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## **AGENDA FOR THE RESUMED FIFTY-THIRD SESSION**

### **Resulting from decisions taken by the Council at its fifty-second and fifty-third sessions, and at its 1838th\* and 1840th meetings**

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1. Question of the establishment of an international university.
2. Question of the establishment of a United Nations revolving fund for natural resources exploration.
3. Report of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment.
4. Report of the Population Commission on its special session.
5. Regional co-operation: draft resolution submitted by Lebanon entitled "Establishment of an economic commission for Western Asia".
6. Reports of the World Bank Group.
7. Report of the Trade and Development Board.
8. Report of the International Monetary Fund.
9. Elections.
10. Consideration of the provisional agenda for the organizational meetings.
11. World Food Programme: modification of the WFP budget cycle.\*\*
12. Calendar of conferences and related matters.\*\*

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\* At its 1838th meeting, on 12 September 1972, the Council decided to delete the item entitled "Question of the creation of an intergovernmental sea service" and inform the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session that the question would be taken up at a subsequent session after consideration of it by the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction.

\*\* At its 1840th meeting, on 17 October 1972, the Council decided to include this item on its agenda.

**RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL  
DURING ITS RESUMED FIFTY-THIRD SESSION**

**ECONOMIC QUESTIONS**

**1732 (LIII). Question of the admission of the German Democratic Republic to the Economic Commission for Europe**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Considering that the German Democratic Republic can actively contribute to the activities of the Economic Commission for Europe and has expressed its readiness to contribute to the important work of the Commission by accepting the responsibilities inherent in the status of members,<sup>1</sup>

Considering that the presence of the German Democratic Republic in the Economic Commission for Europe will further the economic co-operation among the countries in that region, thus facilitating the implementation of the Commission's responsibilities,

1. *Decides* to change paragraph 7 of the terms of reference of the Economic Commission for Europe by adding the German Democratic Republic to the list of members of the Commission, on the condition that this State offers itself as a candidate and agrees to pay an equitable contribution to the budget of the United Nations, the total amount of which will be determined periodically by the General Assembly in accordance with the procedure established by the Assembly in similar cases;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to enter into consultations with the Government of the German Democratic Republic and to take all steps necessary to obtain the agreement between that Government and the General Assembly on the amount of the contribution which that Government will be required to make to the budget of the United Nations.

*1846'h plenary meeting  
13 December 1972*

<sup>1</sup> E/5229.

**Decisions**

**Report of the Trade and Development Board  
(Item 7)**

At its 1843rd meeting, on 16 November 1972, the Council decided to transmit the report of the Trade and Development Board, covering the period from 21 September 1971 to 25 October 1972,<sup>2</sup> to the General Assembly and to draw the attention of the Assembly to the comments on the subject made in the Council at its 1843rd meeting.

**Reports of the World Bank Group  
(Item 6)**

At its 1842nd meeting, on 18 October 1972, the Council took note with appreciation of the report of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Development Association, and of the report of the International Finance Corporation.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>2</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/8715/Rev.1)*. The report was transmitted to the Council by a note by the Secretary-General (E/5219).

<sup>3</sup> International Bank for Reconstruction and Development—International Development Association, *Annual Report, 1972* (Washington, D.C.); International Finance Corporation, *Annual Report, 1972* (Washington, D.C.). Summaries of the reports were transmitted to members of the Economic and Social Council by a note by the Secretary-General (E/5216).

**Report of the International Monetary Fund  
(Item 8)**

At its 1845th meeting, on 17 November 1972, the Council took note with appreciation of the report of the International Monetary Fund.<sup>4</sup>

**Question of the establishment of an economic  
commission for Western Asia  
(Item 5)**

At its 1845th meeting, on 17 November 1972, the Council deferred consideration of the draft resolution submitted by Lebanon<sup>5</sup> to its fifty-fifth session.

**Question of the establishment of a United Nations  
revolving fund for natural resources exploration  
(Item 2)**

At its 1845th meeting, on 17 November 1972, the Council deferred further consideration of the item to its fifty-fourth session.

<sup>4</sup> International Monetary Fund, *Annual Report, 1972* (Washington, D.C.). A summary of the report was transmitted to members of the Economic and Social Council by a note by the Secretary-General (E/5215).

<sup>5</sup> E/L.1497/Rev.2.

**Report of the Population Commission  
on its special session**

**(Item 4)**

At its 1845th meeting, on 17 November 1972, the Council decided (a) that the Population Commission should meet at approximately six-month intervals in the period between the conclusion of its special session (August 1972) and the opening of the World Population Conference, 1974; (b) that the name of the Advisory Committee on Global Population Strategy be changed to "Advisory Committee of Experts on the World Population Plan of Action", and that, consequently, the study on global population strategy should be renamed "Study on population problems, policies and priorities: technical background to the World Population Plan of Action"; (c) to reconsider its decision (resolution 1484 (XLVIII)) regarding the participation of specialists in the Conference and to this effect endorsed the views expressed by the Population Commission in paragraphs 45 and 46 of its report<sup>6</sup>

<sup>6</sup> Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 12 (E/5212).

on the role of specialists in the Conference; (d) that the Advisory Committee of Experts on the World Population Plan of Action should meet at least twice more, and that the number of experts on the Committee should be increased; (e) to take note of the report of the Population Commission on its special session.<sup>6</sup>

**Modification of the World Food Programme  
budget cycle**

**(Item 11)**

At its 1842nd meeting, on 18 October 1972, the Council approved the amendment proposed by the United Nations/FAO Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Programme<sup>7</sup> that the World Food Programme budget cycle should be biennial and that the first biennial period should be 1974-1975, which would coincide with the FAO biennial cycle.

<sup>7</sup> Tenth annual report of the United Nations/FAO Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Programme (see E/5129).

**SPECIAL QUESTIONS**

**1731 (LIII). Question of the establishment of an  
international university**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1653 (LI) of 23 November 1971,

*Recalling also* General Assembly resolution 2822 (XXVI) of 16 December 1971,

*Recalling further* that the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization took a decision on this question on 27 June 1972,<sup>8</sup> in which the Board, *inter alia*, reaffirmed its commendation of the proposal to establish an international university under the auspices of the United Nations and expressed its agreement with the main conclusions of studies already conducted,

*Recognizing* the importance and value to the world community of an autonomous international university system under the auspices of the United Nations, with the full co-operation of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization according to the guidelines set out by the Panel of Experts on the Establishment of an International University,

<sup>8</sup> See E/5155/Add.1.

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the reports of the Secretary-General<sup>9</sup> and endorses the views and recommendations of the Secretary-General contained therein;

2. *Recommends* that the General Assembly take a decision on the establishment of an international university at its twenty-seventh session, taking into consideration the comments and observations on the subject made in the Economic and Social Council and at the seventeenth session of the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization;

3. *Recommends also* that the General Assembly take practical steps for implementation as soon as possible, including the creation of a founding committee composed of a limited number of experts representing major academic, educational and cultural trends in the world and charged with drafting the charter of the university;

4. *Emphasizes* the need for financial support for the international university to be made available through voluntary contributions by governmental and non-governmental sources.

*1839th plenary meeting  
15 September 1972*

<sup>9</sup> A/8510 and Add.1/Rev.1, E/5155 and Add.1.

**Decision**

**Report of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment  
(Item 3)**

At its 1840th meeting, on 17 October 1972, the Council took note of the report of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment<sup>10</sup> and the report of the Secretary-General thereon.<sup>11</sup>

<sup>10</sup> Document A/CONF.48/14, transmitted to the Council by a note by the Secretary-General (E/5211).

<sup>11</sup> Document A/8783, transmitted to the Council by a note by the Secretary-General (E/5217).



## OTHER DECISIONS

### Calendar of conferences and related matters (Item 12)

(a) At its 1843rd meeting, on 16 November 1972, the Council approved the following additions to its programme of meetings for 1973:

| <i>Date</i>    | <i>Place</i> |  |
|----------------|--------------|--|
| 19-23 February | Accra        | ECA—Conference of Ministers                          |
| 5-16 March     | New York     | <i>Ad Hoc</i> Group of Experts on Geographical Names |
| 19-30 March    | New York     | Population Commission (special session)              |
| 21-30 March    | Quito        | ECLA (fifteenth session)                             |
| 11-23 April    | Tokyo        | ECAFE (twenty-ninth session)                         |
| April          | Addis Ababa  | ECA Executive Committee (ninth session)              |
| September      | Addis Ababa  | ECA Technical Committee of Experts                   |
| November       | Addis Ababa  | ECA Executive Committee (tenth session)              |
| 3-14 December  | Geneva       | Expert Group on Tax Treaties;                        |

(b) At its 1845th meeting, on 17 November 1972, the Council:

- (i) Approved the proposal to convene the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts of the Commission on Human Rights on 15 January at Geneva, instead of in New York;
- (ii) Approved the proposal that the Committee on Natural Resources (third session) should meet at New Delhi from 5 to 16 February, instead of from 12 to 23 February;
- (iii) Approved the proposal that the sessions of the Working Group of the Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities and of the Sub-Commission itself, scheduled for Geneva from 13 to 24 August and from 27 August to 14 September, respectively, be postponed by one week;
- (iv) Approved the proposal to invite the Working Group on Oceanography and Data Exchange of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission to meet at United Nations Headquarters from 9 to 13 July 1973.

### Election of one member of the Committee on Science and Technology for Development (Item 9)

At its 1845th meeting, on 17 November 1972, the Council elected MONGOLIA to the Committee on Science and Technology for Development for a term of office of three years beginning on 1 January 1973.

### Election of one member of the Statistical Commission (Item 9)

At its 1845th meeting, on 17 November 1972, the Council elected SRI LANKA to the Statistical Commission for a term of office of four years beginning on 1 January 1973.

### Postponement of elections (Item 9)

At its 1845th meeting, on 17 November 1972, the Council postponed until the organizational meetings of its fifty-fourth session the election of:

#### (a) *Committee on Natural Resources*

One member for a term of office of four years and one member for a term of office of two years from Western European and other States beginning on 1 January 1973;

#### (b) *Committee on Science and Technology for Development*

Five members from African States, three members from Asian States and one member from Western European and other States for a term of office of three years beginning on 1 January 1973;

#### (c) *Committee on Review and Appraisal*

Six members from African States and three members from Asian States for a term of office ending on 31 December 1973.

### Consideration of the provisional agenda for the organizational meetings of the fifty-fourth session (Item 10)

At its 1845th meeting, on 17 November 1972, the Council approved its provisional agenda for the organizational meetings of the fifty-fourth session.<sup>12</sup>

<sup>12</sup> See E/L.1524.

## CHECK LIST OF RESOLUTIONS

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