

## OTHER DECISION

### **The role of modern science and technology in the development of nations**

*(Agenda item 11 d)*

At its 1836th meeting, on 28 July 1972, the Council took note of the second progress report of the Secretary-General<sup>65</sup> on the implementation of the study called for in paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 2658 (XXV) of 7 December 1970, and noted that the Secretary-General's study would be circulated to Member States and specialized agencies and submitted to the Council at its fifty-fifth session and to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session.

<sup>65</sup> E/5166.

## SOCIAL, HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN QUESTIONS

### **1704 (LIII). Measures to be taken following the natural disaster in the Philippines**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Considering* that areas of the Philippines have recently suffered from the effects of a cyclone and floods, which have caused considerable loss of human life and property and severe damage to the country's economy,

*Bearing in mind* that assistance to Members of the United Nations which have suffered major natural disasters is in keeping with the concept of international solidarity embodied in the Charter of the United Nations,

1. *Expresses* to the people and Government of the Philippines its heartfelt condolences for the loss of life and devastation sustained as a result of the recent natural disaster;

2. *Notes with appreciation* the measures already taken by the Disaster Relief Co-ordinator to secure the speediest and most effective emergency relief assistance to the disaster areas in the Philippines and requests him to actively pursue his efforts towards that end, in accordance with the mandate given to him under General Assembly resolution 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971 on assistance in cases of natural disaster and other disaster situations;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ask the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and the Administrator of that Programme, the specialized agencies, more especially the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and also the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the World Health Organization, and the International Atomic Energy Agency, the

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and the World Food Programme to devote the largest possible volume of resources, within their respective programmes, to meeting, in liaison with the Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, assistance requests from the Government of the Philippines relating to reconstruction work contemplated in its initial emergency programme;

4. *Conveys* its desire to the Governing Council and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme that they should consider favourably such requests for assistance within the purview of that Programme as may be submitted by the Government of the Philippines in connexion with its special medium-term and long-term programmes of rehabilitation.

*1834th plenary meeting  
25 July 1972*

### **1705 (LIII). Assistance to southern Sudanese refugees returning from abroad**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having heard* the statement of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees at the 1835th plenary meeting of the Council,

*Recalling* its resolution 1655 (LII) of 1 June 1972, whereby, *inter alia*, it took cognizance of the need for assistance in the relief, rehabilitation and resettlement of Sudanese refugees and displaced persons in southern Sudan,

*Commending* the positive response by some Governments, the organizations within the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations concerned, to the appeals launched by the Secretary-General and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,

1. *Urges* Governments, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, specialized agencies and other international organizations associated with the United Nations and non-governmental organizations concerned, to provide the assistance required for the voluntary repatriation, rehabilitation and resettlement of the refugees returning from abroad, as well as of persons displaced within the country;

2. *Requests* that a progress report be submitted by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on the assistance being extended by Governments, specialized agencies and other international organizations associated with the United Nations and non-governmental organizations concerned, for the relief, rehabilitation and resettlement of southern Sudanese refugees and displaced persons in southern Sudan, to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-fourth session.

*1835th plenary meeting  
27 July 1972*

#### **1706 (LIII). Exploitation of labour through illicit and clandestine trafficking**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* that the Preamble of the Charter of the United Nations reaffirms faith in fundamental human rights and in the dignity and worth of the human person,

*Recalling further* that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights proclaims that no one shall be held in slavery or servitude and that slavery and the slave trade shall be prohibited in all their forms,

*Noting with alarm and indignation* reports of incidents involving the illegal transportation, organized or undertaken by criminal elements, to some European countries

and the exploitation of workers from some African countries in conditions akin to slavery and forced labour, which constitute an extreme outrage to the human person.

*Deeply concerned* over malpractices involving inequality and discrimination and unlawful forms of recruitment and treatment of such workers, in particular certain specially unacceptable phenomena such as illicit and clandestine trafficking in labour,

*Deploring* the fact that advantage is being taken of conditions of mass poverty, ignorance and unemployment in the countries of origin to exploit and profit from such labour through illicit and clandestine trafficking,

*Noting* the prompt action taken by some Governments in bringing to light such trafficking,

1. *Condemns* the exploitation of, and profiteering from, such labour and clandestine trafficking as exemplified by the incidents brought to the attention of the Economic and Social Council;

2. *Appeals* to Governments concerned to take all necessary action or to intensify their efforts to apprehend and bring to justice those responsible for such malpractices;

3. *Further appeals* to Governments concerned to adopt all necessary measures, including new legislation where necessary, aimed at combatting and preventing such malpractices;

4. *Instructs* the Commission on Human Rights to consider the question at its next session and to prepare appropriate recommendations for further action by the Council;

5. *Takes note* of the steps taken by the International Labour Organisation to reinforce its action for the protection of migrant workers and invites it to pursue energetically its examination of the matter, with specific reference to the malpractices condemned in paragraph 1 above, and to report thereon to the Council at an early date.

*1836th plenary meeting  
28 July 1972*

### OTHER DECISIONS

#### **Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees**

*(Agenda item 10)*

At its 1835th meeting, on 27 July 1972, the Council decided to transmit the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees<sup>66</sup> to the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session.

<sup>66</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/8712); see also E/5138 and Add. 1.*

#### **Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on the activities of the United Nations Focal Point for assistance to refugees from East Bengal in India**

*(Agenda item 10)*

At its 1835th meeting, on 27 July 1972, the Council took note with appreciation of the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on the activities of the United Nations Focal Point for assistance to refugees from East Bengal in India.<sup>67</sup>

<sup>67</sup> E/L.1502.