

## RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL DURING ITS SIXTIETH SESSION

### Resolutions and decisions adopted without reference to a sessional committee

#### RESOLUTIONS

##### 1982 (LX). Participation in the United Nations Water Conference

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling its resolution 1979 (LIX) of 31 July 1975, concerning the convening of the United Nations Water Conference in Argentina from 7 to 18 March 1977,*

*Recalling also General Assembly resolution 3513 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, in which the Assembly welcomed the decision of the Economic and Social Council to convene the above-mentioned Conference,*

*Recognizing the importance of universal participation in the United Nations Water Conference,*

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite to the United Nations Water Conference:

(a) All States;

(b) Representatives of organizations which have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in the sessions and work of all international conferences convened under the auspices of the Assembly, in the capacity of observers, in accordance with its resolution 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974;

(c) Representatives of the national liberation movements recognized in its area by the Organization of African Unity, in the capacity of observers, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 3280 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974;

(d) Representatives of the specialized agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency, as well as of interested organs of the United Nations;

(e) Interested regional intergovernmental organizations to be represented by observers;

(f) Concerned non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council;

2. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to invite other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations of a genuinely international character which are directly concerned and may express the wish to be represented by observers;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the necessary arrangements shall be made for the effective participation in the United Nations Water Conference of the representatives referred to in paragraph 1, subpara-

graphs (b) and (c), above, including the requisite financial provisions for travel expenses and *per diem* allowances.

*1986th plenary meeting  
19 April 1976*

##### 1983 (LXI). Preparations for the United Nations Water Conference

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 3513 (XXX) of 15 December 1975,*

*Recalling its resolution 1979 (LIX) of 31 July 1975,*

*Taking into account with appreciation the preparatory activities currently undertaken by the Secretariat,*

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with Governments, to appoint a highly qualified Secretary-General of the United Nations Water Conference to be assisted by a Conference secretariat, composed of members of the existing secretariat and qualified personnel from the specialized agencies and other organizations concerned;

2. *Takes note with appreciation* of the second progress report of the Secretary-General on preparations for the United Nations Water Conference;<sup>20</sup>

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the Secretary-General of the United Nations Water Conference, when appointed, to make all necessary efforts to finalize as soon as possible the preparations for the Conference, including the drafting of its main documents, its supporting documents and the consolidated document to be drafted on the basis of the recommendations of the regional preparatory meetings;

4. *Requests* the specialized agencies and other organizations concerned to continue their substantive support of the preparations for the United Nations Water Conference;

5. *Requests also* the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements for the second special session of the Committee on Natural Resources, which will have before it the documentation and the consolidated document mentioned in paragraph 3 above, to be held at Headquarters, New York, from 3 to 7 January 1977;

<sup>20</sup> E/C.7/58 and Add.1-4.

6. *Approves* the arrangements for the translation of the pre-session documentation and further requests the Secretary-General to provide also for the translation of the supporting documents into the working languages of the United Nations Water Conference;

7. *Requests further* the Secretary-General of the United Nations Water Conference to distribute as early as possible, and well in advance of the second special session of the Committee on Natural Resources, the documentation and the consolidated document mentioned above in all the working languages of the Conference;

8. *Expresses its appreciation* to the United Nations Environment Programme for its offer to help defray the travel costs of the representatives of developing countries which may face special difficulties in this respect, so that they may attend the regional preparatory meetings, and urges the Secretary-General to accept the contribution of the Programme for this purpose;

9. *Urges* the United Nations Environment Programme to consider urgently, in consultation with the Secretary-General, the possibility of increasing its financing of the preparatory work for the United Nations Water Conference in order to ensure its success;

10. *Appeals* to Governments, whenever applicable, to intensify their national preparations for the United Nations Water Conference through, *inter alia*, the establishment of national Water Conference committees or similar bodies.

*1990th plenary meeting  
23 April 1976*

#### **1984 (LX). Measures to assist Guatemala following the earthquake of 4 February 1976**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Observing with deep sorrow and concern* that earthquakes of unprecedented intensity have recently caused serious loss of life and property in extensive areas of Guatemala,

*Mindful* of the efforts made by the United Nations system and by the international community as a whole in the relief work organized in conformity with the principle of international solidarity embodied in the Charter of the United Nations,

*Observing also* that, in addition to the death and injury suffered by thousands of persons, grave damage has been sustained by the Guatemalan infrastructure and economy,

*Aware* that, following the emergency relief effort, a second phase of reconstruction and rehabilitation will have to be initiated at enormous cost,

*Recalling* its resolution 1803 (LV) of 7 August 1973 concerning assistance in cases of natural disaster and other disaster situations,

*Recalling also* the decision taken on 31 March 1976 by the Board of Governors of the United Nations Special Fund at its third session, in which it was provided that Guatemala should be included in the list of most seriously affected countries in accordance with section X of General Assembly resolution 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974,

1. *Expresses its deep sorrow* to the people and Government of Guatemala at the loss of life and the damage

caused to the infrastructure and the economy by the earthquakes of 4 and 6 February 1976;

2. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Secretary-General<sup>21</sup> and the statement by the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator<sup>22</sup> concerning the emergency aid provided to Guatemala both by the United Nations system and by the Member States;

3. *Takes note also with satisfaction* of the report submitted by the Economic Commission for Latin America on the damage caused by the earthquake in Guatemala and its repercussions on the country's economic and social development;<sup>23</sup>

4. *Urges* the specialized agencies, in particular the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Health Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the United Nations Children's Fund, other appropriate organizations and programmes, such as the World Food Programme, and the Economic Commission for Latin America, to allocate the most extensive possible financial, technical and other resources for the purpose of responding to requests made to them by the Government of Guatemala with a view to planning and implementing special programmes for national reconstruction;

5. *Requests* in particular the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, at its twenty-second session, to take urgent steps to provide special technical assistance, by means of the accelerated procedure already established, so as to assist the Government of Guatemala to carry out the process of national rehabilitation;

6. *Expresses the desire* that the World Bank and all other regional and international financial institutions, in particular the International Development Association and the Inter-American Development Bank, give urgent consideration to requests for assistance which the Government of Guatemala may submit in connexion with its programmes and projects for national reconstruction, particularly those of a medium-term and long-term nature, and act favourably on them under terms and arrangements consistent with the serious economic situation in which that country now finds itself;

7. *Decides* to keep the matter under review.

*1995th plenary meeting  
6 May 1976*

#### **1985 (LX). Measures to be taken following the cyclones and drought in Madagascar**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Considering* that the Democratic Republic of Madagascar has recently suffered the effects of tropical cyclones which have caused loss of life and considerable damage to the economy of the country,

<sup>21</sup> E/5796 and Corr.1 and 2.

<sup>22</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixtieth Session, Plenary Meetings*, 1994th meeting.

<sup>23</sup> CEPAL/MEX/76/Guat.1.