

1609 (LI). Annual report of the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the annual report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut covering the period 15 April 1970 to 15 April 1971.¹³

*1785th plenary meeting,
20 July 1971.*

1610 (LI). Names of the regional economic commissions

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered, as recommended in General Assembly resolution 2686 (XXV) of 11 December 1970, the question of renaming the regional economic commissions,

Taking note of the views expressed by the regional economic commissions regarding the proposed renaming of the commissions,¹⁴

Noting further the views of the Secretary-General as reflected in paragraph 54 of the report of the meetings of the Executive Secretaries of the regional economic commissions held in 1971,¹⁵

Decides to retain the present names of the regional economic commissions.

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1620 (LI). United Nations export promotion efforts

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1362 (XLV) of 2 August 1968 and 1464 (XLVII) of 28 October 1969,

Recalling further paragraph (36) of the International Development Strategy,¹⁶ which calls for effective international assistance for the developing countries' trade promotion efforts.

Noting with appreciation the Secretary-General's second report on United Nations export promotion efforts,¹⁷

Recognizing that the increasing requirements of developing countries for United Nations assistance in the field of export promotion and development make it

necessary that the level of resources from budgetary and extra-budgetary sources for this programme be accordingly increased, in order to contribute to the attainment of the objectives of the Second United Nations Development Decade relating to the trade expansion of developing countries,

Recognizing further, in this respect, that the UNCTAD/GATT International Trade Centre has emerged as the focal point for technical assistance and co-operation activities for export promotion within the United Nations family,

Believing that the implementation of the generalized system of preferences will open new export opportunities for the developing countries,

Noting that the lack of financial resources has impeded the efficient working of the regional export promotion centres of the regional economic commissions,

Considering the need for additional financial resources to be placed at the disposal of the regional economic commissions, to allow them to establish and operate the regional export promotion centres,

1. *Urges* developed countries to give their full support to the regional export promotion centres, as well as to the UNCTAD/GATT International Trade Centre and other agencies and organizations participating in the United Nations export promotion programme, and to make contributions commensurate with the increasing requirements of the developing countries in the field of export promotion during the Second United Nations Development Decade;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations to continue to prepare periodic reports on United Nations export promotion and development efforts, to be submitted to the Council on a biennial basis, after a substantive examination by the Trade and Development Board, as provided for in Council resolution 1464 (XLVII);

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations to study, in consultation with the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the feasibility of establishing a United Nations export development fund, in order to assist all the developing countries in their export promotion and development efforts and also in taking full advantage of the generalized system of preferences, and to report on this matter to the Council, through the Trade and Development Board, as early as possible.

*1793rd plenary meeting,
27 July 1971*

1625 (LI). Committee for Development Planning

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1079 (XXXIX) of 28 July 1965, which, *inter alia* provided for the appointment of the members of the group of experts subsequently named as

¹³ E/5006.

¹⁴ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 5 (E/4997)*, vol. 4, paras. 479 and 480; *ibid.*, *Supplement No. 3 (E/5001)*, paras. 195 and 196; *ibid.*, *Supplement No. 2 (E/5020)*, paras. 484 and 485 and part III, resolution 113 (XXVII); *ibid.*, *Supplement No. 4 (E/5027)*, paras. 507 and 518.

¹⁵ E/5039.

¹⁶ See General Assembly resolution 2625 (XXV) of 24 October 1970, operative paragraph 2.

¹⁷ E/4940 and Corr.1.