

Taking note of the success of the regional cartographic conferences held in the region of Africa since 1963 and in the region of Asia and the Far East since 1955,

Appreciating the valuable contribution made by the conferences in furthering cartographic work in the countries of those regions for their economic and social development plans,

Recognizing the need to hold similar conferences in other regions in which they have not yet been held,

Requests the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements to convene the First United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas during the first quarter of 1976.

*1896th plenary meeting
15 May 1974*

1840 (LVI). Preparations for the World Food Conference

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3180 (XXVIII) of 17 December 1973 in which the Assembly decided to convene a World Food Conference at Rome in November 1974,

Having considered and taken note of the report of the Preparatory Committee of the World Food Conference on its first session,⁸

Taking note of the report of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations entitled "Appraisal of prospective food deficits and food aid needs",⁹

1. *Decides* to convene the World Food Conference from 5 to 16 November 1974;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite:

(a) All States¹⁰ to participate in the Conference;

⁸ E/5454.

⁹ E/5455.

¹⁰ For the interpretation of the phrase "all States" see E/5513, para. 11. For the printed text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 3*.

(b) The 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;

(c) The interested organs and specialized agencies of the United Nations, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade to participate in the Conference;

(d) Other interested intergovernmental organizations to be represented by observers;

(e) Non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council or with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to send observers to the Conference;

(f) Other non-governmental organizations which might have a specific contribution to make to the work of the Conference to send observers to the Conference;

3. *Urges* the Preparatory Committee of the World Food Conference at its second session to complete the draft provisional agenda for the Conference and the discussion of the other questions listed in paragraph 2 of the report of the Committee on its first session;

4. *Recommends* that the period allocated to the second session of the Preparatory Committee should be extended, if necessary, for the completion of the tasks assigned to it in paragraph 3 above;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make available as early as possible all relevant documentation, so that a comprehensive and in-depth consideration of the progress of the preparatory work as well as of the scope of the Conference can be made by the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-seventh session;

6. *Expresses its appreciation* for the efforts being made by the Secretary-General of the World Food Conference in order to ensure maximum support for the Conference;

7. *Expresses its belief* that the results of the World Food Conference will constitute an important contribution to the preparations for the special session of the General Assembly devoted to development and international economic co-operation called for in General Assembly resolution 3172 (XXVIII), of 17 December 1973, and thus to the Assembly itself.

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DECISIONS

5 (LVI). Permanent sovereignty over natural resources

At its 1895th plenary meeting, on 14 May 1974, the Council decided:

(a) To defer until its fifty-seventh session consideration of the report of the Secretary-General¹¹ on permanent sovereignty over natural resources;

(b) To request the Secretary-General to prepare a concise and analytical summary of the views expressed by Governments at the sixth special session of the General Assembly on the question of permanent sov-

ereignty over natural resources, as well as of the views expressed by Governments at the twenty-eighth session of the General Assembly with regard to resolutions 3171 (XXVIII) and 3175 (XXVIII).

6 (LVI). Container standards for international multimodal transport

At its 1895th plenary meeting, on 14 May 1974, the Council decided:

(a) To request the Trade and Development Board to convene an *ad hoc* intergovernmental group, as envisaged in Council resolution 1742 (LIV), consisting

¹¹ E/5425 and Corr.1, E/5425/Add.1.