

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.

*1785th plenary meeting,
20 July 1971*

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.

the Committee for Development Planning and set forth the functions of the group,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970, which, *inter alia*, calls for comments and recommendations, within the framework of a specific mandate, by the Committee for Development Planning relating to the progress during the Second United Nations Development Decade that could be drawn upon for the over-all appraisal of progress in implementing the International Development Strategy for the Decade, to be made biennially by the General Assembly through the Council,

Recognizing that the Committee for Development Planning has provided valuable expertise to the United Nations for use in the formulation and implementation of national development plans, as well as in the preparation at the technical level of the action programme for the Second Development Decade,

Aware that the International Development Strategy serves as a focus for the formulation and execution of appropriate national development strategies and for the harmonization of national and international measures to accelerate the development of developing countries and that these fields will continue to require the close attention of experts,

Further bearing in mind the finding of the Committee for Development Planning in its report on its seventh session that its membership should be enlarged so that it may have a larger pool of experience at its disposal for performing its functions adequately,¹⁸

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Committee for Development Planning on its seventh session, containing, *inter alia*, the views and recommendations of the Committee on aspects of its work relating to over-all appraisals of progress during the Second United Nations Development Decade and on the formulation of a strategy against mass poverty as part of the work on appraisals of progress;¹⁹

2. *Assigns* to the Committee for Development Planning, in addition to its current functions, the task of preparing comments and recommendations that could help the Council in discharging its responsibility to the General Assembly relating to biennial over-all appraisals of progress in implementing the International Development strategy, as envisaged in paragraph 36 of the report of the Committee and the relevant paragraphs of the report of the Secretary-General;²⁰

3. *Decides*, in order to permit the Committee for Development Planning to carry out its tasks efficiently:

(a) To enlarge, with effect from 1 January 1972, the membership of the Committee from 18 to 24;

(b) To provide for an additional session of the Committee in each of the years of biennial over-all appraisal;

¹⁸ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 7 (E/4990)*, para. 37.

¹⁹ *Ibid.*, chapters I and IV.

²⁰ E/5040.

(c) To permit the Committee to continue its existing practice of holding meetings of its working groups;

(d) To authorize the Committee to commission research work on selected topics considered important for making appraisals of progress;

4. *Expresses the hope* that the organizations of the United Nations system will continue to offer co-operation and assistance to the Committee for Development Planning in performing its expanded functions;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to furnish to the Committee for Development Planning the necessary help through the appropriate work undertaken by both the staff of the Secretariat and the consultants to the Secretariat appointed for specific research assignments.

1799th plenary meeting,
30 July 1971.

1626 (LI). Review and appraisal of progress in the application of science and technology to development during the Second United Nations Development Decade

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy and the special problems of the developing countries in this regard,

Noting further the special measures to be taken in favour of the least developed among the developing countries and the land-locked developing countries,

Aware of the growing scientific and technological gap between the developed and the developing countries,

Convinced that the application of science and technology to development constitutes one of the ways in which economic and social development in developing countries, including the least developed among them and those that are land-locked, can be promoted,

Further convinced of the need for monitoring the performance of these countries in respect of the various elements of the International Development Strategy,

Requests the Secretary-General and the organizations of the United Nations system to ensure that the reports and studies prepared for periodic appraisals of progress during the Second United Nations Development Decade bring out clearly, in accordance with the provisions of the International Development Strategy, the application of science and technology to the development of various sectors of the economies of developing countries.

1799th plenary meeting,
30 July 1971.

1627 (LI). The international monetary situation

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering the spirit and objectives of the Charter of the United Nations relating to economic and social development in a changing world,