

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 session¹ and on its third special session,²

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 session³ 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 report⁴ and in the note by the Secretary-General⁵ 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,⁶ 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

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

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

³ *Ibid.*, annex IV (a).

⁴ *Ibid.*, annex IV (b).

⁵ E/5481.

⁶ E/5472.

to process their own raw materials into semi-finished or finished fertilizer products,

1. *Requests* the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;

(a) To draw up immediately an emergency plan of operations for increasing the supply of fertilizers to developing countries, including the establishment of a fertilizer pool, and to call an emergency session of the Council of that Organization to approve the plan of operation and put it into effect;

(b) To invite countries to contribute to this pool fertilizers or cash for the purchase of fertilizers;

(c) To invite developing countries to submit requests for fertilizers from this pool on a grant or subsidized basis;

(d) To distribute widely as a matter of urgency an analysis of the world situation regarding the supply and demand for fertilizers and pesticides, including an analysis of constraints on increased production and of the under-utilization of existing productive capacity;

2. *Calls upon* those developed countries manufacturing fertilizers and pesticides substantially to expand exports to developing countries at reasonable prices, bearing in mind their serious balance-of-payments difficulties, and to increase production particularly for that purpose;

3. *Calls upon* developed countries and other countries in a position to do so, as well as international institutions, to extend technical and financial assistance and capital equipment on the softest possible terms to developing countries so as to enable them to utilize fully their existing productive capacity;

4. *Urges* the international community, and especially the developed countries, to give the necessary capital and technical assistance to developing countries in order to process their own raw materials into semi-finished or finished fertilizer products;

5. *Calls upon* the World Food Conference to consider, *inter alia*, the medium-term and long-term aspects of the fertilizer problem;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring these proposals urgently to the attention of all Member States, to appeal for an urgent and positive response, and to submit a preliminary oral report on the replies received to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-seventh session.

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14 May 1974*

1837 (LVI). United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3167 (XXVIII) of 17 December 1973, which established the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration,

Bearing in mind the need to extend and intensify the activities of the United Nations system to meet the need for increased natural resources exploration in developing countries in order to accelerate their economic development,

1. *Invites* all Member States to contribute voluntarily to the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural

Resources Exploration so as to facilitate the early start of its operations;

2. *Further invites* the agencies and bodies of the United Nations system, in particular the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, to co-operate positively with the operations of the Revolving Fund.

*1895th plenary meeting
14 May 1974*

1838 (LVI). The convening of the Eighth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Far East

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the Seventh United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Far East,⁷ which was held in Tokyo from 15 to 27 October 1973,

Appreciating the valuable contributions made by the Conference in furthering cartographic work in the countries of the region for their economic and social development projects,

Noting the recommendation of the Conference that the Eighth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Far East should be held in Indonesia in October/November 1976,

Noting also with appreciation that the Government of Indonesia has offered to act as host to the Conference, to be held in Indonesia for two weeks during the autumn of 1976, and to extend full co-operation in this regard,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2609 (XXIV) of 16 December 1969, to convene the Eighth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Far East in Indonesia for two weeks during the autumn of 1976, including the sending of invitations to the Governments of States Members of the United Nations or members of specialized agencies, as well as the Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam, and to the specialized agencies concerned and other interested international organizations;

2. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to take practical measures to implement, as appropriate, the recommendations of the Seventh United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Far East, taking fully into account the views on the recommendations expressed at the present session of the Economic and Social Council, and to submit a progress report on the measures taken in this respect to the Council at its fifty-eighth session.

*1896th plenary meeting
15 May 1974*

1839 (LVI). First United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 261 (IX) of 27 July 1949 and 476 A (XV) of 6 April 1953 on the holding of regional cartographic conferences,

⁷ E/5448 and Add.1.