

Recognizing that non-governmental organizations have an important role to play in the promotion and protection of human rights,

Having been made aware by the Commission on Human Rights that some non-governmental organizations have occasionally failed to observe the requirements of confidentiality stated in paragraph 8 of Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII),

Having also been made aware by the Commission on Human Rights that, in their oral interventions, some non-governmental organizations have occasionally failed to observe fully the terms of paragraph 36 (b) of Council resolution 1296 (XLIV) of 23 May 1968,

1. *Appeals urgently* for the strict observance of the requirements of confidentiality stated in paragraph 8 of Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII);

2. *Confirms* that communications from non-governmental organizations containing complaints of alleged violations of human rights shall be handled according to the provisions of Council resolutions 454 (XIV) and 728 F (XXVIII), paragraph 2 (b);

3. *Decides* that in future non-governmental organizations in consultative status:

(a) *Must comply* without exception as regards their submissions both in written and oral form, in so far as they relate to allegations or complaints on human rights, with the provisions of paragraph 36 (b) of Council resolution 1296 (XLIV);

(b) *Must also observe* strictly the provisions of paragraph 8 of Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII);

4. *Decides* that any non-governmental organization failing to observe the provisions of paragraph 36 (b) of Council resolution 1296 (XLIV) may render its consultative status subject to suspension or withdrawal under the terms of that resolution;

5. *Reminds* the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities of the conditions of admissibility of communications approved in its resolution 1 (XXIV)¹⁴ and requests it to apply these criteria strictly;

6. *Decides* that the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations should continue to examine carefully the activities of non-governmental organizations, bearing in mind the provisions of the present resolution.

*1947th plenary meeting
5 May 1975*

1920 (LVIII). Rationalization of the work of the Council and its subsidiary bodies

The Economic and Social Council,

Reaffirming that its role as a principal organ of the United Nations should be enhanced and its methods of work improved to enable it to discharge more effectively the responsibilities conferred upon it by the Charter of the United Nations as the central organ for comprehensive policy formulation and co-ordination of the activities of the United Nations system in the economic, social and human rights fields,

Recalling its resolutions 1768 (LIV) of 18 May 1973 and 1906 (LVII) of 2 August 1974,

¹⁴ *Ibid.*, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 7, para. 130.

Aware that a special session of the General Assembly devoted to development and international economic co-operation will be held in September 1975,

Taking note of the interim report¹⁵ of the inter-sessional meeting of the Policy and Programme Co-ordination Committee on the review of the agreements between the United Nations and the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency,

Reaffirming also the need for a thorough review of the United Nations system, with a view to strengthening the coherence of the system and making it a more flexible and effective instrument of world economic and social co-operation and of co-operation in the human rights field, taking full account of the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order,¹⁶ the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade¹⁷ and the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,¹⁸

1. *Decides* that provision should be made in 1976 for the Council to complete as early as possible the task assigned under Council resolution 1906 (LVII) in the light of the work of the General Assembly at its special session to be held in September 1975;

2. *Decides further* to postpone until 1976 the review of the subsidiary machinery of the Council, including the machinery for programme and co-ordination.

*1947th plenary meeting
5 May 1975*

1944 (LVIII). Assistance to Indo-China

The Economic and Social Council,

Welcoming with relief the ending of the war in the Indo-Chinese peninsula,

Aware of the fact that the war has destroyed the economic infrastructure of Indo-China and that the phase of reconstruction will be long and difficult,

1. *Expresses its sympathy* for the peoples of Indo-China;

2. *Appeals* to all States to come to the assistance of the peoples of Indo-China in their efforts to bring about the reconstruction of their countries, in accordance with the needs and requests of these countries, by ways and means which the latter deem most appropriate and with full respect for their national sovereignty.

*1950th plenary meeting
7 May 1975*

1945 (LVIII). Work programme and budget for 1976-1977 and medium-term plan for 1976-1979 relating to economic, social and human rights activities

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3199 (XXVIII) of 18 December 1973 entitled "Formulation, review and approval of programmes and budgets",

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1801 (LV) of 7 August 1973,

¹⁵ E/5633.

¹⁶ General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI).

¹⁷ General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV).

¹⁸ General Assembly resolution 3281 (XXIX).

Having considered the medium-term plan for 1976-1979 and the proposed programme budget for 1976-1977 relating to economic, social and human rights activities prepared by the Secretary-General,¹⁹

Taking note of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on its fifteenth session and its useful comments on the work programme and budget for 1976-1977 and the medium-term plan for 1976-1979 relating to economic, social and human rights activities,²⁰

Bearing in mind the recommendations of the subsidiary bodies of the Council which have reviewed the proposed medium-term objectives and work programmes in their respective fields,²¹

Bearing in mind also that, because of the calendar of conferences, some subsidiary bodies of the Council have not had the opportunity to review the proposed medium-term objectives and the work programmes in their respective fields,

Considering that some programmes do not have a programme-reviewing body,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the progress made by the Secretary-General towards the implementation of medium-term planning and biennial programme budgeting in the economic, social and human rights field;

2. Recommends that the General Assembly, in examining the work programme and budget for 1976-1977 and the medium-term plan for 1976-1979 relating to economic, social and human rights activities, as revised on the basis of the deliberations of the Council and of its subsidiary programme-reviewing bodies, take into consideration the comments made on this matter in the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its fifteenth session, in the subsidiary programme-reviewing bodies of the Council and in the Council itself at its fifty-eighth session;

3. Recommends also that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to take further steps towards presenting the medium-term plan on the basis of integrated and coherent programmes, on cross-organizational lines, and to study the feasibility of also presenting programmes on a sectoral basis in future programme budgets and to report thereon to the Council at its sixty-first session;

4. Recommends further that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to ensure that analytical information on activities throughout the system in the field, *inter alia*, of natural resources, population and science and technology is available to the Council at the time it reviews the next programme budget and medium-term plan proposals of the Secretary-General.

1950th plenary meeting
7 May 1975

1946 (LVIII). Activities in the field of population

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 2211 (XXI) of 17 December 1966 on population growth and economic development and the need to take additional steps and measures for its full implementation,

¹⁹ See E/5614, E/5612.

²⁰ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 7 (E/5632).*

²¹ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 2 (E/5603 and Corr.1), Supplement No. 3 (E/5617), Supplement No. 5 (E/5639) and Supplement No. 6 (E/5643); E/5640.

Aware of the need to maintain the momentum generated by the political consensus achieved at the World Population Conference and the greater awareness in all countries stimulated by the promotional activities of World Population Year, 1974,

Taking into account General Assembly resolution 3344 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974 on the World Population Conference, in which it invites the Secretary-General to report on ways and means of strengthening the over-all capacity of the relevant units of the Secretariat within the existing framework,

Taking note of the discussions of the Population Commission on the biennial work programme for 1976-1977 and the medium-term plan of work for 1976-1979, and that the work programme represents a significant first response to the recommendations contained in the World Population Plan of Action,²²

1. Calls to the attention of the General Assembly, in its review of the work programme and budget relating to economic, social and human rights activities, the need to strengthen the monitoring, review and appraisal functions of the Secretariat arising from the recommendations of the World Population Conference and the World Population Plan of Action;

2. Further calls to the attention of the General Assembly the view of the Council that the resources now planned are not adequate to carry out the programme requirements of the World Population Plan of Action and the World Population Conference and, in this connexion, the need to strengthen resources substantially, within the existing general structure and the framework of decisions taken to balance the budgets of the United Nations, to enable the United Nations to expand its work programme in the population field sufficiently to undertake the monitoring, review and appraisal of the World Population Plan of Action;

3. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To consult and make the arrangements required with the interested specialized agencies and the regional commissions on the responsibilities and co-ordination activities involved in the monitoring, review and appraisal of the World Population Plan of Action;

(b) To submit to the Population Commission at its nineteenth session a report on the progress made on the two-year programme of work and proposals for a programme of work over future periods of two years and four years, within the framework of the long-range programme of work, in line with the recommendations of the World Population Conference and, in particular, the World Population Plan of Action;

4. Urges the organizations in the United Nations system concerned to strengthen the collaboration and co-ordination between them in the field of population.

1950th plenary meeting
7 May 1975

1949 (LVIII). Review of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its decision to review its rules of procedure and those of its subsidiary bodies,²³

²² E/CONF.60/19 (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.75.XIII.3), chap. I.

²³ See decision 1 (LVI), item 10 (c) [fifty-sixth session].