

Decision

Report of the Working Group on Rationalization (Item 19)

At its 1858th meeting, on 18 May 1973, the Council decided:

(a) That its subsidiary bodies, with the exception of the regional economic commissions, may not create either standing or *ad hoc* inter-sessional subsidiary bodies without prior approval by the Council;

(b) To consider at its fifty-sixth session the entire question of the inter-relationship of the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Science and Technology for Development, and to request the Secretary-General to report to the Council at its fifty-sixth session, after consultations with Member States on all aspects of the present relationship between the two Committees and to recommend possible solutions to problems of overlapping and duplication;

(c) To defer to its fifty-sixth session consideration of the revised draft decision submitted by the United States of America¹³¹ and of the revised draft resolution submitted by Denmark, Japan, Kenya, the Netherlands and Pakistan.¹³²

¹³¹ E/AC.24/L.451/Rev.3.

¹³² E/AC.24/L.455/Rev.1.

SPECIAL QUESTIONS

1733 (LIV). Measures to be taken following the earthquake in Nicaragua

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that Managua, the capital of the Republic of Nicaragua, has recently suffered the effects of an earthquake which has caused much loss of human life and property, serious harm to the country's economy and damage to administrative centres, resulting in a substantial reduction in the State's normal ability to face the consequences of the disaster,

Taking into account that in past years the territory of Nicaragua has been afflicted by various natural disasters the consequences of which, in addition to having been met almost entirely with Nicaragua's own resources, have even further aggravated the effects of the most recent disaster,

Bearing in mind that assistance offered to a Member State which has suffered a disaster of such magnitude is in accordance with the concept of international solidarity embodied in the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 2435 (XXIII) of 19 December 1968, 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971 and 2959 (XXVII) of 12 December 1972, on assistance in cases of natural disaster,

1. *Expresses its deep sympathy* to the people and Government of Nicaragua for the loss of human life and devastation caused by the recent natural disaster;

2. *Notes with appreciation* the measures already taken by the Secretary-General and the Office of the Disaster Relief Co-ordinator to ensure the speediest and most effective emergency aid for the victims in Nicaragua;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, the Office of the Disaster Relief Co-ordinator and the specialized agencies concerned to continue their efforts to that end;

4. *Welcomes* the initiative taken by the Economic Commission for Latin America to convene an extraordinary session of its Committee of the Whole to

examine measures for international co-operation to be taken by the organizations of the United Nations system, in particular by the Commission, in order to assist the Government of Nicaragua;

5. *Requests* the international credit institutions to give urgent and sympathetic consideration to emergency measures in connexion with any request that Nicaragua might make for loans and credits for the task of reconstruction, and to ensure that such loans and credits are of the greatest possible magnitude and granted on the most favourable terms;

6. *Invites* the countries and institutions that are creditors of Nicaragua to take into account the grave emergency which it has suffered and the demands created by rehabilitation, in relation to restructuring its external debt, if the Government of Nicaragua should so request;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and the Administrator of that Programme, the specialized agencies and the organizations and programmes concerned, particularly the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the International Monetary Fund and the Economic Commission for Latin America, and also the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Health Organization, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, the World Food Programme and the International Labour Organisation, to devote the largest possible volume of financial, technical and other resources, within their respective programmes, in co-operation with the Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, to meeting assistance requests from the Government of Nicaragua relating to the planning and implementation of reconstruction work contemplated in its initial emergency programmes and subsequent rehabilitation programmes;

8. *Conveys its desire* that the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme should consider favourably, within its competence, requests for assistance that the Government of Nicaragua might submit in connexion with its special medium-term and long-term rehabilitation programmes;

9. *Requests* the Governments of States members of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Development Association to ask their directors in the Bank and the Association to give particular attention, if necessary, to Nicaragua's need for funds to finance its programmes of rehabilitation and reconstruction and to study the possibility of special machinery which would permit the total financing and effective execution of projects relating to those programmes;

10. *Invites* the agencies and institutions in question to give special attention to the serious situation in Nicaragua and to that country's need for assistance, bearing in mind the principle that problems of reconstruction and rehabilitation are inseparable from problems of economic and social development.

*1848th plenary meeting
8 January 1973*

1736 (LIV). Measures to be taken following the floods in Tunisia

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that certain areas of Tunisia have recently suffered the effects of floods which caused great loss of human life and material losses and caused serious damage to the economy of the country,

Bearing in mind that it is in conformity with the principle of international solidarity enunciated in the Charter of the United Nations to render assistance to Members of the United Nations who are the victims of major natural disasters,

Recalling the General Assembly and Economic and Social Council resolutions on assistance in cases of disaster, particularly Assembly resolutions 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971 and 2959 (XXVII) of 12 December 1972,

1. *Expresses its deep sympathy* to the people and Government of Tunisia for the loss of human life and the ravages caused by the recent natural disasters;

2. *Notes with appreciation* the general expression of friendship and solidarity as well as the assistance in relief operations provided by several countries and international organizations, which has helped Tunisia to repair the loss caused by the floods;

3. *Notes with appreciation* the measures taken by the Disaster Relief Co-ordinator to ensure that the most prompt and effective assistance is provided to the Tunisian Government for the devastated areas;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and the Administrator of the Programme, the specialized agencies and the organizations and programmes concerned, particularly the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the International Monetary Fund and the Economic Commission for Africa, as well as the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Health Organization, the International Atomic

Energy Agency, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund, the World Food Programme and the International Labour Organisation, to provide all possible assistance, within their respective programmes, in liaison with the Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, to meeting requests for assistance made by the Government of Tunisia relating to the reconstruction work contemplated in its initial emergency programme;

5. *Conveys its desire* that the Governing Council and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme should, within their competence, urgently consider and respond expeditiously to requests for assistance that the Government of Tunisia might submit in connexion with its special medium-term and long-term rehabilitation programmes.

*1853rd plenary meeting
27 April 1973*

1738 (LIV). International co-operation between municipalities

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General entitled "International co-operation between municipalities",¹³³

1. *Expresses its support* for international co-operation between municipalities;

2. *Invites* organizations in the United Nations system to continue, as and when requested, to include in their programmes measures to promote municipal development, especially in developing countries, as well as measures for the promotion of international co-operation between the municipalities of the developing and developed countries;

3. *Recommends* that organizations in the United Nations system should continue collaborating with the non-governmental organizations concerned in fostering intermunicipal co-operation.

*1854th plenary meeting
4 May 1973*

1739 (LIV). Improvement of the contribution of non-governmental organizations to the implementation of the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1580 (L) of 20 May 1971 in which it requested the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to submit recommendations on ways and means of improving the contribution of non-governmental organizations to the implementation of the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,¹³⁴

Mindful of the significant role that could be played by non-governmental organizations in the implementation of the International Development Strategy,

¹³³ E/5244.

¹³⁴ General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV).