

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",<sup>39</sup> 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.

*1855th plenary meeting  
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,<sup>40</sup>

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

<sup>39</sup> 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.

*1855th plenary meeting  
16 May 1973*

## **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,

*Taking note* of the report of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations,<sup>41</sup> submitted in compliance with paragraph 5 of Assembly resolution 2462 (XXIII),

*Taking note* also of the supplementary report of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations,<sup>42</sup> submitted in the light of the changed world food supply position,

*Noting with concern* the present difficult food situation in which world food stocks are at their lowest level in twenty years, food prices are abnormally high and the availability of adequate food to millions of people in 1973-1974 is dependent on the uncertainties of a single year's weather,

*Recognizing* the growing emergency food requirements following recurring crop failures in vulnerable areas in Asia, Central America and the Sudano-Sahelian zone of Africa and the need for a more appropriate geographic distribution of basic food stocks,

*Noting* that the international community has not yet accepted or evolved in any meaningful sense the concept of a minimum safe level of basic food stocks for the world as whole,

*Emphasizing* that to ensure the adequate availability of food is a common responsibility of the international community any could contribute to the collective economic security of the world,

1. *Welcomes* the intention of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to submit concrete proposals designed to implement the concept of minimum world food security for consideration by the Council of that Organization in June 1973 and by the Conference in November 1973;

2. *Invites* the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to report to the Economic and Social Council, at its fifty-sixth session, on the progress made in formulating and implementing these proposals.

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18 May 1973

## 1761 (LIV). Report of the Committee on Natural Resources

### A

#### CO-ORDINATION OF PROGRAMMES

##### *The Economic and Social Council,*

*Taking into account* the deliberations of the Committee on Natural Resources at its third session<sup>43</sup> and the views expressed by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its thirteenth session on the subject,<sup>44</sup>

*Bearing in mind* its responsibility, under Article 63 of the Charter of the United Nations, for co-ordinating the activities of the specialized agencies, which includes activities in the field of natural resources,

<sup>41</sup> E/5050 and Corr.1.

<sup>42</sup> E/5050/Add.1.

<sup>43</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 4 (E/5247)*, chap. II.

<sup>44</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 7 (E/5273), paras. 42-49.

*Endorses* the conclusions contained in paragraph 34 of the report of the Committee on Natural Resources on its third session<sup>45</sup> and in particular:

(a) Considers it of great importance that the Secretary-General, in co-operation, as appropriate, with the other members of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, and the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office at Beirut, work out an appropriate and practicable division of responsibilities in the United Nations system on the activities on natural resources, where such a division of responsibility has not yet been obtained;

(b) Draws the special attention of the relevant intergovernmental bodies of the various organizations in the United Nations system to the conclusions on interagency co-ordination reached by the Committee on Natural Resources and requests these bodies to report to the Council on their viewpoints regarding these matters;

(c) Requests the Secretary-General, taking into account the views expressed by Member States at the third session of the Committee on Natural Resources and at the fifty-fourth session of the Economic and Social Council and the recommendations made by these bodies, to draw up once in every two years, in consultation with the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, a comprehensive plan of action for the development of natural resources, with special emphasis on the needs and interests of the developing countries, in accordance with their national development priorities, encompassing the co-ordinated work programmes of all organizations belonging to the United Nations system and giving for each programme an estimate of its budgetary consequences;

(d) Requests the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to recommend to the Council ways of strengthening existing arrangements within the United Nations system for providing advice upon request on integrated water use planning and development, in particular advice on broader water use implications, taking into account alternative or additional uses of water;

(e) Further requests the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to report fully in its 1974 annual report to the Council on the progress made in carrying out the tasks mentioned above and in the cited paragraph 34.

### B

#### PROJECTIONS OF NATURAL RESOURCES RESERVES, SUPPLY AND DEMAND

##### *The Economic and Social Council,*

*Taking into account* the relevant discussion in the Committee on Natural Resources at its third session,<sup>46</sup> as well as the views expressed at the fifty-fourth session of the Economic and Social Council,

*Taking note* of the recommendations made by Member States, contained in annex II of the report of the Committee on Natural Resources at its third session,

<sup>45</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 4 (E/5247).

<sup>46</sup> *Ibid.*, chap. III.