

Governing Council of the Programme at its nineteenth session and, through it, to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-ninth session on the progress made towards recovery and rehabilitation and the implementation of the specific measures embodied in the Special Programme of emergency measures adopted by the General Assembly at its sixth special session.

*1915th plenary meeting
16 July 1974*

1877 (LVII). Assistance to southern Sudanese returnees and displaced persons

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1655 (LII) of 1 June 1972, 1705 (LIII) of 27 July 1972, 1741 (LIV) of 4 May 1973 and 1799 (LV) of 30 July 1973 and General Assembly resolution 2958 (XXVII) of 12 December 1972,

Having considered the final report prepared by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees pursuant to Council resolution 1799 (LV)⁴ and the statement made by the High Commissioner at the Council's 1913th plenary meeting, held on 15 July 1974,⁵

Commending the successful efforts made by the Government of the Sudan in restoring economic and social order in the country's southern region,

Noting that considerable further development aid will be required for the Sudan to finalize the rehabilitation of the returnees and displaced persons,

1. *Commends* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for the effective manner in which he has organized and co-ordinated the United Nations immediate relief programme in the southern Sudan, thus enabling Sudanese returnees and displaced persons to embark on a new existence in their home country;

2. *Expresses its deep gratitude* to the Governments which, through their generosity and co-operative spirit, have greatly contributed to the implementation of the relief programme;

3. *Expresses its deep appreciation* to the agencies of the United Nations system and to the governmental and non-governmental organizations which have contributed to the success of the operation;

4. *Commends* the United Nations Development Programme for the activities it is carrying on as the focal point for the long-term reconstruction of the southern region of the Sudan.

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1878 (LVII). The drought problem in Africa

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that the drought in the Sudano-Sahelian region and Ethiopia seems to be part of a profound

ecological disturbance threatening an increasing number of African countries,

Noting the activities already undertaken in this respect by various organs of the United Nations system, such as the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Meteorological Organization, the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Development Programme, the Economic Commission for Africa, the World Health Organization and the Committee on Science and Technology for Development,

Convinced of the need for a well co-ordinated interdisciplinary approach to the drought problem in Africa,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General and all the organizations of the United Nations system concerned to pursue vigorously their activities and efforts towards a broad, system-wide attack on this drought problem;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit an interim report on such activities of the United Nations system to the Council at its fifty-eighth session.

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1879 (LVII). Emergency measures in regard to the supply of fertilizers and pesticides

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1836 (LVI) of 14 May 1974 concerning emergency measures in regard to the supply of fertilizers and pesticides,

Having heard the report of the Secretary-General,⁶ made in pursuance of that resolution,

Noting with appreciation the action taken by the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, also in pursuance of that resolution,

Reaffirming its continued concern at the scarcity and prevailing high prices of fertilizers and pesticides,

1. *Welcomes* resolution 1/63 adopted on 19 July 1974 by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations⁷ in pursuance of the request for action expressed by the Economic and Social Council, and especially the approval contained in that resolution for the immediate establishment of the International Fertilizer Supply Scheme, and in pursuance thereof:

(a) Re-emphasizes the need for the immediate implementation of the International Fertilizer Supply Scheme as outlined in resolution 1/63;

(b) Calls upon all Governments to participate fully in the Scheme;

⁴ E/5483.

⁵ See E/SR.1913.

⁶ See E/SR.1918.

⁷ F/L.1609, annex, para. 25.

(c) Appeals to Governments of industrialized countries and others in a position to do so to make contributions immediately to the Fertilizer Pool in the form of fertilizers or of cash;

(d) (i) Invites the Governments of developing countries to keep the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations informed of their current fertilizer and pesticide import requirements and to submit requests for fertilizers under the Scheme;

(ii) Invites the Governments of exporting countries to keep the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations informed regularly of the availability of fertilizers and of plans for their production to meet the minimum demands of the developing countries;

2. *Re-emphasizes* the need for Governments of countries manufacturing and exporting fertilizers and pesticides to implement urgently paragraph 2 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1836 (LVI), with a view to making available fertilizers and pesticides to developing countries at reasonable prices;

3. *Urges* Governments of developed countries to ensure wherever possible that low-priority uses of fertilizer are reduced to a minimum;

4. *Calls upon* the developed countries, and others in a position to do so, to take all possible steps, including the provision of technical and financial assistance on the softest possible terms through all appropriate institutions, to assist developing countries to improve their fertilizer production;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations to bring the present resolution urgently to the attention of Governments and to appeal for an urgent and positive response;

6. *Requests* the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to report to the Economic and Social Council at its resumed fifty-seventh session on the progress of the International Fertilizer Supply Scheme.

1918th plenary meeting
31 July 1974

DECISIONS

23 (LVII). World Food Conference

At its 1916th meeting, on 19 July 1974, the Council:

(a) Took note of the report of the Preparatory Committee for the World Food Conference on its second session;⁸

(b) Approved the draft provisional rules of procedure of the World Food Conference,⁹ reproduced in the report of the Preparatory Committee, and decided to transmit them for adoption by the Conference;

(c) Approved the draft provisional agenda of the Conference¹⁰ and the proposed organization of work for the Conference¹¹ and decided to transmit them for adoption by the Conference;

(d) Decided that the third session of the Preparatory Committee should be held at Rome from 23 September to 4 October 1974, in accordance with a recommendation made by the Preparatory Committee at its 19th meeting;¹²

(e) Decided to convene a meeting of interested delegations at Rome from 16 to 20 September 1974 to consider certain specific proposals for possible consideration by the Conference and to report thereon to the Preparatory Committee at its third session, in accordance with a recommendation made by the Committee.¹³

24 (LVII). Report of the Preparatory Committee for the World Food Conference

At its 1918th meeting, on 31 July 1974, the Council decided to consider the report of the Preparatory Com-

mittee for the World Food Conference on its third session, to be held at Rome from 23 September to 4 October 1974, together with the report of the World Food Conference, as soon as the latter report became available.

25 (LVII). Human rights questions: allegations regarding infringements of trade union rights

At its 1918th meeting, on 31 July 1974, the Council decided to transmit two communications from international trade union organizations¹⁴ relating to allegations of infringements of trade union rights in South Africa to the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts of the Commission on Human Rights, and to request the *Ad Hoc* Working Group to include its findings on the matter in its report to be presented to the Council at its fifty-eighth session, in accordance with Council resolution 1796 (LIV).

26 (LVII). Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

At its 1918th meeting, on 31 July 1974, the Council decided to transmit the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees¹⁵ to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session.

⁸ E/5533.

⁹ *Ibid.*, annex I.

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, annex II.

¹¹ *Ibid.*, annex III.

¹² *Ibid.*, para. 43.

¹³ *Ibid.*, para. 20.

¹⁴ E/5565, annexes.

¹⁵ E/5484 and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1; for the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Supplements Nos. 12 and 12A* (A/9612 and Add.1).