

**27 (LVII). Financial implications of actions taken by the Council at its fifty-sixth and fifty-seventh sessions**

At its 1921st meeting, on 2 August 1974, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Summary of financial implications of resolutions and

decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council during its fifty-sixth and fifty-seventh sessions",<sup>16</sup> and of the summary statement of financial implications.<sup>17</sup>

<sup>16</sup> E/5578 and Add.1.

<sup>17</sup> *Op. cit.* 1613.

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

**RESOLUTIONS**

**1895 (LVII). Change of name from "Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East" to "Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific"**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Taking into consideration* the Charter of the United Nations, specifically Chapter IX, Articles 55 to 60, entitled "International economic and social co-operation" and Chapter X, Articles 61 to 72, entitled "The Economic and Social Council",

*Taking account* of Article 1, paragraph 3, of the Charter, in relation to Article 13, paragraph 1 (b), concerning international co-operation in the economic, social, cultural, educational and health fields, and human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

*Taking account also* of resolution 141 (XXX) of 5 April 1974 of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,<sup>18</sup>

*Observing* that, in line with the integrated approach to development, the Commission has devoted equal attention to both the economic and the social field, among other activities related to development in general,

*Noting* that the geographical term "Far East" emanated from the viewpoint of countries outside the Asia/Pacific region,

1. *Decides* to change the name of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East to "Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific";

2. *Decides* accordingly that the operative part of Council resolution 37 (IV) of 28 March 1947 on the establishment and terms of reference of the Commission be amended by substituting the words "Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific" for the words "Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East" and the words "Asia and the Pacific" for the words "Asia and the Far East";

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to advise all appropriate authorities of this change.

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1 August 1974*

<sup>18</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-seventh session, Supplement No. 5 (E/5469), part III.*

**1896 (LVII). Regional co-operation**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Bearing in mind* the need to ensure the accomplishment of the objectives of the Declaration on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order adopted by the General Assembly at its sixth special session in its resolution 3201 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, through the implementation of the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order set forth in its resolution 3202 (S-VI) of the same date,

*Recalling* the role of the regional economic commissions in the mid-term review of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,

*Taking into account* the need for adequate preparations for the special session of the General Assembly devoted to development and international economic co-operation which is to be convened in 1975 pursuant to General Assembly resolution 3172 (XXVIII) of 17 December 1973,

*Noting* section III of the decision adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its eighteenth session relating to the role of the regional economic commissions in the operational activities of the United Nations,<sup>19</sup>

**I**

1. *Requests* the regional economic commissions to adjust, as appropriate, their respective programmes of work and activities so as to discharge effectively their responsibilities in relation to:

(a) The urgent implementation of the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 3202 (S-VI);

(b) The presentation of the regional mid-term reviews of the International Development Strategy;

(c) The preparation, at the regional level, of the special session of the General Assembly devoted to

<sup>19</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-seventh session, Supplement No. 7A (E/5543), para. 111.*

development and international economic co-operation, with a view to ensuring that the special session will contribute fully to the establishment of the New International Economic Order;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretaries of the regional economic commissions to submit, as soon as possible, to the member countries of their respective commissions, suggestions for the implementation of the provisions of paragraph 1 above;

3. *Urges* the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, as appropriate, the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to take the necessary measures to enable the regional economic commissions to carry out the mandate given to them in paragraph 1 above;

4. *Further requests* the regional economic commissions to report to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-eighth session on the measures adopted in compliance with the present resolution and to continue to report periodically thereafter on such measures through the channel to be established in conformity with paragraphs 3 and 4 of section IX of the Programme of Action, which deals with the strengthening of the role of the United Nations system in the field of international economic co-operation;

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5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, to make the necessary arrangements allowing for the delegation of the appropriate functions of an executing agency to the regional economic commissions for regional, sub-regional and interregional projects, financed by the Programme, in cases where such delegation is requested by the countries concerned and recommended by the Administrator of the Programme;

6. *Requests* the regional economic commissions to extend their co-operation to the United Nations Development Programme by participating in the planning and, as appropriate, the implementation of relevant regional, sub-regional and interregional projects, and by ensuring the co-ordination with the Programme of their own activities and, in particular, the activities of the United Nations Development Advisory Teams.

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1 August 1974*

### **1897 (LVII). Question of convening a United Nations conference on science and technology**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Bearing in mind* General Assembly resolution 3168 (XXVIII) of 17 December 1973 and Council resolution 1826 (LV) of 10 August 1973 on the role of modern

science and technology in the development of nations and the need to strengthen economic, technical and scientific co-operation among States,

*Reiterating* that the application of science and technology is an increasingly important factor in the economic and social development of all countries,

*Bearing in mind* the important activities of various agencies and organizations of the United Nations system in the applications of science and technology to development, and in particular those of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development related to the transfer of technology to developing countries,

*Recognizing* that the rapid pace of developments with respect to science and technology in general, as well as those having particular relevance for the developing countries, should be monitored and constructively channelled,

*Recognizing further* that these developments, and particularly the new needs in the field of science and technology, make it imperative for the United Nations to expand international co-operation in the field of science and technology on the basis of principles designed to adjust the scientific and technological relationships among States in a manner compatible with the special requirements and interests of developing countries,

*Recognizing also* the need to stimulate increased interest and action in the field of science and technology for development, and convinced that this could be facilitated by an adequately prepared international conference oriented towards the elaboration of methods of action and with representation at a high level,

*Noting* that the Committee on Science and Technology for Development and the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development provide appropriate forums for the study of the scientific and technological aspects of development and for the co-ordination of related activities in other United Nations bodies, but that complete information on these activities would be necessary for such a study,

*Taking note* of the observations in the note by the Secretary-General on the question of convening a United Nations conference on science and technology<sup>20</sup> and the eleventh report of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development,<sup>21</sup>

1. *Takes note* of the section of the report of the Committee on Science and Technology for Development on its second session dealing with the question of convening a United Nations conference on science and technology in 1978 or 1979;<sup>22</sup>

2. *Decides* to convene in 1975 an intergovernmental working group of the Committee on Science and Technology for Development to examine the specific objectives, topics and agenda of such a conference, on the basis of

<sup>20</sup> E/C.8/25.

<sup>21</sup> E/C.8/24.

<sup>22</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/5473), paras. 2-11.*