records;<sup>29</sup>

3. Deeply appreciates the contribution made by the bodies and organizations of the United Nations system in the preparation of a draft of an international development strategy;

4. Expresses its concern that it has not so far been possible to reach agreement on a number of substantive issues, particularly in relation to certain important policy measures in the field of international trade and aid;

5. Affirms that the completion of such a draft strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade will require, *inter alia*, a solution to the following issues:

(a) Proposals regarding target dates for the transfer of resources from developed to developing countries and proposals regarding the target for the official component of such transfers;

(b) Proposals regarding target dates concerning terms and conditions of assistance;

(c) Proposals regarding the question of a link between the allocation of new reserve assets under the scheme of special drawing rights and the provision of additional development finance to developing countries;

(d) Shipping;

(e) Proposals regarding target dates in the field of international trade;

(f) Adjustment assistance measures;

(g) Restrictive business practices;

(h) Proposals regarding assistance by developed countries to developing countries in the field of science and technology;

(i) Proposals relating specifically to the contribution of centrally planned economies of Eastern Europe to the Second Development Decade;

6. Stresses that an international development strategy will gain considerably in significance if implementation of the policy measures for achieving the goals and objectives of the Decade is, to the greatest extent possible, given a specific time dimension;

<sup>28</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 3, (A/8003), chap. I.*

<sup>29</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-ninth Session, 1696th to 1704th and 1722nd meetings; see also E/AC.6/SR. 510-513, 516, 518, 521 and 522.*