

1801 (LV). Work programme and budget for 1974-1975 and medium-term plan for 1974-1977 relating to economic, social and human rights activities

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3043 (XXVII) of 19 December 1972, entitled "Form of presentation of the United Nations budget and duration of the budget cycle", in which the Assembly approved on an experimental basis the new form of presentation of the United Nations budget and the introduction of a biennial budget cycle,

Noting that the Secretary-General has presented useful documentation for the Council's examination of the programme budget for 1974-1975 and the medium-term plan for 1974-1977 relating to economic, social and human rights activities, in spite of difficulties and restraints,

Taking note of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on its fourteenth session,⁹⁴

Noting also the relevant comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the programme budget for 1974-1975, as transmitted to the Council for its information,⁹⁵

1. *Recommends* to the General Assembly that the programme-reviewing bodies and the Secretary-General be requested, in preparing future budgets and medium-term plans, to take into account to the maximum extent possible, *inter alia*, the considerations and recommendations contained in paragraph 96 (A) of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on its fourteenth session;

2. *Further recommends* to the General Assembly that, in examining the programme budget for 1974-1975 and the medium-term plan for 1974-1977, it take into account the considerations contained in the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on its fourteenth session, as well as, *inter alia*, the conclusions concerning the work programme of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs as recommended in paragraph 96 (B) of that report;

3. *Requests* the General Assembly to take into account the comments and proposals made during the debate on this question at the fifty-fifth session of the Council;⁹⁶

4. *Decides* to transmit the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on its fourteenth session, together with the relevant summary records,⁹⁷ to the General Assembly.

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⁹⁴ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 12 (E/5364).*

⁹⁵ See E/L.1564. To this document are annexed the excerpts, containing the comments, from the report of the Advisory Committee, issued in final form in *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 8 (A/9008).*

⁹⁶ See E/AC.24/SR.492 and 493, E/AC.24/SR.496-500.

⁹⁷ See footnote ⁹⁶ above.

1804 (LV). Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

The Economic and Social Council,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General,⁹⁸ the report of the Chairman of the Co-ordination Committee⁹⁹ and the annual report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination for 1972-73,¹⁰⁰ concerning the item entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations",

Recalling General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and all other relevant United Nations resolutions, including in particular General Assembly resolution 2980 (XXVII) of 14 December 1972 and Council resolution 1720 (LIII) of 28 July 1972,

Deeply concerned that millions of people are still living under oppressive colonial and alien domination, and strongly condemning in particular the ruthless and barbaric acts of repression perpetrated by the Government of Portugal against the people of Angola, Guinea (Bissau) and Cape Verde and Mozambique,

Noting with satisfaction the progress towards national independence and freedom made by the national liberation movements of the territories concerned, particularly in the reconstruction and administration of the liberated areas,

Bearing in mind the acute and critical need for effective assistance from the United Nations system of organizations to the colonial peoples in their efforts to achieve their inalienable right to freedom and independence, to restore their fundamental human rights and to combat poverty, deprivation and other human sufferings,

Noting that so far only a few organizations of the United Nations system have initiated welcome but modest action for providing assistance to the peoples of the colonial territories striving for liberation from alien domination and that other organizations have yet to initiate measures to that end,

1. *Reaffirms* that the recognition by the General Assembly, the Security Council and other United Nations bodies of the legitimacy of the struggle of colonial peoples to achieve freedom and independence entails the extension by the organizations of the United Nations system of the necessary moral and material assistance to them, including in particular those in the liberated areas of the colonial territories, as well as to their national liberation movements;

⁹⁸ A/9051 and Add.1-3; transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbols E/5284 and Add.1-3.

⁹⁹ E/5387.

¹⁰⁰ E/5289 (part I), chap. I, sect. E.

2. Welcomes the action initiated by some of the organizations of the United Nations system in support of the work of these liberation movements, and calls upon them to intensify their efforts;

3. Calls upon all the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations to take measures to expedite the full and speedy implementation of the provisions of General Assembly resolution 2980 (XXVII) and other related United Nations decisions;

4. Takes note of the report of the Chairman of the Co-ordination Committee and commends the following for action as a matter of priority;

(a) With a view to increasing the flow of assistance to refugees, the Governments of the countries of residence are invited to assign priority to projects carried out in co-operation with the organizations of the United Nations system benefiting the peoples concerned, as well as to grant refugees from the colonial territories the legal status provided for under the relevant international instruments;

(b) In order to ensure the maximum utilization of the existing resources, there should be a more effective co-ordination of assistance programmes for the peoples of the colonial territories, including in particular the populations of the liberated areas of these territories and their national liberation movements;

(c) The executive heads of the organizations concerned are urged to formulate and submit to their respective governing bodies or legislative organs at their forthcoming sessions, as a matter of priority and with the active co-operation of the Organization of African Unity, specific programmes of assistance for the peoples of the colonial territories and their national liberation movements, and to report to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-seventh session, setting out a detailed account of the action taken or envisaged by their respective organizations;

(d) All Governments should intensify their efforts in the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to ensure the full and effective implementation of the relevant United Nations resolutions, and in particular to ensure that resources are made available, on a priority basis, for the desired programmes of assistance to the peoples of the colonial territories;

(e) The Organization of African Unity is invited to take appropriate measures to stimulate the interest of Governments in sponsoring the necessary assistance projects in this regard, and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development is requested to consider, in consultation with the Organization of African Unity, possible forms of support over and above its

present lending operations, which the Bank might be able to extend to the Governments concerned for the purpose of assisting the peoples of the colonial territories;

(f) The Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme is invited to consider, at its seventeenth session, *inter alia*, waiving the counterpart obligations normally required of the sponsoring Governments in respect of projects benefiting the peoples concerned; furthermore, the negotiations between the Organization of African Unity and the United Nations Development Programme on the draft agreement for mutual co-operation¹⁰¹ should be brought to a mutually satisfactory conclusion as soon as possible;

(g) Specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system should discontinue all support and assistance to the Governments of Portugal and South Africa and the illegal régime of Southern Rhodesia, so long as these régimes persist in their policies of colonial and alien domination and they should also refrain from taking any action which might imply recognition of the legitimacy of these régimes' colonial and alien domination;

(h) With a view to effecting the representation of the colonial territories in Africa by their national liberation movements in accordance with paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 2980 (XXVII), specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system should make appropriate procedural arrangements immediately and, if necessary, amend their relevant instruments to enable the representatives of these liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity to participate in all proceedings relating to their countries, particularly so as to ensure that assistance projects of the agencies and organizations can be carried out for the benefit of the peoples of these territories;

5. Draws the attention of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to the present resolution and to the discussions that have taken place at the fifty-fifth session of the Council on the subject;¹⁰²

6. Requests the President of the Economic and Social Council to continue consultations on this matter with the Chairman of the Special Committee and to report thereon to the Council;

7. Decides to keep the question under continuous review.

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¹⁰¹ See DP/L.214.

¹⁰² See E/AC.24/SR.506-510; and E/SR.1876.