

**RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL
DURING ITS RESUMED FIFTY-THIRD SESSION**

ECONOMIC QUESTIONS

1732 (LIII). Question of the admission of the German Democratic Republic to the Economic Commission for Europe

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that the German Democratic Republic can actively contribute to the activities of the Economic Commission for Europe and has expressed its readiness to contribute to the important work of the Commission by accepting the responsibilities inherent in the status of members,¹

Considering that the presence of the German Democratic Republic in the Economic Commission for Europe will further the economic co-operation among the countries in that region, thus facilitating the implementation of the Commission's responsibilities,

1. *Decides* to change paragraph 7 of the terms of reference of the Economic Commission for Europe by adding the German Democratic Republic to the list of members of the Commission, on the condition that this State offers itself as a candidate and agrees to pay an equitable contribution to the budget of the United Nations, the total amount of which will be determined periodically by the General Assembly in accordance with the procedure established by the Assembly in similar cases;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to enter into consultations with the Government of the German Democratic Republic and to take all steps necessary to obtain the agreement between that Government and the General Assembly on the amount of the contribution which that Government will be required to make to the budget of the United Nations.

*1846'h plenary meeting
13 December 1972*

¹ E/5229.

Decisions

**Report of the Trade and Development Board
(Item 7)**

At its 1843rd meeting, on 16 November 1972, the Council decided to transmit the report of the Trade and Development Board, covering the period from 21 September 1971 to 25 October 1972,² to the General Assembly and to draw the attention of the Assembly to the comments on the subject made in the Council at its 1843rd meeting.

**Reports of the World Bank Group
(Item 6)**

At its 1842nd meeting, on 18 October 1972, the Council took note with appreciation of the report of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Development Association, and of the report of the International Finance Corporation.³

² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/8715/Rev.1)*. The report was transmitted to the Council by a note by the Secretary-General (E/5219).

³ International Bank for Reconstruction and Development—International Development Association, *Annual Report, 1972* (Washington, D.C.); International Finance Corporation, *Annual Report, 1972* (Washington, D.C.). Summaries of the reports were transmitted to members of the Economic and Social Council by a note by the Secretary-General (E/5216).

**Report of the International Monetary Fund
(Item 8)**

At its 1845th meeting, on 17 November 1972, the Council took note with appreciation of the report of the International Monetary Fund.⁴

**Question of the establishment of an economic
commission for Western Asia
(Item 5)**

At its 1845th meeting, on 17 November 1972, the Council deferred consideration of the draft resolution submitted by Lebanon⁵ to its fifty-fifth session.

**Question of the establishment of a United Nations
revolving fund for natural resources exploration
(Item 2)**

At its 1845th meeting, on 17 November 1972, the Council deferred further consideration of the item to its fifty-fourth session.

⁴ International Monetary Fund, *Annual Report, 1972* (Washington, D.C.). A summary of the report was transmitted to members of the Economic and Social Council by a note by the Secretary-General (E/5215).

⁵ E/L.1497/Rev.2.