

Office in Beirut to initiate multinational interdisciplinary United Nations Development Advisory Teams.

Noting that a number of those Teams have been launched on a sub-regional basis, as indicated in the report of the meetings of the Executive Secretaries of the regional economic commissions held in 1971,²

Recalling further that the General Assembly, in its resolution 2687 (XXV) of 11 December 1960, requested the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut to continue and further intensify their efforts in helping to promote, on a regional, sub-regional or inter-regional basis, trade expansion, economic co-operation and integration among their member countries, as a concrete step towards the attainment of the goals and objectives of the Second United Nations Development Decade,

Considering that the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut will be called upon to assume major responsibilities for review and appraisal at the regional level of the progress in the implementation of the International Development Strategy,

Recognizing that the accretion of such responsibilities to the regional economic commissions has meant a considerable strain on their organizational and administrative resources,

Recalling that the General Assembly, in its resolution 2687 (XXV), urged that the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut be provided with the means and resources necessary to fulfil their role for the benefit of their member countries,

Stressing that the increasing responsibilities being discharged by the regional economic commissions in the operational field are an integral part of their mandatory and policy functions and any distinction between these two categories of functions is arbitrary,

Taking note that the regional advisory services under the United Nations regular programme have in recent years been utilized by the regional economic commissions for the discharge of these responsibilities,

Welcoming the new orientation being imparted to the regular programme, in both its country and regional components, particularly through its concentration in the least developed among the developing countries and in areas which are of crucial importance to the development process of these countries,

1. *Recommends* that, as a first step and at least partially to relieve the financial and administrative burden on the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut imposed by the expanded scope of these responsibilities, the General Assembly should decide to establish at its twenty-sixth session a separate section in the United Nations regular budget to make provision for a unified system of regional and sub-regional advisory services, earmarked for the operations of the regional economic commissions and the

² E/5039.

United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut, and to transfer to this section the existing regional advisory services at present under part V;

2. *Further recommends* that the existing section 13 of part V of the United Nations budget for the regular programme of technical assistance be maintained for 1972 at its current level of \$5,408,000 and concentrate its operations substantially to support country programmes of the least developed among the developing countries, as well as regional and sub-regional programmes of special interest to those countries

*1785th plenary meeting,
20 July 1971.*

1602 (LI). Annual report of the Economic Commission for Europe

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Takes note* of the annual report of the Economic Commission for Europe for the period 25 April 1970 to 30 April 1971,³ of the views expressed during the discussion, and the resolutions and the other decisions adopted by the Commission during its twenty-sixth session;⁴

2. *Endorses* the programme of work and priorities contained in the report.⁵

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20 July 1971.*

1603 (LI). Inclusion of the British Solomon Islands Protectorate within the geographical scope of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East and admission of the Protectorate to the Commission as an associate member

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the recommendation of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East with regard to the request of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for the inclusion of the British Solomon Islands Protectorate within the geographical scope of the Commission and the admission of the Protectorate as an associate member,⁶

1. *Approves* the recommendation of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East that the British Solomon Islands Protectorate be included in the geographical scope of the Commission and admitted as an associate member of the Commission;

³ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/5001).*

⁴ *Ibid.*, part III.

⁵ *Ibid.*, part V.

⁶ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 2 (E/5030), para. 233

2. *Decides* to amend paragraphs 2 and 4 of the terms of reference of the Commission accordingly.

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20 July 1971.*

1604 (LI). Inclusion of the Kingdom of Tonga within the geographical scope of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East and admission of that country to the Commission as a member

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the recommendation of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East with regard to the request of the Kingdom of Tonga that it be included within the geographical scope of the Commission and admitted as a member of the Commission,⁷

1. *Approves* the recommendation of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East that the Kingdom of Tonga be included in the geographical scope of the Commission and admitted as a member of the Commission;

2. *Decides* to amend paragraphs 2 and 3 of the terms of reference of the Commission accordingly.

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20 July 1971*

1605 (LI). Inclusion of the Republic of Nauru within the geographical scope of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East and admission of that country to the Commission as a member

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the recommendation of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East with regard to the request of the Republic of Nauru that it be included within the geographical scope of the Commission and admitted as a member of the Commission,⁷

1. *Approves* the recommendation of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East that the Republic of Nauru be included in the geographical scope of the Commission and admitted as a member of the Commission;

2. *Decides* to amend paragraphs 2 and 3 of the terms of reference of the Commission accordingly.

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20 July 1971.*

1606 (LI). Annual report of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the annual report of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East for the period

⁷ *Ibid.*, para. 231.

28 April 1970 to 30 April 1971⁸ and of the recommendations and resolutions contained in parts II and III of that report.

Endorses the programme of work and priorities contained in part V of that report.

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20 July 1971.*

1607 (LI). Annual report of the Economic Commission for Latin America

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Takes note* of the annual report of the Economic Commission for Latin America covering the period 8 May 1970 to 8 May 1971⁹ and of the resolutions and recommendations contained in parts II and III of that report;

2. *Endorses* the programme of work and priorities contained in part V of that report.

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20 July 1971.*

1608 (LI). Annual report of the Economic Commission for Africa

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Economic Commission for Africa covering the period from 15 February 1970 to 13 February 1971¹⁰ and the recommendations and resolutions contained in parts II and III of that report.

2. *Endorses* the programme of work and priorities, 1971-1973, with projections to 1976, contained in part V of the report;

3. *Takes note* of the recommendations made in the Commission's resolution 217 (X) on regional structures within the United Nations system,¹¹ with respect to the implementation of Council resolution 1553 (XLIX) of 30 July 1970;

4. *Commends* the Commission for the measures it has taken¹² to chart a meaningful strategy for Africa's economic and social development in the 1970s, within the framework of the global International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, adopted by the General Assembly in resolution 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970.

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20 July 1971.*

⁸ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 2 (E/5020); E/5020/Add.1.*

⁹ *Ibid.*, *Supplements Nos. 4 and 4A (E/5027 and Add.1).*

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, *Supplement No. 5 (E/4997)*, vols. I and II.

¹¹ *Ibid.*, part III.

¹² *Ibid.*, resolution 218 (X).