

## RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL DURING ITS FIFTY-FIRST SESSION

### ECONOMIC QUESTIONS

#### **1600 (LI). Question of the admission of the Swiss Confederation to the Economic Commission for Europe**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Considering* that the Swiss Confederation has participated since 1947 in the work of the Economic Commission for Europe in consultative status and that it now wishes to be able to make a more positive contribution to the activities of the Commission by accepting the responsibilities inherent in the status of members,

1. *Decides* to change paragraph 7 of the Economic Commission for Europe's terms of reference by adding the Swiss Confederation to the list of members of this Commission, on condition that this State offers itself as a candidate and 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 the consultations and to take the steps necessary for the Swiss Confederation and the General Assembly to reach agreement on the contribution which this State will be required to make to the United Nations budget.

*1785th plenary meeting,  
20 July 1971.*

#### **1601 (LI). Regional and sub-regional advisory services**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 793 (XXX) of 3 August 1960 on decentralization of activities and operations, and General Assembly resolutions 1709 (XVI) of 19 December 1961 and 1823 (XVII) of 18 December 1962 on the decentralization of the economic and social activities of the United Nations and strengthening of the regional economic commissions,

*Noting* the Council's recommendation in its resolution 1442 (XLVII) of 31 July 1969 that the regional

economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut play a more active role in the implementation of operational programmes for economic and social action,

*Taking into account* that the expansion of the membership of the regional economic commissions has required both an extension of the existing services of the Commissions over a wider area and a reflection in their activities of new aspirations and new urges,

*Recognizing* that the regional economic commissions have been called upon to reorient their activities in response to the wide acceptance of new approaches to development, particularly the consideration and implementation, under the aegis of the commissions, of an increasing number and variety of schemes for regional and sub-regional economic co-operation and integration, multi-disciplinary approaches to development, the need to integrate economic and social aspects of development, and vast possibilities opened up recently in the field of the application of science and technology to development,

*Taking note* of the provisions on the new country programming approach, approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970,

*Considering* that the adoption of a new country programming approach has called for a new orientation and a re-definition of the operational functions of the regional economic commissions,

*Noting* the conclusion of the Joint Inspection Unit that the regional economic commissions, while continuing their functions of economic studies and research and advisory services to member countries, have increasingly become operational bodies in the field of economic co-operation and will be called upon to undertake in the future even greater responsibilities in these directions,<sup>1</sup>

*Recalling* that the General Assembly in its resolution 2563 (XXIV) of 13 December 1969 and the Council in its resolution 1552 (XLIX) of 30 July 1970 requested the Secretary-General together with the Executive Secretaries of the regional economic commissions and the Director of the United Nations Economic and Social

<sup>1</sup> See E/4733, paras. 23-25; E/4781, paras. 64-67; E/4935, paras. 127-133, 164 and 165.