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3. Second United Nations Development Decade: report of the Committee on Review and Appraisal.
4. Development planning and projections: report of the Committee for Development Planning.
5. Permanent sovereignty over natural resources of developing countries.\*
6. United Nations/IMCO Conference on International Container Traffic.
7. Regional co-operation:
  - (a) Reports of the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut;
  - (b) Report on the meetings of the Executive Secretaries of the regional economic commissions.
8. Industrial development:
  - (a) Report of the Industrial Development Board;
  - (b) Report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Co-operation between the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization.
9. Operational activities for development:
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  - (d) United Nations Children's Fund;
  - (e) World Food Programme;
  - (f) United Nations Fund for Population Activities.
10. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.
11. Science and technology:
  - (a) Terms of reference of the Committee on Science and Technology for Development;
  - (b) Report of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development;
  - (c) World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development;
  - (d) The role of modern science and technology in the development of nations;
  - (e) Question of the establishment of a special protein fund.

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\* Consideration of this item was deferred to the fifty-fourth session (see "Economic questions", *Other decisions*, p. 9 below).

12. Disaster relief co-ordination.
13. Land reform.
14. Implementation by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.
15. Joint Inspection Unit:
  - (a) Pending reports of the Joint Inspection Unit;
  - (b) Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the programme of recurrent publications of the United Nations;
  - (c) Question of the Joint Inspection Unit.
16. Co-ordination:
  - (a) Reports of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency;
  - (b) Reports of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and of the Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination;
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  - (d) Review of the Council's co-ordinating machinery.
17. Measures to improve the documentation of the Council.
18. Calendar of conferences.
19. Elections.

## RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL DURING ITS FIFTY-THIRD SESSION

### ECONOMIC QUESTIONS

#### 1698 (LIII). Annual report of the Economic Commission for Europe

*The Economic and Social Council*

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Economic Commission for Europe for the period 1 May 1971 to 28 April 1972,<sup>1</sup> of the views expressed during the discussion in the Commission<sup>2</sup> and of the resolutions and other decisions adopted by the Commission during its twenty-seventh session, contained in part III of that report;

2. *Endorses* the programme of work and priorities contained in part V of the report.

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#### 1699 (LIII). Inclusion of the Cook Islands within the geographical scope of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East and admission of the Islands to the Commission as an associate member

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Taking note* of the recommendation of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East with regard to the request of the Government of New Zealand for the inclusion of the Cook Islands within the geographical scope of the Commission and the admission of the Islands as an associate member,<sup>3</sup>

1. *Approves* the recommendation of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East that the Cook Islands be included in the geographical scope of the Commission and admitted as an associate member of the Commission;

2. *Decides* to amend paragraphs 2 and 4 of the terms of reference of the Commission accordingly.

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<sup>1</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 5 (E/5136).*

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, part II.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 4 (E/5134), paras. 172 and 173.

#### 1700 (LIII). Annual report of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Taking note* of the report of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East for the period 1 May 1971 to 27 March 1972<sup>4</sup> and of the recommendations and resolutions contained in parts II and III of that report,

*Endorses* the programme of work and priorities contained in part V of that report.

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11 July 1972*

#### 1701 (LIII). Annual report of the Economic Commission for Latin America

*The Economic and Social Council*

*Takes note* of the report on the activities of the Economic Commission for Latin America for the period 9 May 1971 to 30 April 1972.<sup>5</sup>

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11 July 1972*

#### 1702 (LIII). Annual report of the Economic Commission for Africa

*The Economic and Social Council*

*Takes note* of the report on the activities of the Economic Commission for Africa for the period 14 February 1971 to 13 February 1972.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 4 (E/5134).

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 6 (E/5135).

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 3 (E/5117).

**1703 (LIII). Annual report of the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut**

*The Economic and Social Council*

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut covering the period 15 April 1971 to 14 April 1972.<sup>7</sup>

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11 July 1972

**1707 (LIII). Agrarian reform**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Having considered the note by the Secretary-General on land reform<sup>8</sup> and the summary of the report of the Special Committee on Agrarian Reform of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations,<sup>9</sup>

Noting with concern the Special Committee's conclusion in paragraph 5 of its report that the record of implementation of agrarian reform in the 1960s was inferior to that of the previous two decades,

Recalling its resolution 1495 (XLVIII) of 26 May 1970 on land reform and the policy measures in this field included in paragraph (75) of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970,

Mindful that in almost all developing countries agriculture is still the basic sector of the national economy affecting, in particular, employment and national income and is still a crucially important source of export earnings,

Mindful also that one of the main causes of the state of stagnation and slow progress is to be traced to this sector of the economy and that socio-economic systems based on outmoded forms of land tenure, other agrarian structures and related institutions impede indispensable programmes of modernization of agriculture and the elimination of hunger and malnutrition and the full participation of the rural population in economic, social, cultural and political activities,

Considering that the natural increase of population could aggravate in some of these countries development problems already existing,

Considering that organizations of peasants and rural workers, such as trade unions, constitute a form of social participation in the effective realization and administration of agrarian reform,

Emphasizing the importance of ensuring that agrarian reform programmes are planned and implemented in ways which will help to bring new technology within the

reach of peasants, small farmers and agricultural workers and facilitate their participation in the implementation of these programmes,

Considering also that the necessity of the implementation of agrarian reform has become even more urgent because of the rapid progress in technology and agricultural science, the results of which, if not applied in parallel with structural changes, will lead to an aggravation of social tensions,

Recognizing that in many countries comprehensive agrarian reform measures, including land tenure reform and effective socio-economic supporting services, should be considered as one of the principal instruments to achieve social progress and justice and as a basic element of the economic and social development strategy of individual countries within the context of their development plans and/or priorities,

Believing that the success of agrarian reform policies depends basically on the political will and determination of Governments to create conditions in which outmoded agrarian structures can be reformed and an equitable distribution of productive resources and national income can take place,

Conscious that, as indicated in the report of the Special Committee, agrarian reform constitutes a prerequisite for economic and social progress and development in many developing countries,

Recognizing that effective agrarian reform is not only a condition for increasing agricultural production, but also a basic means for the fulfilment, by Member States, of relevant provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenants on Human Rights and the Declaration on Social Progress and Development,

Bearing in mind that agrarian reform is in many countries a precondition for the implementation and achievement of the goals of the Second United Nations Development Decade and that without such reform in the countries concerned a further widening of the gap between various groups of the population is likely to occur,

1. Endorses the major conclusions and recommendations of the report of the Special Committee on Agrarian Reform of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and resolution 3/71 adopted by the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations at its sixteenth session;<sup>10</sup>

2. Urges Governments to consider agrarian reform as an important and integral part of national strategies for the attainment of the objectives of the Second United Nations Development Decade and to undertake, where required, vigorous measures to initiate and implement effective agrarian reform programmes;

3. Recommends Governments of countries in need of agrarian reform to avail themselves of the advice and assistance of appropriate United Nations agencies in

<sup>7</sup> E/5137.

<sup>8</sup> E/5100.

<sup>9</sup> *Ibid.*, annex I.

<sup>10</sup> *Ibid.*, annex II.

accelerating the implementation of their agrarian reform programmes and in particular to make full use of the country programming procedures of the United Nations Development Programme;

4. *Determines* that the acceleration of the implementation of agrarian reform in the developing countries concerned deserves high priority in the further activities of the United Nations and its specialized agencies, particularly the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;

5. *Requests* that all competent agencies of the United Nations system consider effective means necessary for co-ordinated action to assist developing countries in the implementation of agrarian reform, including a more effective use of United Nations resources of technical assistance aimed at the acceleration of the implementation of agrarian reform, in accordance with the requirements of the Second United Nations Development Decade and, in particular, the improvement of training programmes for specialists from the developing countries, so as to make these specialists better acquainted with the basic elements of agrarian reform and thus to enable them to be more effectively involved in its implementation;

6. *Stresses* that in such co-ordinated action proper means must be found to enhance, through continuing education, the maximum participation of peasants and rural workers in the problems of the implementation of agrarian reform, as well as in economic, social, cultural and political activities;

7. *Stresses* the necessity of creating favourable conditions for the establishment and development of associations of peasants and rural workers;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Council at its fifty-seventh session a progress report on the implementation of the present resolution;

9. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Council in 1975 the sixth report on progress in land reform, together with the results of the further work of the Special Committee on Agrarian Reform and other bodies of the United Nations system concerned with agrarian reform;

10. *Decides* to take the reports mentioned in paragraph 9 above into account in the mid-point review and appraisal in 1975 of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade and to consider goals for the further implementation of agrarian reform during the second half of the Decade;

11. *Recommends* that the General Assembly, at its twenty-seventh session, during its discussion of the report of the Economic and Social Council and of matters related to the Second United Nations Development Decade, devote particular attention to agrarian reform, give favourable consideration to the present resolution and take appropriate action in this field.

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## **1708 (LIII). Report of the Industrial Development Board**

### *The Economic and Social Council*

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Industrial Development Board on its sixth session<sup>11</sup> and transmits the report to the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session;

2. *Recommends* to the General Assembly, for its approval, the guidelines for the operation of the special industrial services programme as contained in paragraph I of resolution 35 (VI) of the Industrial Development Board.<sup>12</sup>

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## **1721 (LIII). The impact of multinational corporations on the development process and on international relations**

### *The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* that, according to the Charter of the United Nations, the creation of conditions of stability and well-being is necessary for peaceful and friendly relations among nations based on respect for the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples,

*Recognizing* the growing interdependence of economic and social development in the various parts of the world,

*Aware* that economic and social conditions are continually undergoing changes which require regular scrutiny to ensure unimpeded and equitable progress towards the attainment of an integrated world economy within the framework of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,

*Taking note* of the statement in the *World Economic Survey, 1971* which says, with reference to the multinational corporations, that "while these corporations are frequently effective agents for the transfer of technology as well as capital to developing countries, their role is sometimes viewed with awe, since their size and power surpass the host country's entire economy. The international community has yet to formulate a positive policy and establish effective machinery for dealing with the issues raised by the activities of these corporations",<sup>13</sup>

*Noting also* the resolution adopted at the fifty-sixth session of the International Labour Conference, concerning the social consequences of the activities of multinational corporations<sup>14</sup> and the convening by the Governing Body of the International Labour Office of a meeting concerning the relationship between multinational undertakings and social policy,

<sup>11</sup> ID/B/113; transmitted to the Economic and Social Council by a note of the Secretary-General (E/5171).

<sup>12</sup> See ID/B/113, annex I.

<sup>13</sup> See E/5144 (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.72.II.C.2), p. 10.

<sup>14</sup> See International Labour Conference, *Provisional Record No. 2, Fifty-sixth Session, Geneva, 27 May 1971*.

Noting further that, in resolution 73 (III) on restrictive business practices adopted at the third session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,<sup>15</sup> considering the possible adverse impact of restrictive business practices, including among others those resulting from the increased activities of multinational enterprises, on the trade and development of developing countries, the Conference decided that an *Ad hoc* Group of Experts on Restrictive Business Practices should be set up to make a further study of restrictive business practices followed by enterprises and corporations which have already been identified and which are adversely affecting the trade and development of the developing countries, including among others such practices which may stem from cartel activities, business restrictions practised by enterprises and multinational corporations, export prohibitions, agreements on market distribution and allocation, the tying of the supply of inputs including raw materials and components, restrictions specified in contracts for the transfer of technology, arbitrary transfer pricing between the parent company and its affiliates, and monopoly practices,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with Governments, to appoint from the public and private sectors and on a broad geographical basis a study group of eminent persons intimately acquainted with international economic, trade and social problems and related international relations, to study the role of multinational corporations and their impact on the process of development, especially that of the developing countries, and also their implications for international relations, to formulate conclusions which may possibly be used by Governments in making their sovereign decisions regarding national policy in this respect, and to submit recommendations for appropriate international action, the study group to consist of not less than 14 nor more than 20 persons;

2. *Recommends* that the study group appointed by the Secretary-General be informed of the conclusions of the *Ad hoc* Group of Experts on Restrictive Business Practices established by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its third session, and the comments on them of the Trade and Development Board's Committee on Manufactures, so that, among the various aspects of the problem, the important one referred to the *Ad hoc* Group of Experts can be taken into account in the global study of multinational corporations envisaged in paragraph 1 above;

3. *Recommends further* that the study group take advantage of and take into account research being carried out in this field by other international organizations, particularly that of the Governing Body of the International Labour Office as a result of the resolution concerning the social consequences of the activities of multinational corporations adopted at the fifty-sixth session of the International Labour Conference;

<sup>15</sup> See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Third Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (to be issued as a United Nations publication), annex I.

4. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit the report of the study group, together with his own comments and recommendations, to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-seventh session at the latest, and to inform the Council at its fifty-fifth session of the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

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## 1722 (LIII). Multilateral trade negotiations

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Bearing in mind* the discussions and decisions on trade negotiations and monetary reform at the third session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,

1. *Affirms* the need for a full participation of developing countries in all multilateral world-wide negotiations and decisions concerning international economic relations and having a bearing on their trade and economic interests;

2. *Stresses* the need, in this context, to make possible the full, effective and continuous participation of developing countries in the forthcoming multilateral trade negotiations within the framework of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, and in the decision-making process in the reform of the international monetary system, as envisaged in resolutions 82 (III) and 84 (III) respectively of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;<sup>16</sup>

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the Director-General of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, as requested in Conference resolution 82 (III), to continue their efforts and co-ordinate their activities to assist developing countries to prepare for and participate in the various stages of the multilateral trade negotiations arranged for 1973;

4. *Endorses* the view stated in paragraph 7 of Conference resolution 84 (III) that problems in the monetary, trade and finance spheres should be resolved in a co-ordinated manner, taking into account their interdependence, with the full participation of developed and developing countries;

5. *Invites* the Executive Secretaries of the regional economic commissions to co-operate fully with the appropriate international agencies in achieving the objectives of the present resolution.

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<sup>16</sup> *Ibid.*

### 1723 (LIII). Review and appraisal

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970 on the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade and 2801 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971 on the review and appraisal of the objectives and policies of the Strategy, and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1556 B (XLIX) of 31 July 1970 on the procedure for review and appraisal of progress in the implementation of the Strategy, and 1621 (LI) and 1625 (LI) of 30 July 1971 relating to the process of over-all review and appraisal,

*Bearing in mind* that the periodic review and appraisal of progress made in the Second United Nations Development Decade is of crucial importance for the fulfilment of the objectives and targets as laid down in the International Development Strategy,

*Convinced* that a concerted action by Governments, the appropriate intergovernmental bodies and all bodies of the United Nations concerned, including the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, is needed to enable the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council and with the expert assistance of the Committee for Development Planning within the framework of its specific mandate, to arrive at meaningful decisions within the framework of the International Development Strategy,

*Recalling* resolution 79 (III) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,<sup>17</sup> and reaffirming the essential role and responsibility of the Conference and of the other sectoral bodies of the United Nations family and the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut in reviewing the progress made in the implementation of the International Development Strategy in their fields of competence,

*Agreeing* with the view expressed by the Committee on Review and Appraisal in paragraph 15 of its report on its first session<sup>18</sup> that the review and appraisal exercise should contribute to the effective mobilization of public opinion in favour of the objectives and policy measures for the Second United Nations Development Decade,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Committee on Review and Appraisal on its first session;

2. *Endorses* the time-table set up by the Committee on Review and Appraisal;<sup>19</sup>

3. *Invites* Governments, intergovernmental organs and all United Nations bodies concerned to assist the

<sup>17</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>18</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 11 (E/5184).*

<sup>19</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 15.

Committee on Review and Appraisal, in order that this Committee may be able to fulfil its responsibilities adequately.

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### 1725 (LIII). Provisional agenda for the United Nations/IMCO Conference on International Container Traffic

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* the decision taken at its forty-eighth session that a conference on international container traffic should be convened jointly by the United Nations and the Intergovernmental Maritime Consultative Organization,<sup>20</sup>

*Recalling further* its resolutions 1568 (L) and 1569 (L) of 10 and 12 May 1971 respectively on preparation for the United Nations/IMCO Conference on International Container Traffic, in which, *inter alia*, it requested that a small intergovernmental preparatory group be convened to propose a specific provisional agenda for the Conference,

*Having considered* the report of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Group,<sup>21</sup>

*Taking note* of the study entitled "Economic implications, in particular for developing countries, of the proposed convention on international combined transport of goods"<sup>22</sup> presented by the Secretary-General, the conclusions of which are summarized in a note by the Secretary-General,<sup>23</sup>

*Aware* that the study undertaken by the Secretary-General has suffered from a great paucity of data in such a manner as not to provide an adequate basis for an evaluation of all the implications of the draft convention on international combined transport of goods (draft TCM convention), and that, at the second special session of the Committee on Shipping of the Trade and Development Board, it had not been possible to study and examine in depth the study on the economic implications of the draft TCM convention,

*Considering* that a possible convention on combined transport needs previous in-depth consideration of such aspects as the possible repercussions on factors such as international trade, balance-of-payments questions, shipping and other modes of transport, freight rates and insurance,

*Noting with appreciation* the report on the second special session of the Committee on Shipping,<sup>24</sup> convened by the Trade and Development Board in pursuance of paragraph 8 of Council resolution 1568 (L),

<sup>20</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Resumed Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 1.A (E/4832/Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1)*, p. 17.

<sup>21</sup> E/5096.

<sup>22</sup> ST/ECA/160.

<sup>23</sup> E/5111.

<sup>24</sup> *Official Records of the Trade and Development Board, Twelfth Session, Supplement No. 3 (TD/B/402-TD/B/C.4/100).*

1. *Decides* not to include the draft TCM convention prepared by the Joint IMCO/ECE Meetings in the provisional agenda of the United Nations/IMCO Conference on International Container Traffic to be held in November, 1972;

2. *Decides further* that the provisional agenda for the Conference will be as follows:

1. Election of the President
2. Adoption of the rules of procedure
3. Adoption of the agenda
4. Organization of the work of the Conference
5. Election of other officers
6. Appointment of the credentials committee
7. General debate
8. Safety questions: consideration with a view to the conclusion of the International Convention for Safe Transport Containers
9. Customs questions: consideration with a view to the completion of the revision of the Customs Convention on Containers of 1956
10. Harmonization of provisions in the safety and customs conventions of common elements such as amendment procedures, as well as inspection, testing, certification and documentation of containers, taking into account the work done by the international organizations on those matters
11. Exchange of views on general policy questions relating to:
  - (a) The liability and documentary régime for international intermodal transport,
  - (b) Transport policy options with respect to containerization in international intermodal transport,so as to assess the need for a possible convention on the international combined transport of goods and, if appropriate, further the work on such a convention, taking into account the particular situation and requirements of developing countries; such a possible convention to be based on any conclusions emerging from such exchange of views and to be prepared by an intergovernmental body to be set up for this purpose
12. Standardization questions: consideration of the status of international container standardization in relation to the present work of international non-governmental bodies in this field and development of future co-operation in standardization in international container traffic
13. Other matters:
  - (a) Marking and identification <sup>25</sup>
  - (b) Health aspects <sup>26</sup>
  - (c) Consideration of the resolution of the Customs Co-operation Council respecting the International Transit of Goods Convention (ITI Convention of 1971) <sup>27</sup>
14. Adoption of agreements and of the Final Act of the Conference
15. Signature of the Final Act of the Conference and of the Agreements;

<sup>25</sup> The discussion of this sub-item could also be undertaken in the context of item 10 related to the harmonization of the conventions of safety and customs.

<sup>26</sup> The discussion of this sub-item could also be subsumed under item 9 covering customs questions.

<sup>27</sup> See foot-note 26 above.

3. *Endorses* the suggestion of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Group that the Conference be organized to provide for a plenary and three main committees;<sup>28</sup>

4. *Recommends* that the work of the third committee of the Conference be conducted in a manner analogous to that of a seminar, in which the purpose would be as much to inform as to come to firm decisions, and include provision for the general debate and the following subjects in particular:

(a) The legal-documentary régime for intermodal transport, with special reference, *inter alia*, to the type of questions suggested in annex III of the report of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Group,

(b) Transport policy options, with special reference to the distribution of costs and risks, ownership and operational control, the impact of containerization on distribution systems, the utilization of feeder vessels and the implications for regional co-operation,

(c) Standardization, with special reference to a review of the procedure employed by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and other non-governmental organizations, taking into account the requirements of carriers and users, the interest of Governments in standardization and future co-operation in container standardization;

5. *Decides* that the Conference should be of three weeks' duration beginning on 13 November 1972;

6. *Recommends* that in the consideration of a possible convention on international combined transport of goods it be ensured that the following criteria are fully met:

(a) The implications for developing countries, especially as regards the needs of maritime transport, trade, insurance and economic development are thoroughly studied and taken into account;

(b) General guidelines on such a possible convention have been agreed to internationally, with adequate representation of the points of view of developing countries;

(c) Account is taken of the stage and trends of the technological development in intermodal transport in deciding if such a convention is mature for international consideration;

(d) Full account is taken of the interests of land-locked developing countries;

7. *Decides* to consider at the Council's organizational meetings in January 1973 the recommendations which may emanate from the Conference on item 11 of its agenda.

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<sup>28</sup> See E/5096, paras. 45 and 46.



**1726 (LIII). Identification of the least developed among the developing countries**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling General Assembly resolution 2768 (XXVI) of 18 November 1971, in paragraph 5 of which it requested the Council to instruct the Committee for Development Planning to continue, in close co-operation with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the review of criteria for the identification of the least developed among the developing countries,

Noting paragraph 109 of the report of the Committee for Development Planning on its eighth session,<sup>29</sup>

Bearing in mind that the case of land-locked developing countries should be taken into account in determining the criteria for identification of the least developed among the developing countries,

Recognizing that the Committee for Development Planning may not have had at its disposal at the time of drawing up the list of the "hard-core" least developed countries the latest up-dated statistical information on the relevant economic and social variables in respect of all developing countries,

1. *Endorses* the decision of the Committee for Development Planning in paragraph 109 of its report on its eighth session to consider the review of criteria for the identification of the least developed among the developing countries as part of its work on the review and appraisal of progress during the Second United Nations Development Decade;

2. *Takes note with appreciation* of resolution 64 (III) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development of 19 May 1972,<sup>30</sup> which recognized, *inter alia*, that the initial list of "hard-core" least developed countries should be reviewed in the light of future work on this matter, in accordance with paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 2768 (XXVI), and recommended that the appropriate international regional and sub-regional bodies initiate, within their respective fields of competence, work on criteria for the identification of the relatively disadvantaged countries;

3. *Requests* the Committee for Development Planning, without prejudice to the review mentioned in paragraph 1 above, to undertake an examination of the latest up-dated statistical information on the relevant economic, social and other variables in respect of the developing countries, with a view to making recommendations to the Council at its fifty-fifth session on any modification that may appear necessary in the list of "hard-core" least developed countries on the basis of the criteria used in drawing up that list;

4. *Requests* the United Nations Development Programme to take, as soon as possible, all necessary

<sup>29</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 7 (E/5126).*

<sup>30</sup> See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Third Session, vol. I, Report and Annexes* (to be issued as a United Nations publication), annex I.

measures to give further assistance to those developing countries which, in the light of the progress in the updating of the relevant statistical information by the Committee for Development Planning, meet the present criteria for identification as being in the category of the least developed among the developing countries.

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**1727 (LIII). The elimination of mass poverty and unemployment through the adoption of national development strategies and the International Development Strategy**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970, in which the Assembly proclaimed the Second United Nations Development Decade starting from 1 January 1971 and adopted the International Development Strategy for the Decade, in which the need to provide increasing opportunities to all people for a better life is emphasized,

Recognizing that people are both the primary object of development and its principal determinants,

Recognizing that, though some economic and social progress has been made by developing countries in recent years, large numbers of people in these countries continue to live at marginal levels of subsistence, and are unemployed or under-employed,

Recognizing therefore, as a short-term and long-term solution, the need for laying down a national plan of action relating to the fixing of basic economic and social priorities in the developing countries, bearing in mind the unified approach to development endorsed in the International Development Strategy and in General Assembly resolution 2681 (XXV) of 11 December 1970, entitled "Unified approach to economic and social planning in national development",

Recalling that the Committee for Development Planning is charged with the task of furnishing expert advice on major development policy issues,

Having examined the report of the Committee for Development Planning on its eighth session and its analysis of the problems of mass poverty and unemployment,<sup>31</sup>

Noting the view of the Committee for Development Planning, expressed in paragraph 9 of that report, that such information as is available suggests that, in some developing countries, the distribution of income and wealth has become even more unequal in recent years,

Recognizing that for the solution of these problems it is important for Governments of developing countries to adopt appropriate development strategies which would make the goal of maximizing economic growth and

<sup>31</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 7 (E/5126), chap. I.*

productivity compatible with and complementary to that of achieving an equitable distribution of their benefits, and which would include social policies designed to eliminate the phenomena of mass poverty and unemployment,

*Further recognizing* that the implementation of such development strategies demands the concomitant action by Governments of the developed countries, especially the provision of a substantially greater volume of assistance on concessionary terms, and the fulfilment of their undertakings to liberalize trade from the developing countries, including the adoption, where appropriate, of suitable adjustment assistance policies,

*Noting with appreciation* that assistance on generous terms is in fact being provided by certain countries,

*Noting also* that net financial flows and the share of official development assistance from the developed countries as a whole, expressed as a ratio of their gross national product, have declined,

1. *Takes note with interest* of the analysis and recommendations relating to mass poverty and unemployment in developing countries contained in the report of the Committee for Development Planning on its eighth session;

2. *Expresses the hope* that all concerned with development problems will make appropriate use of this report;

3. *Recommends* to Governments of developing countries which have not yet done so, that they, within the framework of their national priorities and plans, define the magnitude and causes of poverty and unemployment prevailing in their economies and prepare action programmes laying down national development strategies designed to eradicate these conditions;

4. *Recommends* that Governments of developing countries give appropriate consideration, in the establishment of their short-term and long-term social and economic objectives and in the formulation of their national development plans, to the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Development Planning concerning the reduction of mass poverty and unemployment, utilizing *inter alia* the unexploited potential in major areas of economic and social activity, including public construction, land improvement, agrarian reform and co-operatives, as an integral part of their national development strategies;

5. *Urges* Governments of the developed countries to enlarge the volume of their assistance to the developing countries, and to provide this assistance on such concessionary terms as are necessary to make its contribution to the attack on mass poverty and unemployment meaningful, and to fulfil their undertakings to liberalize trade from the developing countries, including the adop-

tion, where appropriate, of suitable adjustment assistance policies;

6. *Requests* the Committee on Review and Appraisal and other intergovernmental organizations involved in the review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy to take into account the analysis and conclusions of the report of the Committee for Development Planning on its eight session and the provisions of the present resolution, especially when recommending new goals and policy measures;

7. *Requests* the Committee on Science and Technology for Development to give due consideration to the report of the Committee for Development Planning, with a view to fostering the development of new technology designed to eliminate both open and hidden unemployment and to raise levels of productivity in the developing countries;

8. *Calls upon* the organizations of the United Nations system, particularly the International Labour Organisation, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Development Programme, the World Food Programme, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the International Development Association and the regional development banks to give due attention, in both their studies and their action programmes, to the problems of mass poverty and unemployment in developing countries and to the recommendations of the Committee for Development Planning;

9. *Invites* the International Labour Organisation, in co-operation with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, actively to continue the examination of the important problems raised by the relationship between international trade development, labour and employment;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General and Governments to take all possible measures to publicize the analysis and conclusions of the Committee for Development Planning and related publications of the International Labour Organisation, in order to inform public opinion, especially in the developed countries, of the problems of mass poverty and unemployment in the developing countries and the measures required to resolve them;

11. *Invites* the Committee for Development Planning to continue its work on this matter, taking into account the provisions of the present resolution and the views expressed in the Council at its fifty-third session,<sup>32</sup> with a view to recommending further measures for the eradication of mass poverty and unemployment in the developing countries.

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<sup>32</sup> See E/AC.6/SR.584 and E/AC.6/SR.587-589.

## OTHER DECISIONS

### Permanent sovereignty over natural resources of developing countries

(Agenda item 5)

At its 1837th meeting, on 28 July 1972, the Council decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Permanent sovereignty over natural resources of developing countries", together with the report of the Secretary-General<sup>33</sup> and the draft resolution submitted by Chile, Peru and Venezuela,<sup>34</sup> to its fifty-fourth session and to accord high priority to it, and recommended to the General Assembly, at its twenty-seventh session, the postponement of its consideration of this question to its twenty-eighth session.

### Question of the establishment of an economic commission for Western Asia

(Agenda item 7)

At its 1837th meeting, on 28 July, 1972, the Council took note of the draft resolution on the establishment of an economic commission for Western Asia submitted by Lebanon<sup>35</sup> and decided to postpone consideration of this matter to its resumed fifty-third session.

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<sup>33</sup> E/5170.

<sup>34</sup> E/AC.6/L.483.

<sup>35</sup> E/L.1497/Rev.1.

## QUESTIONS RELATING TO OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT

### 1709 (LIII). Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its session in New York in April/May 1972,<sup>36</sup>

*Deeply concerned* with the large and growing needs of children in the developing countries on whom so much of the prospects for sustained and lasting progress depends,

*Welcoming* the studies being carried out by the Fund with a view to elaborating more effective approaches towards meeting these needs which should be of use not only to the Fund but especially to the developing countries concerned and also to other aid-giving organizations,

*Noting with satisfaction* the gradually increasing volume of material aid being provided by the Fund in the form of essential supplies and equipment, as well as funds for the training of personnel in the developing countries,

*Commending* the continued efforts of the Executive Board of the Fund to review assistance policies and establish new guidelines as required, in particular in 1972:

(a) The new guidelines for the Fund's assistance to education, prepared in association with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, calling for greater concentration on educationally deprived children, including girls, of primary school age and young adolescents who have missed schooling—particularly in rural areas and urban slums and shanty towns, and in the least developed countries,

(b) Further initiatives to improve nutrition through support for long-term supplementary feeding schemes, thereby responding to the recommendations of the Panel of Experts on the Protein Problem Confronting Developing Countries appointed by the Secretary-General<sup>37</sup> in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 2684 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 entitled "Increase in the production and use of edible protein",

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<sup>36</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 9 (E/5128).*

<sup>37</sup> *Strategy Statement on Action to Avert the Protein Crisis in Developing Countries* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.71.II.A.17).

*Noting also with satisfaction* the increased aid being furnished to the least developed countries in response to policies adopted by the Executive Board in 1965 and further guidelines in 1970,

*Welcoming* the Fund's current and prospective contribution to the objectives of the Second United Nations Development Decade, its continued co-operation with the relevant technical and other organizations of the United Nations system and its increasing participation in the concept of country programming under the leadership of the United Nations Development Programme,

*Commending* the prompt and considerable assistance being provided in emergency situations and the close co-operation in this work between the Fund, other members of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations,

*Commending also* the Fund's association with the Disaster Relief Co-ordinator appointed by the Secretary-General, and its offer of its experience and organization to provide procurement and other services for organizations and Governments dealing with emergency situations,

1. *Endorses* the policies of the United Nations Children's Fund and commends its work as an important element in furthering economic and social development;

2. *Requests* the Fund to continue and expand the assistance it is providing to ensure the younger generation a satisfactory start in life and to prepare it for its future responsibilities;

3. *Repeats* its appeal, in paragraph 3 of its resolution 1619 (LI) of 27 July 1971, to Governments and other donors to consider further increasing their contributions to enable the Fund to achieve the target figure of \$100 million by 1975.

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#### **1710 (LIIID). Special measures in favour of the least developed among the developing countries**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 2768 (XXVI) of 18 November 1971 on the identification of the least developed among the developing countries, in which it requested the United Nations Development Programme, among others, to initiate, as appropriate, action-oriented programmes in favour of the least developed countries,

*Noting with appreciation* resolution 62 (III) of 19 May 1972 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, on special measures in favour of the least developed among the developing countries<sup>38</sup> and keeping

<sup>38</sup> See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Third Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (to be issued as a United Nations publication), annex I.

in mind the provisions of paragraph 2 of that resolution,

*Further noting* the decisions of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme contained in paragraphs 99 and 137 of the report on its fourteenth session,<sup>39</sup>

*Mindful* of the situation of the least developed among the developing countries, which calls for the introduction of special measures in their favour,

*Fully aware* of the role entrusted to the Economic and Social Council in the implementation of the special measures in favour of the least developed among the developing countries, which is consistent with the central co-ordinating role of the Council,

1. *Calls upon* developed countries and multilateral institutions and agencies to respond favourably to the decisions and recommendations in different fields of trade and development as stipulated in resolution 62 (III) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

2. *Urges* the United Nations Development Programme to extend a high priority to the revision of the criteria for calculating the indicative planning figures for the second United Nations Development Co-operation Cycle, with a view to establishing a new general scheme designed to secure equity in the allocation of resources and, in particular, to enable the least developed countries to derive equitable benefit from the resources of the Programme;

3. *Supports* the decision of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme contained in paragraph 347 of the report on its fourteenth session, requesting the Administrator of the Programme to prepare a study on the feasibility of using the United Nations Capital Development Fund first and foremost for the least developed countries and to submit his findings and recommendations to the Governing Council at its fifteenth session;

4. *Envisages* that the findings and recommendations of the study on the United Nations Capital Development Fund, together with the decisions of the Governing Council on the subject, will be considered by the Economic and Social Council and, subsequently, by the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session;

5. *Takes note* of the recommendation of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in paragraph 46 of its resolution 62 (III), on the study of ways and means for establishing institutional arrangements for the implementation of special measures in favour of the least developed countries, including a study of the desirability and feasibility of establishing a special fund for the least developed countries, to be carried out by the Economic and Social Council, in consultation with the appropriate organs of the United Nations system;

<sup>39</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 2A (E/5185).*

6. *Decides* to include in the agenda of its fifty-fourth session an item on the implementation of the above-mentioned recommendations and to report on this matter to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session.

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### **1711 (LIII). Question of the establishment of a United Nations revolving fund for natural resources exploration**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1572 C (L) of 18 May 1971, which set up the Intergovernmental Working Group on the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration,

*Taking into account* the views of the Intergovernmental Working Group contained in its report on its second session<sup>40</sup> and the deliberations of the Committee on Natural Resources at its second session,<sup>41</sup> including its agreement in principle to the establishment of a United Nations revolving fund for natural resources exploration,<sup>42</sup>

*Recalling* that in its resolution 1673 F (LII) of 2 June 1972, the Council looked forward to a careful consideration of the report of the expanded Intergovernmental Working Group, which was entrusted with the task of formulating a scheme for the revolving fund, and requested the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to include in the agenda of its fourteenth session an additional item on the establishment of the revolving fund, for the purpose of submitting its comments to the Economic and Social Council,

*Re-affirming* that natural resources exploration and development are of paramount and immediate importance and concern to developing countries for their economic and social development,

*Endorsing* once again the "self-help" principles embodied in the concept for the mutual benefit of developing countries,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the reports of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the United Nations

<sup>40</sup> E/C.7/29.

<sup>41</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 5 (E/5097)*, paras. 62-69.

<sup>42</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 70.

Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration on its first and second sessions<sup>43</sup> and the discussion thereon at the fourteenth session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme;<sup>44</sup>

2. *Requests* the present Chairman of the Working Group to undertake consultations with members of the Working Group and other interested delegations, with a view to arriving at an agreed draft statute, taking into account:

(a) The report of the Working Group and the draft statute annexed thereto;<sup>45</sup>

(b) The amendments proposed to the draft statute at the fifty-third session of the Economic and Social Council;<sup>46</sup>

(c) Any other proposals which may have been brought to his attention; and requests him to submit the results of his consultations to the Economic and Social Council at its resumed fifty-third session;

3. *Decides* to consider this question at its resumed fifty-third session and make recommendations thereon to the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session;

4. *Recommends* the General Assembly to consider this question at its twenty-seventh session, with a view to finalizing and approving a statute of the revolving fund at that session.

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### **1712 (LIID). Reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme**

*The Economic and Social Council*

*Takes note* of the reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its thirteenth and fourteenth sessions.<sup>47</sup>

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<sup>43</sup> E/C.7/24 and E/C.7/29.

<sup>44</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 2A (E/5185)*, chap. XV.

<sup>45</sup> E/C.7/29, annex III.

<sup>46</sup> E/AC.6/L.468.

<sup>47</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-third Session, Supplements Nos. 2 and 2A (E/5092 and E/5185)*.

## OTHER DECISIONS

### **Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Co-operation between the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization**

(Agenda item 8 b)

At its 1836th meeting, on 28 July 1972, the Council noted with satisfaction that the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Co-operation between the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization<sup>48</sup> had been endorsed by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its fourteenth session<sup>49</sup> and by the Industrial Development Board at its sixth session,<sup>50</sup> and decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it approve these conclusions and recommendations at its twenty-seventh session.

### **United Nations Volunteers programme**

(Agenda item 9 a)

At its 1836th meeting, on 28 July 1972, the Council:

(a) Took note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Volunteers<sup>51</sup> and of the statement made at the Council's fifty-third session by the Co-ordinator of the United Nations Volunteers;<sup>52</sup>

(b) Expressed its satisfaction at the progress achieved in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 2659 (XXV) of 7 December 1970;

<sup>48</sup> A/8646.

<sup>49</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 2A* (E/5185), para. 199 (b).

<sup>50</sup> See ID/B/113 (transmitted to the Economic and Social Council by a note of the Secretary-General (E/5171)), annex I, resolution 34 (VI).

<sup>51</sup> E/5146.

<sup>52</sup> See E/AC.6/SR.572.

(c) Requested the United Nations Development Programme to give appropriate financial assistance to the United Nations Volunteers programme and to take the necessary steps for its successful promotion.

### **World Food Programme**

(Agenda item 9 e)

At its 1836th meeting, on 28 July 1972, the Council took note with satisfaction of the tenth annual report of the United Nations/FAO Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Programme, submitted by the Committee to the Economic and Social Council and to the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, communicated to the Economic and Social Council by a note of the Secretary-General,<sup>53</sup> and transmitted the report to the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session.

### **United Nations Fund for Population Activities**

(Agenda item 9 f)

At its 1836th meeting, on 28 July 1972, the Council:

(a) Took note of the progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 2815 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971,<sup>54</sup> taking into account the views expressed in the course of the debate in the Economic Committee on the United Nations Fund for Population Activities;<sup>55</sup>

(b) Requested the Secretary-General, in preparing his report to the twenty-seventh session of the General Assembly, to take into account the views expressed on his progress report by members of the Economic Committee during the discussion of this question.

<sup>53</sup> E/5129.

<sup>54</sup> E/5130.

<sup>55</sup> See E/AC.6/SR.569-572.

## QUESTIONS RELATING TO SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### **1715 (LIII). Terms of reference of the Committee on Science and Technology for Development**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling its resolution 1621 B (LI) of 30 July 1971, establishing a Committee on Science and Technology for Development to provide policy guidance and make

recommendations on matters relating to the application of science and technology to development,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the terms of reference of the Committee on Science and Technology for Development<sup>56</sup> and the differing

<sup>56</sup> E/5116.

views expressed thereon at the Council's fifty-third session,<sup>57</sup>

*Concerned* that the technological gap between the developed and the developing countries is widening further and that progress in science and technology has not yet been adequately reflected in benefits accruing to the developing countries and thus, in many cases, has increased their position of disadvantage in relation to the advanced countries,

*Aware* of the continuing need for global evaluation, analysis, planning and policy-guidance for action to orient the progress in and application of science and technology in favour of development,

*Convinced* of the need to provide an adequate response to the requirements of development and give a new impetus to scientific and technological progress in favour of the developing countries,

*Noting with satisfaction* the increasing involvement of the organizations of the United Nations system in the problems of the application of science and technology to development,

*Affirming* that the work of the Committee, whilst taking into account the interests of all countries in the progress of science and technology and their application to development, should place particular emphasis on the development needs of the developing countries,

1. *Affirms* that the Committee on Science and Technology for Development is the main body among the subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council to assist the Council in the definition of guidelines in the field of science and technology for development in the interest of all mankind, and particularly of the peoples of the developing countries;

2. *Decides* that the Committee's functions shall consist of the following:

(a) Promoting international co-operation in the field of science and technology, including education, training and exchange of experience and information;

(b) Reviewing and analysing, on a continuing basis, the policy aspects of science and technology for development, with a view to:

- (i) Identifying restrictive factors affecting indigenous scientific and technological development and recommending policies as appropriate on their removal;
- (ii) Promoting policies geared to the establishment of a viable and adequate scientific and technological infrastructure capable of generating a self-supporting process of economic and social development;
- (iii) Encouraging the development of science and technology in the developing countries themselves;

(c) Encouraging the formulation of over-all scientific and technological policies and the development of scientific and technological processes which are compatible with the endowments of the developing countries and their national development plans and priorities;

(d) Suggesting, in accordance with national development plans and priorities, scientific and technological policies to promote development with such objectives as the maximization of productivity in developing countries, the promotion of their industrialization, the reduction of their dependency on imports of capital equipment, the stimulation of their exports and the improvement of their balance-of-payments position;

(e) Assisting the Economic and Social Council to help the appropriate intergovernmental bodies of the United Nations system to plan programmes and activities within the sphere of their respective competence in the field of science and technology for development;

(f) Assisting and evaluating policies designed to employ existing scientific and technological methods and processes to accelerate the rate of economic and social progress, both quantitatively and qualitatively, of the developing countries;

(g) Keeping under review, taking into account as appropriate the views of expert bodies concerned, new developments in science and technology, evaluating their implications and making recommendations to the Council on practical measures to maximize their contribution to development;

(h) Studying and suggesting:

- (i) Ways and means of integrating scientific and technological planning and activities related to development;
- (ii) Measures required to make foreign scientific and technological participation fully compatible with the national plans and priorities of the host countries;

(i) Stimulating, encouraging and suggesting scientific and technological research and application required to cope with new or changing problems in the field of development;

(j) Identifying those multi-sectoral and multi-disciplinary problems in the field of science and technology for development which are not at present being dealt with in the United Nations system, and recommending measures, as appropriate, for dealing with them;

(k) Suggesting measures required to generate the internal and external resources necessary to implement the policies and programmes recommended by the Committee;

(l) Making recommendations to the appropriate bodies in the United Nations system on the mobilization of public opinion, especially with regard to the world scientific community, in favour of policies and programmes recommended by the Committee and by other United Nations organs working in this field;

(m) Maintaining liaison with other organizations doing relevant work in the field of science and technology for development;

(n) Assisting the Economic and Social Council in co-ordinating the activities within the United Nations system in the field of science and technology for development, with a view to ensuring the utmost efficiency and co-operation and avoiding duplication;

<sup>57</sup> See E/AC.24/SR.452.

(o) Making recommendations, through the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly, to the United Nations Development Programme on the policy questions arising in the field of science and technology, including projects which could be financed by the Programme out of funds allocated for global projects;

(p) Assessing and making appropriate recommendations on the conclusions of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development, and giving the Advisory Committee such guidance as may be necessary for the implementation of the functions of the Committee on Science and Technology for Development;

3. *Requests* the Committee to assist in the process of review and appraisal of the progress in the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade in the field of science and technology for development;

4. *Invites* the Committee to utilize fully, in the performance of its functions, the expertise available to it in the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development and decides that in future the Advisory Committee's reports will be referred to the Committee on Science and Technology for Development;

5. *Further invites* the Committee to co-operate closely with the intergovernmental bodies of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, and with other intergovernmental bodies of the United Nations system working in the field of the application of science and technology to development;

6. *Decides* that the Committee shall convene its first session early in 1973 and thereafter biennially unless otherwise decided by the Council.

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#### **1716 (LIII). Report of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Taking note with appreciation* of the ninth report of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development,<sup>58</sup>

1. *Appreciates fully* the readiness of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development to co-operate and co-ordinate its work with that of the Council's Committee on Science and Technology for Development;<sup>59</sup>

<sup>58</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 8 (E/5131 and Corr. 1).*

<sup>59</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 7.

2. *Notes* the view of the Advisory Committee that the Committee on Science and Technology for Development should include in its programme of work a continuing review of the major issues on the application of science and technology to development<sup>60</sup> to which the Advisory Committee has drawn attention in the World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development and in its reports to the Council;

3. *Invites* the Advisory Committee to take into account for its future activities the views expressed during the fifty-third session of the Council.<sup>61</sup>

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#### **1717 (LIII). World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* the provisions of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, and General Assembly resolution 2658 (XXV) of 7 December 1970 on the role of modern science and technology in the development of nations and the need to strengthen economic and technico-scientific co-operation among States,

*Welcoming with appreciation* the report of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development entitled *World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development*,<sup>62</sup>

*Having further considered* that report,

*Convinced* of the need for international co-operation for the strengthening and promotion of the application of science and technology to development,

*Recognizing* the interest of all countries in benefiting from the achievements of modern science and technology for the acceleration of their economic and social development, and in having access to the world's intellectual and technical resources,

*Conscious* of the valuable continuing role played by the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system in assisting this process,

*Emphasizing* the need to attain the science and technology policy objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, as laid down in paragraphs (60) to (64) of the Strategy,

1. *Reiterates* that the World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development is an important contribution to the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade;

<sup>60</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>61</sup> See E/AC.24/SR.449, E/AC.24/SR. 450 and E/AC.24/SR.452.

<sup>62</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.71.II.A.18.



## 2. *Requests*:

(a) The Committee on Science and Technology for Development and the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development to keep the World Plan of Action under continuing review and bring before the Council, from time to time, proposals for action as appropriate to implement the policy objectives of and the programmes in the World Plan of Action;

(b) The regional economic commissions, in consultation with the specialized agencies concerned, to consider the specific plans of action being prepared for each region, with a view to commending them to the attention of the Governments of their member and associate member States in formulating national science and technology policies, establishing science and technology institutions, promoting research and science and technology education, and in formulating requests for aid;

(c) The Governing Council and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to consider increasing the percentage of the resources of the Programme devoted to global projects beyond the present 1 per cent and to determine what further resources might be made available from the 18 per cent allocation for inter-country programming, for the implementation of the World Plan of Action in the form of regional and global projects;

(d) The Committee for Review and Appraisal, after receiving advice from the Committee on Science and Technology for Development, to take account of the targets suggested in the World Plan of Action for developed and for developing countries in its review and appraisal of progress towards the implementation of those parts of the International Development Strategy dealing with science and technology;

3. *Refers* the World Plan of Action to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session for the Assembly to consider in depth the recommendations made thereon to the Economic and Social Council by the Committee on Science and Technology for Development and the Council's comments thereon, in conjunction with the first review and appraisal of the Second United Nations Development Decade and the Secretary-General's report to be prepared in response to paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 2658 (XXV).

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## **1718 (LIII). Programme of work of the Committee on Science and Technology for Development**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1621 B (LI) of 30 July 1971 establishing the Committee on Science and Technology for Development and its resolution 1715 (LIII) of 28 July 1972 establishing its terms of reference,

1. *Requests* the Committee on Science and Technology for Development at its first session:

(a) To recommend goals and targets for the achievement of the policy measures relating to science and technology contained in paragraphs (60)-(64) of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade;

(b) To examine in detail the World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development proposed by the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development;

(c) To recommend, on the basis of the World Plan of Action, appropriate policy measures and objectives for inclusion in the International Development Strategy in the course of its review and appraisal;

2. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with members of the Committee on Science and Technology for Development and in the light of its terms of reference, to propose the inclusion of three or four other substantive items in the provisional agenda, which could be considered by the Committee at its first session, without prejudice to its action on the matters referred to in paragraph 1 above;

3. *Decides* that henceforth matters relating to science and technology within the Council's competence shall, as a general rule, be examined in the first instance by the Committee on Science and Technology for Development.

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## **1719 (LIII). Question of the establishment of a special protein fund**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Taking note* of the Secretary-General's report on the problem of protein malnutrition confronting the developing countries<sup>63</sup> and the relevant paragraphs of the ninth report of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development,<sup>64</sup>

*Recalling* Council resolution 1675 (LII) of 2 June 1972 on the question of United Nations sponsorship of the FAO/WHO/UNICEF Protein Advisory Group,

1. *Decides* to return to the matter at its fifty-fifth session, by which time the views of more Member States should have been obtained;

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the specialized agencies concerned and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, to work out in the meantime proposals for the operation and the administration of a possible special protein fund.

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<sup>63</sup> E/5156

<sup>64</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 8 (E/5131 and Corr. 1), paras. 44-48.*

## OTHER DECISION

### **The role of modern science and technology in the development of nations**

(*Agenda item 11 d*)

At its 1836th meeting, on 28 July 1972, the Council took note of the second progress report of the Secretary-General<sup>65</sup> on the implementation of the study called for in paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 2658 (XXV) of 7 December 1970, and noted that the Secretary-General's study would be circulated to Member States and specialized agencies and submitted to the Council at its fifty-fifth session and to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session.

<sup>65</sup> E/5166.

## SOCIAL, HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN QUESTIONS

### **1704 (LIII). Measures to be taken following the natural disaster in the Philippines**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Considering* that areas of the Philippines have recently suffered from the effects of a cyclone and floods, which have caused considerable loss of human life and property and severe damage to the country's economy,

*Bearing in mind* that assistance to Members of the United Nations which have suffered major natural disasters is in keeping with the concept of international solidarity embodied in the Charter of the United Nations,

1. *Expresses* to the people and Government of the Philippines its heartfelt condolences for the loss of life and devastation sustained as a result of the recent natural disaster;

2. *Notes with appreciation* the measures already taken by the Disaster Relief Co-ordinator to secure the speediest and most effective emergency relief assistance to the disaster areas in the Philippines and requests him to actively pursue his efforts towards that end, in accordance with the mandate given to him under General Assembly resolution 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971 on assistance in cases of natural disaster and other disaster situations;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ask the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and the Administrator of that Programme, the specialized agencies, more especially the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and also the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the World Health Organization, and the International Atomic Energy Agency, the

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and the World Food Programme to devote the largest possible volume of resources, within their respective programmes, to meeting, in liaison with the Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, assistance requests from the Government of the Philippines relating to reconstruction work contemplated in its initial emergency programme;

4. *Conveys* its desire to the Governing Council and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme that they should consider favourably such requests for assistance within the purview of that Programme as may be submitted by the Government of the Philippines in connexion with its special medium-term and long-term programmes of rehabilitation.

*1834th plenary meeting  
25 July 1972*

### **1705 (LIII). Assistance to southern Sudanese refugees returning from abroad**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having heard* the statement of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees at the 1835th plenary meeting of the Council,

*Recalling* its resolution 1655 (LII) of 1 June 1972, whereby, *inter alia*, it took cognizance of the need for assistance in the relief, rehabilitation and resettlement of Sudanese refugees and displaced persons in southern Sudan,

*Commending* the positive response by some Governments, the organizations within the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations concerned, to the appeals launched by the Secretary-General and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,

1. *Urges* Governments, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, specialized agencies and other international organizations associated with the United Nations and non-governmental organizations concerned, to provide the assistance required for the voluntary repatriation, rehabilitation and resettlement of the refugees returning from abroad, as well as of persons displaced within the country;

2. *Requests* that a progress report be submitted by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on the assistance being extended by Governments, specialized agencies and other international organizations associated with the United Nations and non-governmental organizations concerned, for the relief, rehabilitation and resettlement of southern Sudanese refugees and displaced persons in southern Sudan, to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-fourth session.

*1835th plenary meeting  
27 July 1972*

#### **1706 (LIII). Exploitation of labour through illicit and clandestine trafficking**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* that the Preamble of the Charter of the United Nations reaffirms faith in fundamental human rights and in the dignity and worth of the human person,

*Recalling further* that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights proclaims that no one shall be held in slavery or servitude and that slavery and the slave trade shall be prohibited in all their forms,

*Noting with alarm and indignation* reports of incidents involving the illegal transportation, organized or undertaken by criminal elements, to some European countries

and the exploitation of workers from some African countries in conditions akin to slavery and forced labour, which constitute an extreme outrage to the human person.

*Deeply concerned* over malpractices involving inequality and discrimination and unlawful forms of recruitment and treatment of such workers, in particular certain specially unacceptable phenomena such as illicit and clandestine trafficking in labour,

*Deploring* the fact that advantage is being taken of conditions of mass poverty, ignorance and unemployment in the countries of origin to exploit and profit from such labour through illicit and clandestine trafficking,

*Noting* the prompt action taken by some Governments in bringing to light such trafficking,

1. *Condemns* the exploitation of, and profiteering from, such labour and clandestine trafficking as exemplified by the incidents brought to the attention of the Economic and Social Council;

2. *Appeals* to Governments concerned to take all necessary action or to intensify their efforts to apprehend and bring to justice those responsible for such malpractices;

3. *Further appeals* to Governments concerned to adopt all necessary measures, including new legislation where necessary, aimed at combatting and preventing such malpractices;

4. *Instructs* the Commission on Human Rights to consider the question at its next session and to prepare appropriate recommendations for further action by the Council;

5. *Takes note* of the steps taken by the International Labour Organisation to reinforce its action for the protection of migrant workers and invites it to pursue energetically its examination of the matter, with specific reference to the malpractices condemned in paragraph 1 above, and to report thereon to the Council at an early date.

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28 July 1972*

### OTHER DECISIONS

#### **Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees**

*(Agenda item 10)*

At its 1835th meeting, on 27 July 1972, the Council decided to transmit the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees<sup>66</sup> to the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session.

<sup>66</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/8712); see also E/5138 and Add. 1.*

#### **Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on the activities of the United Nations Focal Point for assistance to refugees from East Bengal in India**

*(Agenda item 10)*

At its 1835th meeting, on 27 July 1972, the Council took note with appreciation of the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on the activities of the United Nations Focal Point for assistance to refugees from East Bengal in India.<sup>67</sup>

<sup>67</sup> E/L.1502.

## Disaster relief co-ordination

(Agenda item 12)

At its 1834th meeting, on 25 July 1972, the Council:

(a) Took note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance in cases of natural disaster and other disaster situations<sup>68</sup> and the explanatory statements of the Disaster Relief Co-ordinator at the 444th and 445th meetings of the Co-ordination Committee;<sup>69</sup>

<sup>68</sup> E/5151.

<sup>69</sup> See E/AC.24/SR.444 and E/AC.24/SR.445.

(b) Noted that, as provided for in paragraph 1 (j) of General Assembly resolution 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971, a further report in the field of disaster relief co-ordination would be submitted to the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session;

(c) Requested that the Secretary-General ensure that the observations and suggestions made in the Co-ordination Committee at its 444th and 445th meetings be taken into account in the preparation of the report mentioned in sub-paragraph (b) above, and in particular in future activities in the field of disaster relief co-ordination.

## PROGRAMME AND CO-ORDINATION QUESTIONS

### 1713 (LIII). Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the programme of recurrent publications of the United Nations

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered*, as recommended in General Assembly resolution 2886 (XXVI) of 21 December 1971, the specific recommendations contained in the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the programme of recurrent publications of the United Nations,<sup>70</sup>

*Taking note* of the preliminary observations thereon by the Secretary-General<sup>71</sup> and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,<sup>72</sup>

*Taking note also* of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on its twelfth session,<sup>73</sup>

*Having considered* the comments of the Working Group of the Statistical Commission, the Economic Commission for Europe, the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East and the Committee for Development Planning, contained in the note by the Secretariat on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit,<sup>74</sup>

*Having also considered* the comments of the Secretary-General on various recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit,<sup>75</sup>

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Joint Inspection Unit for a most useful report;

<sup>70</sup> A/8362.

<sup>71</sup> A/8540.

<sup>72</sup> A/8624.

<sup>73</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 10* (E/5186), chap. XI.

<sup>74</sup> E/L.1498.

<sup>75</sup> E/AC.24/L.421.

2. *Endorses* the comments so far produced by its subsidiary bodies<sup>76</sup> on the Joint Inspection Unit's recommendations 11 (b), 11 (h), 12 (f), 12 (g), 12 (k) and 12 (n);

3. *Endorses also* the comments of the Secretary-General on recommendations 11 (i), 11 (j) and 12 (m) and takes note of his comment on recommendation 12 (e) and the information furnished orally at the 447th meeting of the Co-ordination Committee concerning recommendation 12 (o);<sup>77</sup>

4. *Instructs* the subsidiary bodies concerned to give high priority to the consideration of recommendations 11 (c)-(g), 12 (h), 12 (i), 12 (l), 12 (q) and 12 (r);

5. *Also instructs* the subsidiary bodies concerned to give high priority to the further consideration of recommendations 9, 12 (j), 12 (m) and 12 (p), taking into account the observations and suggestions made in the Co-ordination Committee at its 446th and 447th meetings;<sup>78</sup>

6. *Recommends* that the General Assembly allow further time for the views of the subsidiary bodies of the Council to be taken into account.

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### 1714 (LIII). Future of the Joint Inspection Unit

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* General Assembly resolution 2735 A (XXV) of 17 December 1970, paragraph 3 of which

<sup>76</sup> See E/L.1498.

<sup>77</sup> See E/AC.24/SR.447.

<sup>78</sup> See E/AC.24/SR.446 and E/AC.24/SR.447.

requested the views of the Council on the question of the Joint Inspection Unit,

*Taking note* of the views of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination contained in the report on its eleventh session,<sup>79</sup>

1. *Considers* that the United Nations system should continue to benefit from the services of the Joint Inspection Unit;

2. *Further considers* that the mandate of the Joint Inspection Unit, after its review by the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session, could, if necessary, be reappraised as the occasion arises, with a view to its possible further strengthening in the light of additional experience;

3. *Stresses* that any modifications made should not impair the autonomous nature of the Joint Inspection Unit, which should continue to have "the broadest powers of investigation in all matters having a bearing on the efficiency of the services and the proper use of funds";<sup>80</sup>

4. *Expresses concern* that recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit should be thoroughly examined and where appropriate implemented by the organizations of the United Nations system;

5. *Urges* the intergovernmental bodies concerned to ensure that proper follow-up action is taken on the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit and to this end to request the secretariats to supply them on a regular basis with a succinct systematic report on the status of implementation of the Joint Inspection Unit's major recommendations;

6. *Urges further* all organizations of the United Nations system to continue their active participation in and co-operation with the Joint Inspection Unit.

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### **1720 (LIII). Implementation by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the item entitled "Implementation by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples",

<sup>79</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 8 (E/5159)*, chap. VIII.

<sup>80</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-first Session, Annexes*, agenda item 80, document A/6343, para. 67, B.

*Having examined* the report of the Secretary-General on the item,<sup>81</sup>

*Having examined also* the report of the President of the Economic and Social Council<sup>82</sup> and the relevant parts of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on its twelfth session<sup>83</sup> and the annual report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination for 1971-72,<sup>84</sup>

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and all other relevant United Nations resolutions, including in particular General Assembly resolution 2874 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971 and Council resolution 1651 (LI) of 29 October 1971,

*Mindful* of the repeated affirmation of the General Assembly that the recognition by the General Assembly, the Security Council and other United Nations bodies of the legitimacy of the struggle of colonial peoples to achieve freedom and independence entails, as a corollary, the extension by the United Nations system of organizations of all necessary moral and material assistance to them, including specially those in the liberated areas of the colonial territories, and their national liberation movements,

*Bearing in mind* the views of representatives of the national liberation movements concerned, as well as those of representatives of the Organization of African Unity, concerning the urgent and grave need for further and effective assistance from the United Nations system of organizations to the colonial peoples in southern Africa, as expressed to the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples during its meetings in Africa in April 1972,<sup>85</sup> and taking into account the relevant recommendations of the Special Committee in that regard,<sup>86</sup>

1. *Takes note* of the report of the President of the Economic and Social Council;

2. *Endorses* the observations and suggestions contained therein;

3. *Recommends* those observations and suggestions for action, as a matter of urgency, by the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system and requests these organizations to include in their respective reports to the Secretary-General called for under the terms of General Assembly resolution 2874 (XXVI), information on such action as may be taken or envisaged in implementation of the present recommendation;

<sup>81</sup> E/5147 and Corr.1.

<sup>82</sup> E/5187.

<sup>83</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 10 (E/5186)*, chap. VII.

<sup>84</sup> E/5733, paras. 38-48.

<sup>85</sup> See A/AC.109/SR.857-870.

<sup>86</sup> See A/AC.109/400, A/AC.109/402, A/AC.109/404, A/AC.109/405.

4. *Requests* its President, taking the foregoing into account, and in the light of the tasks entrusted to it by the General Assembly in paragraph 12 of resolution 2874 (XXVI), to continue his consultations with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, to seek, where appropriate, the views of the Organization of African Unity, and to report thereon to the Council at an early date;

5. *Invites*, having regard to the special responsibility entrusted to it by the General Assembly to continue to seek the most suitable means for the immediate and full implementation of Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) and of all other relevant General Assembly resolutions, the attention of the Special Committee to the discussions that have taken place at the 456th meeting of the Co-ordination Committee<sup>87</sup> and in the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination<sup>88</sup> concerning the item;

6. *Decides* to transmit to the General Assembly the reports of the President of the Council and of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, in order to facilitate its consideration of the item at the Assembly's twenty-seventh session.

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#### **1728 (LIII). Reports of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency**

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##### *The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 1642 (LI) and 1643 (LI) of 30 July 1971, entitled "Reports of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency" and "Review of the sphere of activities and competence of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination" respectively,

*Having considered* the reports of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination,<sup>89</sup> the specialized agencies<sup>90</sup> and the International Atomic Energy Agency,<sup>91</sup>

<sup>87</sup> See E/AC.24/SR.456.

<sup>88</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 10* (E/5186), chap. VII; also E/AC.51/SR.370-373.

<sup>89</sup> E/5133 and Corr.2.

<sup>90</sup> International Labour Office, "Twenty-sixth Report of the International Labour Organisation to the United Nations" (Geneva, 1972), summary transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/5149; Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, "Report of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-third session: summary for the year 1971", transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/5139; report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural

1. *Takes note* of these reports, bearing in mind the remarks made in connexion with them at the Council's fifty-third session;<sup>92</sup>

2. *Decides* that a report of the FAO/WHO/UNICEF Protein Advisory Group on the world protein situation should be made available to the Council triennially or at greater intervals if this appears more appropriate in the light of the rate of change in the global problem of protein;

3. *Decides* that the system-wide study on programmes and spheres of competence in the field of natural resources being prepared, in accordance with Council resolution 1673 C (LII) of 2 June 1972, for submission to the Committee on Natural Resources at its third session and the Council at its fifty-fourth session will serve as the in-depth sectoral study called for in paragraph 4 of Council resolution 1643 (LI);

4. *Decides further* that in 1973 the reports of the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization should be the subject of in-depth reviews;

5. *Invites* the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination:

(a) To submit and recommend for the Council's consideration a schedule for future in-depth reviews of reports of specialized agencies, ensuring that all agencies should receive detailed consideration by 1975;

(b) To consider, in the light of the discussion at the fifty-third session of the Council,<sup>93</sup> the type and content of future reports which will best facilitate the Council's work in its in-depth reviews, stressing the co-ordination aspect.

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Organization to the Economic and Social Council for 1971 (E/5119); International Civil Aviation Organization, "Analytical summary of activities in 1971", transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/5154; World Health Organization, "Report of the World Health Organization 1971: Analytical summary", transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/5121; report of the Universal Postal Union; analytical report on the work of the Universal Postal Union in 1971 (E/5164 and Corr.1); International Telecommunication Union, "Analytical summary of the report on the activities of the International Telecommunication Union in 1971 to the fifty-third session of the United Nations Economic and Social Council" (Geneva, 1972), transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/5125; World Meteorological Organization, "Analytical summary of the annual report of the World Meteorological Organization for 1971 submitted to the fifty-third session of the Economic and Social Council", transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/5143 and Corr.1; Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization, "Analytical summary of the annual report 1971/1972", transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/5140.

<sup>91</sup> E/5142.

<sup>92</sup> See E/AC.24/SR.434-437, E/AC.24/SR.439, E/AC.24/SR.451, E/AC.24/SR.455.

<sup>93</sup> See E/AC.24/SR.437-439, E/AC.24/SR.451.

## B

### *The Economic and Social Council,*

Having undertaken its first two in-depth reviews of the reports of the specialized agencies, i.e. the World Health Organization and the World Meteorological Organization,<sup>94</sup>

1. *Expresses its appreciation* for the participation of the executive heads of these organizations in the discussions at the fifty-third session of the Council;

2. *Takes note with appreciation* of the results of these discussions and requests the organizations to take into account the comments made during these discussions.

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### *The Economic and Social Council,*

Considering that many aspects of World Meteorological Organization programmes have been undertaken in response to requests addressed to it by the United Nations, and in particular, in response to General Assembly resolutions on international co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space, namely resolution 1721 (XVI) of 20 December 1961, which led to the World Weather Watch, resolution 1802 (XVII) of 14 December 1962, which led to the Global Atmospheric Research Programme, and resolution 2733 (XXV) of 16 December 1970, which led to the Tropical Cyclone Project,

1. *Draws the attention* of Governments of member States to the need for recognizing the vital character of their atmospheric and hydrological resources in maintaining progress in economic and social development, including the protection of life and property against weather-related disasters;

2. *Urges* Governments of member States to support the balanced development of their national services in these fields, thereby ensuring that these services can make their fullest contribution to national economic and social development and, at the same time, implement the

<sup>94</sup> See E/AC.24/SR.436-439.

various programmes of the World Meteorological Organization, thus contributing to the well-being of mankind.

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### **1729 (LIII). Review of activities of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency**

#### *The Economic and Social Council,*

*Aware* of the evolution of programme needs and programme planning trends in the United Nations system in recent years,

*Wishing* to be assured that the programmes and related projects being undertaken within the United Nations system are responsive, particularly *inter alia* to the goals of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,

*Recognizing* that many organizations of the United Nations system are undertaking continuing studies of the appropriateness and relevance of programmes,

1. *Invites* the agencies and programmes concerned in the United Nations system to continue to pursue reviews, in any manner which they consider best adapted to their methods of work, of programmes and projects under their regular programmes, in particular those that were initiated more than 10 years ago, and to include, as appropriate, in the analytical summary of their annual reports to the Council the results of those reviews;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to undertake a review of those programmes and projects for which the Council has responsibility and to include in the work programme for consideration at an early session of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Council only those activities and projects which directly contribute to the achievement, particularly, of the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, and to other priority concerns of the United Nations.

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## OTHER DECISIONS

### **Pending reports of the Joint Inspection Unit**

(*Agenda item 15 a*)

At its 1836th meeting, on 28 July 1972, the Council took note with interest of the pending reports of the Joint Inspection Unit,<sup>95</sup> and drew the attention of the

administrations concerned to the observations made during the discussion of the reports at the Council's fifty-third session<sup>96</sup> and to the observations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination contained in its report on its eleventh session.<sup>97</sup>

<sup>96</sup> See E/AC.24/SR.446 and E/AC.24/SR.448.

<sup>97</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 8 (E/5159)*, chap. VIII.

<sup>95</sup> E/5048 and E/5049.

**Reports of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and of the Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination**

(Agenda item 16 b)

At its 1837th meeting, on 28 July 1972, the Council took note of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on its twelfth session<sup>98</sup> and of the report of the Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on the Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination.<sup>99</sup>

**New form of presentation of the United Nations budget**

(Agenda item 16 b)

At its 1837th meeting, on 28 July 1972, the Council:

(a) Concluded that the new form of presentation of the United Nations budget as envisaged in the Secretary-

<sup>98</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 10 (E/5186).

<sup>99</sup> E/5188.

General's report entitled "Form of presentation of the United Nations budget and the duration of the budget cycle"<sup>100</sup> constituted a useful basis for proceeding towards the early implementation of a system of programme budgeting in the United Nations;

(b) Expressed the hope that it would be possible to build on and improve the report in the light of the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its report on the form of presentation of the United Nations budget and the duration of the budget cycle;<sup>101</sup>

(c) Drew the attention of the General Assembly to the views expressed on this question by delegations during the discussions in the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its twelfth session<sup>102</sup> and in the Co-ordination Committee at the fifty-third session of the Council.<sup>103</sup>

<sup>100</sup> A/C.5/1429 and Corr.1 and 2.

<sup>101</sup> A/8739.

<sup>102</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 10* (E/5186), chap. VIII; also E/AC.51/SR.372, E/AC.51/SR.374-377.

<sup>103</sup> See E/AC.24/SR.440 and E/AC.24/SR.441.

**RATIONALIZATION OF THE COUNCIL'S METHODS OF WORK**

**1724 (LIII). General discussion of international economic and social policy, including regional and sectoral developments**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* at its fifty-third session items 2 and 7 of its agenda on international economic and social policy and on regional co-operation,

*Having noted* the opinions expressed during the discussions at that session,

*Recalling* its resolution 557 (XVIII) of 5 August 1954 on the organization and operation of the Council and its commissions, in particular paragraphs 3 and 4 of section B (II) thereof,

*Recalling further* its resolution 1623 (LI) of 30 July 1971 on the organization of the work of the Council, paragraph 3 of which requested the Secretary-General to develop a more rational agenda designed to avoid duplication of discussion and to enable the Council to concentrate on policy issues, grouping items on related issues and providing for the consideration of important substantive issues on a longer-term planning cycle, where this is appropriate,

*Recalling also* paragraph 8 of the same resolution, stating that reports submitted to the Council should be action-oriented,

*Recalling also* paragraph 10 of its resolution 1643 (LI) of 30 July 1971 on the review of the sphere of activities and competence of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination,

*Convinced* of the need for increased co-ordination as a means of placing the Council in a better position to discharge its responsibilities as regards the application of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to arrange for the Executive Secretaries of the regional economic commissions and the Director of the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut, in addition to the executive heads of the specialized agencies, including the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Monetary Fund, as appropriate, and heads of other relevant organizations in the United Nations system, particularly the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, to partici-



pate at the beginning of the Council's summer session in the discussion of the item on international economic and social policy;

2. *Considers* that the statements of the Executive Secretaries of the regional economic commissions and the Director of the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut, and the executive heads of the specialized agencies, should focus on issues of vital concern to their regions and sectors which have important implications for international economic and social policy and require examination and decision by the Council;

3. *Recommends* the President of the Economic and Social Council to hold, at the beginning of the Council's summer sessions, periodic meetings of the Bureau with the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, the Assistant Secretary-General for Inter-Agency Affairs, the Secretary of the Council, the Executive Secretaries of the regional economic commissions, the Director of the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut and, whenever possible, the Chairmen of the regional economic commissions or their representatives, so that the Council will be in a better position to assist the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut to discharge their functions in accordance with their terms of reference and within the framework of the Second United Nations Development Decade;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, at the Council's summer sessions:

(a) To arrange for the Executive Secretaries of the regional economic commissions and the Director of the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut to take part as appropriate in the meetings of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and its Preparatory Committee;

(b) To make the necessary arrangements for the Executive Secretaries of the regional economic commissions and the Director of the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut or their authorized representatives to take part in the Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination;

5. *Further requests* that the report of the Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination focus attention on one or more issues requiring priority consideration by the Council in the field of co-ordination or sectoral developments, and that the report on the meetings of the Executive Secretaries of the regional economic commissions should similarly draw attention to issues in the field of regional co-operation requiring policy decisions by the Council;

6. *Decides* that the agenda item for the general debate should be reworded to read "General discussion of international economic and social policy, including regional and sectoral developments".

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## **1730 (LIII). Rationalization of the work of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary organs**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recognizing* its continued obligation to consider improved working methods under General Assembly resolution 2579 (XXIV) of 15 December 1969, entitled "Final report of the Enlarged Committee for Programme and Co-ordination",

*Conscious* of the continued need to strengthen and render more compact its co-ordinating machinery,

*Recognizing* that the problem of documentation both results from and compounds the difficulties of an unreasonably crowded calendar of meetings of the Council, its subsidiary committees and commissions, related bodies and other organizations in the United Nations system concerned with social and economic development,

*Recognizing also* that the establishment of additional subsidiary bodies in recent years has not been accompanied by a reconsideration of the division of work among subsidiary bodies as a whole,

1. *Calls for* the close observance of its resolutions on measures to improve the organization of the work of the Council adopted at its fifty-first session (resolutions 1621 (LI)-1624 (LI) of 30 July 1971);

2. *Establishes* a working group in which Governments of all States members of the sessional committees of the Council which indicate by 10 January 1973 their wish to participate may do so, to meet initially for not more than 10 working days after the Council's organizational meetings in January 1973 to review the terms of reference of all the Council's committees, commissions and other subsidiary bodies, to consider whether the tasks of all such bodies could be arranged in ways which would reduce the number of such bodies without prejudice to the conduct of those tasks, to consider whether any such body can henceforth be justified in meeting more frequently than the established norm of once in two complete years, to consider whether a greater interval than two years would be appropriate in the case of any such bodies, and to report to the Council at its fifty-fourth session on its conclusions and any possible recommendations on these matters;

3. *Forwards* to the Working Group all the relevant proposals submitted to the Working Group of the Co-ordination Committee at the Council's fifty-third session, requesting it to bear in mind paragraph 5 of Council resolution 1621 A (LI) and resolution 1472 (XLVIII) of 13 January 1970 and the annex thereto, concerning the reconstitution of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to facilitate the deliberations of the Working Group by preparing a short note which would:

(a) Provide statistics on the number and length of meetings of the Council and all its subsidiary and related

bodies in 1972, the number of Secretariat staff involved in servicing the meetings and the man-months spent, the number of delegations involved in each meeting and, so far as possible, figures for the cost of servicing those meetings;

(b) List in diagrammatic form, under the main subject areas of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, those standing intergovernmental and expert bodies in the

United Nations system concerned with each area, giving each body's terms of reference;

5. *Decides* to refrain from creating any new subsidiary organs until the accomplishment of the mandate of the Working Group established under the present resolution, and to re-examine this provision at its fifty-fourth session.

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### **Rationalization of the work of the Council and its subsidiary organs**

*(Agenda item 16)*

At its 1837th meeting, on 28 July 1972, the Council reaffirmed the principle that its subsidiary organs should meet not more frequently than every other year and invited those bodies meeting more frequently to consider whether biennial meetings would not be feasible.

All meetings of subsidiary and associated organs should conform to the Council's schedule of meetings and not *vice versa*. To this end, starting in 1974 the Council's first regular session should begin on the second Tuesday of April and its second regular session on the first Wednesday of July.

There should be a strict enforcement of the six weeks' rule for the circulation of documents before meetings, in all working languages, without prejudice to the other languages, by the dropping of items from the agenda automatically when the rule is violated, unless the Council, with the concurrence of the additional members of the sessional committees, decides otherwise at its organizational meetings or its first regular session.

Provided some progress is made towards the goal of merging or eliminating subsidiary organs which are less relevant to the present-day work of the Council, consideration may be given, if it is deemed necessary for the completion of the allotted programme of work, to a lengthening of the time during which the Council itself meets.

The Chairman may declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed when at least one quarter of the members of a committee are present. The presence of a majority of the members shall be required for any decision to be taken.

Requests for reports and studies should be limited to those which are strictly necessary, and automatic time schedules for progress reports should not be included in resolutions (this latter provision will have to be implemented on a case-by-case basis). Intergovernmental bodies should, as a matter of routine, request the Secretariat to provide time-tables for the production of reports before stipulating the sessions to which they are to be presented.

The Council recommends to the General Assembly that it adopts a similar procedure for reports which the Council must consider.

Preambular paragraphs of resolutions should be concise and should not be too numerous.

The Council should consider taking action by decision rather than by the adoption of a resolution, whenever this procedure may expedite the work of the Council.

The Council should decide, when requesting a specific report, whether that report must be considered by the Council and thus become the subject of an agenda item or whether it can merely be circulated for information.

The Secretary-General should communicate to members of the Council and its sessional committees, as soon as possible after the Council has considered the provisional agenda for the following session, an annotated provisional agenda for the next session which would indicate briefly the history of each item, the available documentation, the substance of the matter to be discussed and relevant earlier decisions by United Nations organs.

The Council instructs its subsidiary bodies to proceed to the fullest feasible extent in accordance with this decision, without prejudice to the observance of paragraph 10 of resolution 1623 (LI) of 30 July 1971.

### **Measures to improve the documentation of the Council**

*(Agenda items 16 d and 17)*

At its 1836th meeting, on 28 July 1972, the Council:

(a) Took note of the report of the Secretary-General on measures to improve the documentation of the Council;<sup>104</sup>

(b) Drew attention to the decisions taken by the Council at its fifty-third session on the rationalization of the work of the Council and its subsidiary organs;<sup>105</sup>

<sup>104</sup> E/5102.

<sup>105</sup> See decision above entitled "Rationalization of the work of the Council and its subsidiary organs", p. 24.

(c) Reaffirmed its earlier decisions on measures to improve the documentation of the Council;<sup>106</sup>

<sup>106</sup> Economic and Social Council resolutions 742 (XXVIII), 802 (XXX), 1090 E (XXXIX), 1154 (XLI), 1370 (XLV), 1623 (LI) and 1624 (LI), and the decisions taken by the Council at its forty-sixth session (see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-sixth Session*, document E/4715 and Corr.1, p. 27), and at its forty-ninth session (*ibid.*, *Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 1* (E/4904 and Corr.1), p. 28).

(d) Invited the Secretary-General to prepare a report on documentation similar to the one referred to in subparagraph (a) above, for the consideration of the Council at its fifty-fifth session, taking into account the observations made in the Co-ordination Committee at the Council's fifty-third session.<sup>107</sup>

<sup>107</sup> See E/AC.24/SR.443 and E/AC.24/SR.457.

## OTHER DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE COUNCIL DURING ITS FIFTY-THIRD SESSION

### Calendar of conferences and meetings

(*Agenda item 18*)

At its 1837th meeting, on 28 July 1972, the Council:

(a) Accepted with appreciation the invitation of the Government of India to hold the third session of the Committee on Natural Resources at New Delhi from 12 to 23 February 1973;<sup>108</sup>

(b) Approved the Economic and Social Council programme of meetings for 1973;<sup>109</sup>

(c) Took note of the provisional calendar for 1974<sup>110</sup> and instructed the Secretariat to revise it in the light of the decisions taken at the Council's fifty-third session.

### Elections

(*Agenda item 19*)

At its 1837th meeting, on 28 July 1972, the Council:

(a) Elected the following States to the Committee on Science and Technology for Development for a term of office of three years, beginning on 1 January 1973: Canada, Ceylon, Colombia, Netherlands, New Zealand, People's Democratic Republic of Yemen, Philippines and Spain;

(b) Elected Malaysia and the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen to the Committee on Review and Appraisal for a term of office ending on 31 December 1973;

(c) Decided to postpone until its resumed fifty-third session the election of:

(i) One member from the Asian group of States to the Statistical Commission;

- (ii) Two members from the group of Western European and other States to the Committee on Natural Resources;
- (iii) Six members from the African group of States and three Members from the Asian group of States to the Committee on Review and Appraisal;
- (iv) Five members from the African group of States, four members from the Asian group of States, and one member from the group of Western European and other States to the Committee on Science and Technology for Development.

At its 1837th meeting, on 28 July 1972, the Council elected the following fourteen States to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs: Federal Republic of Germany, Hungary, India, Kenya, Pakistan, Sweden and Thailand for a term of office of three years, beginning on 1 January 1973; and Australia, Chile, Egypt, Indonesia, Mexico, Morocco and Romania for a term of office of one year, beginning on 1 January 1973. The composition of the Commission in 1973 will therefore be as follows:

<i>States</i>	<i>Term of office expires on 31 December</i>
Argentina . . . . .	1975
Australia . . . . .	1973
Brazil . . . . .	1973
Canada . . . . .	1975
Chile . . . . .	1973
Egypt . . . . .	1973
Federal Republic of Germany . . . . .	1975
France . . . . .	1975
Hungary . . . . .	1975
India . . . . .	1975
Indonesia . . . . .	1973
Jamaica . . . . .	1973
Japan . . . . .	1973
Kenya . . . . .	1975
Lebanon . . . . .	1973
Mexico . . . . .	1973
Morocco . . . . .	1973
Nigeria . . . . .	1975
Pakistan . . . . .	1975
Peru . . . . .	1975
Romania . . . . .	1973
Sweden . . . . .	1975

<sup>108</sup> E/L.1512.

<sup>109</sup> See E/L.1491. The programme is also reproduced in the report of the Co-ordination Committee (see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-third Session, Annexes*, agenda item 18, document E/5200).

<sup>110</sup> See foot-note 109 above.

<i>States</i>	<i>Term of office expires on 31 December</i>
Switzerland . . . . .	1975
Thailand . . . . .	1975
Togo . . . . .	1973
Turkey . . . . .	1973
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics . . . . .	1973
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland . . . . .	1973
United States of America . . . . .	1975
Yugoslavia . . . . .	1975

**Financial implications of actions of the Council  
at its fifty-third session**

At its 1837th meeting, on 28 July 1972, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial implications of the decisions taken at its fifty-third session.<sup>111</sup>

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<sup>111</sup> E/5208.

## CHECK LIST OF RESOLUTIONS

NOTE. The resolutions of the Economic and Social Council are numbered in the order of their adoption. This check list includes all the resolutions adopted by the Council during the fifty-third session.

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