

## RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS ADOPTED ON THE REPORTS OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

### RESOLUTIONS

#### 1835 (LVI). Population questions

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the reports of the Population Commission on its seventeenth session<sup>1</sup> and on its third special session,<sup>2</sup>

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of these reports and commends the Population Commission for its work;

2. *Endorses* the preparatory arrangements made for the World Population Conference, to be held at Bucharest from 19 to 30 August 1974, and expresses its appreciation to the Government of the Socialist Republic of Romania and the Secretary-General of the Conference;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the World Population Conference, 1974, to invite representatives of the liberation movements now recognized by the Organization of African Unity and/or by the League of Arab States to participate in the Conference without the right to vote;

4. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General of the Conference, subject to the views expressed in the Council during the consideration of this question, to invite:

(a) The Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam to take full part in the Conference;

(b) The Government of Papua New Guinea to participate in the Conference as an observer;

(c) The intergovernmental organizations listed in the report of the Population Commission on its third special session<sup>3</sup> and the regional development banks to be represented at the Conference by observers;

(d) The interested specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency to be represented;

(e) The non-governmental organizations listed in that report<sup>4</sup> and in the note by the Secretary-General<sup>5</sup> to be represented by observers;

5. *Further authorizes* the Secretary-General of the Conference to invite additional intergovernmental organizations and the non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council that may express the wish to be represented by observers at the Conference;

6. *Considers* that the results of the Conference will constitute an important contribution to the prepara-

tions for the special session of the General Assembly devoted to development and international economic co-operation called for in Assembly resolution 3172 (XXVIII) of 17 December 1973, and thus to the Assembly itself;

7. *Approves* as the provisional rules of procedure for the Conference the text of the revised preliminary draft of the rules of procedure,<sup>6</sup> incorporating the amendments proposed by the Secretariat to rules 6, 10, 11, 12 and 14, as well as the annex on consensus recommended by the Population Commission;

8. *Takes note* of the recommendation of the Population Commission that, in view of the timing of the World Population Conference, the eighteenth regular session of the Commission should be rescheduled to take place in the early spring of 1975.

*1895th plenary meeting  
14 May 1974*

#### 1836 (LVI). Emergency measures in regard to the supply of fertilizers and pesticides

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Aware* that over a quarter of mankind is living at a level of bare subsistence,

*Noting* that the ensuring of adequate food supplies is a matter of utmost priority to all countries and particularly to developing countries,

*Noting further* that most developing countries are faced with grave problems of food scarcity and rapidly increasing food prices, resulting in malnutrition, with the threat of starvation becoming a near reality,

*Acknowledging* that the Governments of many developing countries are experiencing difficulties in obtaining the required quantities of fertilizers at reasonable prices,

*Recognizing* that all constraints on increasing food production should immediately be removed,

*Acknowledging also* that the area for immediate priority that will have a major impact on food supplies and food prices is that of fertilizers,

*Appreciating* that an emergency multilateral effort by the world community would enable urgent supplies of fertilizers and pesticides to be deployed promptly and rationally to those developing countries in greatest need,

*Considering* the urgent need to increase the supply of fertilizers to developing countries, to assist them to finance their fertilizer imports, and to provide them with the necessary technical and financial assistance

<sup>1</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/5444).*

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid., Supplement No. 3A (E/5462).*

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid., annex IV (a).*

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid., annex IV (b).*

<sup>5</sup> E/5481.

<sup>6</sup> E/5472.