

the request of the Government of the United States of America for the inclusion of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands within the geographical scope of the Commission and the admission of the Territory to the Commission as an associate member,<sup>13</sup>

1. *Approves* the recommendation of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East that the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands be included in the geographical scope of the Commission and admitted to the Commission as an associate member;

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

*1878th plenary meeting  
9 August 1973*

**1812 (LV). Inclusion of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands within the geographical scope of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East and admission of the Islands 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 Gilbert and Ellice Islands within the geographical scope of the Commission and the admission of the Islands to the Commission as an associate member,<sup>14</sup>

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

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

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9 August 1973*

**1813 (LV). Annual report of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Taking note* of the report of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East for the period 28 March 1972 to 23 April 1973<sup>15</sup> 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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<sup>13</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 9 (E/5277), paras. 231 and 232.*

<sup>14</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>15</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 9 (E/5277).*

**1814 (LV). Annual report of the Economic Commission for Latin America**

*The Economic and Social Council*

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Economic Commission for Latin America covering the period 1 May 1972 to 30 March 1973<sup>16</sup> 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 volume II of the report.

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**1815 (LV). 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 for the period 14 February 1972 to 23 February 1973<sup>17</sup> and of the recommendations and resolutions contained in parts II and III of that report;

2. *Endorses* the programme of work and priorities 1974 to 1976, with projections to 1979, contained in part V of the report;

3. *Takes further note* of the first biennial report on the review and appraisal of progress in implementing the goals and objectives of the second United Nations Development Decade.<sup>18</sup>

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**1816 (LV). Annual report of the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut**

*The Economic and Social Council*

*Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut covering the period from 15 April 1972 to 14 April 1973.<sup>19</sup>

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**1817 (LV). Role of the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut in the review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade**

*The Economic and Social Council*

*Having considered* the annual reports of the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic

<sup>16</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 8, vols. I and II (E/5275 and Corr.1 and E/5275/Add.1).

<sup>17</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/5253 and Add.1 and 2).*

<sup>18</sup> E/CN.14/595/Summary.

<sup>19</sup> E/5366 and Corr.1.

and Social Office in Beirut and the report on the meetings of the Executive Secretaries of the regional economic commissions,<sup>20</sup>

*Reaffirming* the importance of the role of the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut in the review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2801 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971.

*Recalling* its resolution 1756 (LIV) of 16 May 1973, in which the Secretary-General was requested to submit to the Council at its fifty-eighth session a further report on regional structures of the United Nations system,

*Stressing* the importance of regional, sub-regional and interregional co-operation for the attainment of the objectives of the International Development Strategy,

*Noting* in this respect the review of regional and inter-regional projects undertaken by the United Nations Development Programme and the consultations which have taken place between the Programme and the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut for the purpose of strengthening their relationship and co-operation,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 2974 (XXVII) of 14 December 1972 concerning co-operation between developing countries and the decision of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to implement that resolution in order to improve the capacity and experience of all the Member States and to direct the multiplier effect of assistance extended to developing countries,

1. *Takes note with interest* of the report on the meetings of the Executive Secretaries of the regional economic commissions and requests the Secretary-General to continue to submit these reports to the Council at its summer sessions, incorporating therein an analytical study, based on the contents of the annual reports of the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut, identifying common development problems the various regions are faced with and identifying also those experiences of the developed countries and the developing countries themselves which can be helpful to the developing countries in the solution of these common problems;

2. *Commends* the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut for their important contributions to the review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy, as contained in the Quito Appraisal, as adopted by the Economic Commission for Latin America in the annex to its resolution 320 (XV),<sup>21</sup> the first biennial review of social and economic development in the region of the

Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East<sup>22</sup> and in the first biennial review and appraisal of progress undertaken by the Economic Commission for Africa<sup>23</sup> and invites them to continue and intensify their activities in this respect, so as to ensure that their contributions are available well in time for the mid-term review and appraisal scheduled for 1975, with particular emphasis on the need to promote both functional and sectoral regional, interregional and sub-regional co-operation;

3. *Draws the attention* of the regional economic commissions to the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Regional co-operation: study on regional structures"<sup>24</sup> and to its resolution 1756 (LIV) and requests them to give due consideration to this matter and to co-operate fully with the Secretary-General in the implementation of that resolution;

4. *Invites* the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, as well as the other organizations of the United Nations system concerned to co-operate equally fully with the Secretary-General in the implementation of resolution 1756 (LIV);

5. *Invites* the Secretary-General to give his full support to the regional economic commissions, in particular with regard to their contribution to the mid-term review and appraisal;

6. *Requests* the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut to give due consideration to the principles and guide-lines for co-operation with the United Nations Development Programme for inter-country programming and projects<sup>25</sup> and to report, in consultation with the United Nations Development Programme, from time to time on the steps taken for their implementation;

7. *Requests* the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut to consider, if they have not already done so, long-term priority areas of their activities in the light of the changing economic and social situations of the regions and in the world at large.

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#### **1818 (LV). Establishment of an economic commission for Western Asia**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recognizing* the special role of the regional economic commissions in the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade.

*Bearing in mind* that the countries of Western Asia at present covered by the United Nations Economic and

<sup>20</sup> E/5370 and Corr.1.

<sup>21</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 8* (E/5275 and Corr.1 and E/5275/Add.1), part III.

<sup>22</sup> E/CN.11/L.349.

<sup>23</sup> E/CN.14/565.

<sup>24</sup> E/5127.

<sup>25</sup> See Council resolution 1530 (XLIX), annex.