

RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL DURING ITS FIFTY-FOURTH SESSION

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL QUESTIONS

1734 (LIV). Recommendations of the United Nations/IMCO Conference on International Container Traffic

The Economic and Social Council,

Having taken note of resolution 7 on international combined transport¹ adopted by the United Nations/IMCO Conference on International Container Traffic, held at Geneva from 13 November to 2 December 1972,

Considering the benefits which may be derived from the new techniques of unitized and intermodal transport, and the need of the developing countries for assistance in order to participate in these benefits,

Recognizing that, despite the valuable exchange of views at the Conference, the developing countries are still apprehensive of the consequences of international intermodal transport,

1. *Endorses* the recommendations of the United Nations/IMCO Conference on International Container Traffic that further studies be carried out and completed by the end of 1974 by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, in co-ordination with the regional economic commissions and with the co-operation of the appropriate regional and sub-regional bodies and other international organizations, in particular the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization and the International Civil Aviation Organization, on all the relevant aspects of international combined transport of goods, including such matters as repercussions in the field of international trade and transport, balance of payments, costs of international transport, insurance and the consistency of the international combined transport of goods with national policies on transport, trade and insurance, bearing in mind particularly the needs and requirements of the developing countries and taking into account the report of the Third Main Committee of the United Nations/IMCO Conference² and the studies already made on the subject;

2. *Requests* the Trade and Development Board to establish, following the pattern of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences,³ an intergovernmental preparatory group for the elaboration, in consultation as appropriate with other bodies of the United Nations system, of a preliminary draft convention on international intermodal transport, taking into account the report of the Third Main Committee of the United Nations/IMCO Conference, other relevant reports and,

once they are ready, also the result of the studies referred to in paragraph 1 above;

3. *Further requests* the Trade and Development Board to authorize the intergovernmental preparatory group, referred to in paragraph 2 above, to meet as early as possible in 1973 and to make available its conclusions on the subject to the Economic and Social Council early in 1975, with a view to the convening of a plenipotentiary conference as envisaged in subparagraphs (c) and (d) of paragraph 1 of resolution 7 of the United Nations/IMCO Conference on International Container Traffic.

*1850th plenary meeting
10 January 1973*

1735 (LIV). Admission of Bangladesh to membership in the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that Bangladesh, which is situated within the geographical scope of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, has expressed its desire to become a member of that Commission,

Considering that the presence of Bangladesh in the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East would further the purposes of that Commission,

Considering further that Bangladesh is a member of various specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,

1. *Decides* accordingly to amend paragraphs 2 and 3 of the terms of reference of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, on condition that Bangladesh agrees to pay each year an equitable contribution, 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. *Invites* the Secretary-General to enter into consultations and to take the steps necessary for Bangladesh and the General Assembly to reach agreement on the contribution which this State will be required to make to the budget of the United Nations.

*1852nd plenary meeting,
17 April 1973.*

1737 (LIV). Permanent sovereignty over natural resources of developing countries

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling that the inalienable right of each State to exercise sovereignty over its natural resources has been

¹ See E/CONF.59/44.

² E/CONF.59/39/Rev.1.

³ See General Assembly resolution 3035 (XXVII).