

*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)<sup>14</sup> 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,

*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 report<sup>15</sup> 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,<sup>16</sup> the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade<sup>17</sup> and the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,<sup>18</sup>

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,

<sup>15</sup> E/5633.

<sup>16</sup> General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI).

<sup>17</sup> General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV).

<sup>18</sup> General Assembly resolution 3281 (XXIX).

<sup>14</sup> *Ibid.*, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 7, para. 130.