

Nations Economic and Social Office at Beirut in the Second United Nations Development Decade, as well as other resolutions of the Assembly and the Council dealing with decentralization of the economic and social activities of the United Nations and strengthening of the regional economic commissions as enumerated in Council resolution 1442 (XLVII),

Aware that the regional economic commissions, since their establishment by the Economic and Social Council, have effectively contributed to the promotion of regional and subregional co-operation for economic and social development in their respective regions,

Further aware of existing arrangements for co-ordination between the regional economic commissions and the specialized agencies,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Regional co-operation: study on regional structures",³⁹ prepared in accordance with Council resolution 1553 (XLIX) of 30 July 1970, particularly the recommendations and measures contained in chapter VIII of that report,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, pending the submission by him of the report requested in paragraph 3 of Council resolution 1756 (LIV), in co-operation with the executive heads of the organizations and specialized agencies in the United Nations system, to organize regional intersecretariat meetings, whenever necessary and under the authority of the intergovernmental bodies of the regional economic commissions concerned, to be held under the chairmanship of the Executive Secretaries of the regional economic commissions and with the participation of the United Nations organizations concerned and all the interested specialized agencies, with a view to improving, at the regional level, co-operation and co-ordination in the implementation of economic and social activities approved by the respective policy-making organs concerned;

2. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the executive heads of the organizations and specialized agencies in the United Nations system, to include in his report, referred to in paragraph 1 above, a study on the effectiveness of any intersecretariat meetings which may have been held pursuant to paragraph 1, to be submitted to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-eighth session.

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16 May 1973*

1758 (LIV). Tourism

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 2529 (XXIV), of 5 December 1969 and 2802 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971,

Endorsing the recommendations in resolution 37 (III) of 13 May 1972 adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development concerning the development of tourism,⁴⁰

Considering the important role that international tourism could play in the development of the economies of developing countries,

⁴⁰ See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Third Session, vol. I, Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.73.II.D.4), annex I.A.

Considering also that receipts from international tourism may constitute an important item in the balance of payments of the developing countries and may also have a favourable effect by generating additional employment and income for the populations of those countries,

Taking into account the experience of the last decade, in which, according to available data, while on the one hand there has been a substantial expansion of international tourism and of foreign exchange earnings from this source for the developing countries as a whole, on the other hand the bulk of receipts from international tourism has gone to developed countries,

Mindful of the need to enhance the understanding of the economic significance of tourism, its ramifications, costs, potential benefits to the developing countries, and any other relevant aspects,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite the International Union of Official Travel Organizations, in consultation with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and other bodies concerned, to make a study on the impact of international tourism on the economic development of developing countries, with special emphasis on the actual revenue earned by the developing countries and the proportion of the developing countries' gross revenue from this tourism accruing to the developed tourist-exporting countries, and to suggest, for consideration by the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, the necessary national and international measures aimed at ameliorating the position of the developing countries in the international tourism market;

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General to submit the above-mentioned study, together with his recommendations, including a report on the action taken to implement the objectives and provisions of resolution 37 (III) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session, through the Economic and Social Council;

3. *Reiterates* the unanimous invitation to Member States, contained in resolution 37 (III) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, to take the earliest possible decision regarding the ratification of the statutes of the World Tourism Organization, the establishment of which has been recommended by the General Assembly in its resolutions 2529 (XXIV) and 2802 (XXVI), so that it may start to function at the earliest opportunity and contribute effectively to the development of tourism in general and its rapid growth in the developing countries in particular;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session, through the Economic and Social Council, a progress report on the status of the statutes of the World Tourism Organization.

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1760 (LIV). Appraisal of prospective food deficits and food aid needs

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 2462 (XXIII) of 20 December 1968 and 2682 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 on multilateral food aid,