



**ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL**

**OFFICIAL RECORDS**

**FIFTY-SEVENTH SESSION**

**3 July - 2 August 1974**

# **RESOLUTIONS**

**SUPPLEMENT No. 1**

**UNITED NATIONS**

---

### كيفية الحصول على منشورات الأمم المتحدة

يمكن الحصول على منشورات الأمم المتحدة من المكتبات ودور التوزيع في جميع أنحاء العالم - استعلم عنها من المكتبة التي تتعامل معها أو اكتب إلى : الأمم المتحدة ، قسم البيع في نيويورك أو في جنيف .

#### 如何购取联合国出版物

联合国出版物在全世界各地的书店和经售处均有发售。请向书店询问或写信到纽约或日内瓦的联合国销售组。

#### HOW TO OBTAIN UNITED NATIONS PUBLICATIONS

United Nations publications may be obtained from bookstores and distributors throughout the world. Consult your bookstore or write to: United Nations, Sales Section, New York or Geneva.

#### COMMENT SE PROCURER LES PUBLICATIONS DES NATIONS UNIES

Les publications des Nations Unies sont en vente dans les librairies et les agences dépositaires du monde entier. Informez-vous auprès de votre libraire ou adressez-vous à : Nations Unies, Section des ventes, New York ou Genève.

#### КАК ПОЛУЧИТЬ ИЗДАНИЯ ОРГАНИЗАЦИИ ОБЪЕДИНЕННЫХ НАЦИЙ

Издания Организации Объединенных Наций можно купить в книжных магазинах и агентствах во всех районах мира. Наводите справки об изданиях в вашем книжном магазине или пишите по адресу : Организация Объединенных Наций, Секция по продаже изданий, Нью-Йорк или Женева.

#### COMO CONSEGUIR PUBLICACIONES DE LAS NACIONES UNIDAS

Las publicaciones de las Naciones Unidas están en venta en librerías y casas distribuidoras en todas partes del mundo. Consulte a su librero o diríjase a: Naciones Unidas, Sección de Ventas, Nueva York o Ginebra.

---



**ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL**

**OFFICIAL RECORDS**

**FIFTY-SEVENTH SESSION**

**3 July - 2 August 1974**

# **RESOLUTIONS**

**SUPPLEMENT No. 1**

**UNITED NATIONS**

**New York, 1974**

## **NOTE**

Symbols of United Nations documents are composed of capital letters combined with figures. Mention of such a symbol indicates a reference to a United Nations document.

The arabic and roman numerals identifying each resolution or decision indicate, respectively, the number of the resolution or decision and the number of the session at which it was adopted.

**E/5570**

## CONTENTS

	<i>Page</i>
<b>Agenda for the fifty-seventh session</b> . . . . .	<b>vii</b>

### RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL DURING ITS FIFTY-SEVENTH SESSION \*

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

##### Resolutions

<b>1874 (LVII).</b> The economic and social situation in the Sudano-Sahelian region stricken by drought and measures to be taken for the benefit of that region . . . . .	1
<b>1875 (LVII).</b> Assistance to Zambia . . . . .	1
<b>1876 (LVII).</b> Assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia . . . . .	2
<b>1877 (LVII).</b> Assistance to southern Sudanese returnees and displaced persons . . . . .	3
<b>1878 (LVII).</b> The drought problem in Africa . . . . .	3
<b>1879 (LVII).</b> Emergency measures in regard to the supply of fertilizers and pesticides . . . . .	3

##### Decisions

<b>23 (LVII).</b> World Food Conference . . . . .	4
<b>24 (LVII).</b> Report of the Preparatory Committee for the World Food Conference . . . . .	4
<b>25 (LVII).</b> Human rights questions: allegations regarding infringements of trade union rights . . . . .	4
<b>26 (LVII).</b> Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees . . . . .	4
<b>27 (LVII).</b> Financial implications of actions taken by the Council at its fifty-sixth and fifty-seventh sessions . . . . .	5

#### Resolutions and decisions adopted on the reports of the Economic Committee

##### Resolutions

<b>1895 (LVII).</b> Change of name from "Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East" to "Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific" (E/5564) . . . . .	5
<b>1896 (LVII).</b> Regional co-operation (E/5564) . . . . .	5
<b>1897 (LVII).</b> Question of convening a United Nations conference on science and technology (E/5563) . . . . .	6
<b>1898 (LVII).</b> World programme of development research and application of science and technology to solve the special problems of the arid areas (E/5563) . . . . .	7
<b>1899 (LVII).</b> Mobilization of public opinion in relation to the World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development and the regional plans (E/5563) . . . . .	8
<b>1900 (LVII).</b> Implementation of the World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development (E/5563) . . . . .	8
<b>1901 (LVII).</b> Quantification of scientific and technological activities related to development (E/5563) . . . . .	9
<b>1902 (LVII).</b> The role of an international technological information system in the transfer and assessment of technology and in the indigenous growth of appropriate technologies in developing countries (E/5563) . . . . .	10

\* The symbol of the report of the sessional committee (Economic Committee or Policy and Programme Co-ordination Committee) is given in parentheses after the title of each resolution and decision adopted on the report of a sessional committee. For the final text of the sessional committees' reports, see the report of the Council to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session (*Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/9603)*).

<b>Resolutions</b>	<i>Page</i>
<b>1903 (LVII).</b> Application of computer science and technology to development (E/5563) . . . . .	11
<b>1904 (LVII).</b> Outflow of trained personnel from developing to developed countries (E/5563) . . . . .	12
<b>1905 (LVII).</b> Institutional arrangements for science and technology (E/5563) . . . . .	13
<b>1908 (LVII).</b> The impact of transnational corporations on the development process and on international relations (E/5575 (part II)) . . . . .	13
<b>1909 (LVII).</b> Second General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (E/5577)	14
<b>1911 (LVII).</b> Implementation of the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order; mid-term review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy; special session of the General Assembly devoted to development and international economic co-operation (E/5579 (part II)) . . . . .	15
<b>Decisions</b>	
<b>28 (LVII).</b> Special economic problems and development needs of developing island countries (E/5579 (part I)) . . . . .	18
<b>29 (LVII).</b> Report of the Committee for Development Planning (E/5579 (part I)) . . . . .	18
<b>30 (LVII).</b> Special measures in favour of the least developed countries (E/5579 (part I)) . . . . .	18
<b>31 (LVII).</b> Special measures related to the particular needs of the land-locked developing countries (E/5579 (part I)) . . . . .	18
<b>32 (LVII).</b> Study of the problems of raw materials and development: consideration of draft resolutions referred to the Council by the General Assembly (E/5576) . . . . .	18
<b>33 (LVII).</b> Permanent sovereignty over natural resources (E/5566) . . . . .	18
<b>34 (LVII).</b> Annual report of the Economic Commission for Europe (E/5564) . . . . .	18
<b>35 (LVII).</b> Annual report of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East (E/5564) . . . . .	19
<b>36 (LVII).</b> Reports of the Economic Commission for Latin America (E/5564) . . . . .	19
<b>37 (LVII).</b> Annual report of the Economic Commission for Africa (E/5564) . . . . .	19
<b>38 (LVII).</b> Report of the Economic Commission for Western Asia (E/5564) . . . . .	19
<b>39 (LVII).</b> Report on the meetings of the Executive Secretaries of the regional economic commissions (E/5564) . . . . .	19
<b>40 (LVII).</b> Report of the Committee on Science and Technology for Development (E/5563) . . . . .	19

**Resolutions and decisions adopted on the reports of the Policy and Programme Co-ordination Committee**

<b>Resolutions</b>	
<b>1880 (LVII).</b> Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund (E/5567) . . . . .	20
<b>1881 (LVII).</b> Proposal for an International Children's Year (E/5567) . . . . .	20
<b>1882 (LVII).</b> Establishment of an international habitat and human settlements foundation (E/5568) . . . . .	20
<b>1883 (LVII).</b> Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (E/5568) . . . . .	21
<b>1884 (LVII).</b> Technical assistance activities of the United Nations in housing, building and planning (E/5569)	21
<b>1885 (LVII).</b> World Housing Survey (E/5569) . . . . .	22
<b>1886 (LVII).</b> Improvement and development of building technologies based on locally available materials (E/5569) . . . . .	22
<b>1887 (LVII).</b> International Book Year, 1972, and the Second United Nations Development Decade: report of the secretariat of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (E/5562/Add.1) . . . . .	23
<b>1888 (LVII).</b> Reports of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency (E/5562/Add.1)	23
<b>1889 (LVII).</b> Special report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on information systems (E/5562/Add.2) . . . . .	24
<b>1890 (LVII).</b> Agreement with the World Intellectual Property Organization (E/5562) . . . . .	25
<b>1891 (LVII).</b> Assistance in cases of natural disaster and other disaster situations (E/5571) . . . . .	28

<b>Resolutions</b>	<i>Page</i>
<b>1892 (LVII).</b> Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations (E/5574) . . . . .	29
<b>1893 (LVII).</b> Meetings of working groups of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (E/5573) . . . . .	31
<b>1894 (LVII).</b> Rationalization of the work of the Council (E/5573) . . . . .	31
<b>1906 (LVII).</b> Review of the agreements between the United Nations and the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency (E/5562/Add.3 (part II)) . . . . .	31
<b>1907 (LVII).</b> Revised pattern of meetings (E/5573/Add.1) . . . . .	32
<b>1910 (LVII).</b> Priorities in the economic, social and human rights fields (E/5562/Add.3 (part II)) . . . . .	32

<b>Decisions</b>	
<b>41 (LVII).</b> Machinery for programme and co-ordination (E/5562/Add.3 (part I)) . . . . .	33
<b>42 (LVII).</b> Creation of an informal group to examine the machinery for programme and co-ordination (E/5562/Add.3 (part I)) . . . . .	33
<b>43 (LVII).</b> Report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination (E/5562/Add.2) . . . . .	33
<b>44 (LVII).</b> Report on the Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination (E/5562/Add.2) . . . . .	34
<b>45 (LVII).</b> Comprehensive policy review of operational activities throughout the United Nations system (E/5567) . . . . .	34
<b>46 (LVII).</b> Reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme (E/5567) . . . . .	34
<b>47 (LVII).</b> United Nations Capital Development Fund (E/5567) . . . . .	34
<b>48 (LVII).</b> World Food Programme (E/5567) . . . . .	34
<b>49 (LVII).</b> United Nations Volunteers programme (E/5567) . . . . .	34
<b>50 (LVII).</b> Report of the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning (E/5569) . . . . .	34
<b>51 (LVII).</b> Report of the Joint Inspection Unit (E/5572) . . . . .	34
<b>52 (LVII).</b> Calendar of conferences and meetings (E/5573) . . . . .	34

**Check list of resolutions and decisions**

Resolutions . . . . .	37
Decisions . . . . .	38





## AGENDA FOR THE FIFTY-SEVENTH SESSION

Adopted by the Council at its 1900th meeting, held on 3 July 1974

1. Opening of the session.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. General discussion of international economic and social policy, including regional and sectoral developments.\*
4. Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order.\*
5. Study of the problems of raw materials and development: consideration of draft resolutions referred to the Council by the General Assembly.\*\*
6. Special session of the General Assembly devoted to development and international economic co-operation.\*\*
7. Collective economic security.\*
8. The impact of multinational corporations on the development process and on international relations.\*\*
9. World Food Conference.\*
10. Consideration of the economic and social situation in the Sudano-Sahelian region stricken by drought and measures to be taken for the benefit of that region.\*
11. Economic assistance to Zambia.\*
12. Assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia.\*
13. Permanent sovereignty over natural resources.\*\*
14. Second United Nations Development Decade:\*\*
  - (a) Development planning and projections;
  - (b) Special measures in favour of the least developed countries;
  - (c) Special measures related to the particular needs of the land-locked developing countries;
  - (d) Preparations for the mid-term review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, including further consideration of the machinery for review and appraisal of the Strategy.
15. Operational activities for development:\*\*\*
  - (a) Comprehensive policy review of operational activities throughout the United Nations system;
  - (b) United Nations Development Programme;
  - (c) United Nations Capital Development Fund;
  - (d) Technical co-operation activities undertaken by the Secretary-General;
  - (e) United Nations Fund for Population Activities;
  - (f) United Nations Children's Fund;
  - (g) World Food Programme;
  - (h) Co-operation among developing countries in the United Nations technical co-operation programmes and increased efficiency of the capacity of the United Nations development system;
  - (i) United Nations Volunteers programme.

16. International environment co-operation:\*\*\*
  - (a) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme;
  - (b) Measures for protecting and enhancing the human environment;
  - (c) Natural resources and environment.
17. Industrial development co-operation.\*\*
18. Regional co-operation:\*\*
  - (a) Reports of the regional economic commissions;
  - (b) Report on the meetings of the Executive Secretaries of the regional economic commissions.
19. Science and technology: report of the Committee on Science and Technology for Development on its second session.\*\*
20. Housing, building and planning.\*\*\*
21. Programme and co-ordination:\*\*\*
  - (a) Machinery for programme and co-ordination;
  - (b) Reports of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency;
  - (c) Reports of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination;
  - (d) Report on the Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination;
  - (e) Review of the agreements between the United Nations and the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency;
  - (f) Relations with the World Intellectual Property Organization;
  - (g) Priorities in the economic, social and human rights fields.
22. Assistance to southern Sudanese returnees and displaced persons.\*
23. Assistance in cases of natural disaster and other disaster situations.\*\*\*
24. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations.\*\*\*
25. Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit: pending reports.\*\*\*
26. Calendar of conferences.\*\*\*

---

\* Item considered without reference to a sessional committee.

\*\* Item considered by the Economic Committee.

\*\*\* Item considered by the Policy and Programme Co-ordination Committee.

## RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL DURING ITS FIFTY-SEVENTH SESSION

### RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS ADOPTED WITHOUT REFERENCE TO A SESSIONAL COMMITTEE

#### RESOLUTIONS

#### 1874 (LVII). The economic and social situation in the Sudano-Sahelian region stricken by drought and measures to be taken for the benefit of that region

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Noting with satisfaction the report of the Secretary-General<sup>1</sup> on the action taken in recent months to mobilize the resources of the United Nations system for the benefit of the Sudano-Sahelian region,

Recalling the relevant General Assembly and Economic and Social Council resolutions, in particular resolution 3202 (S-VI) adopted by the General Assembly on 1 May 1974 at its sixth special session, concerning the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, and the emergency measures to be taken on behalf of the developing countries most seriously affected by the economic crisis,

Noting with satisfaction the part played by the Office for the Sahelian Relief Operations of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and by the United Nations Special Sahelian Office, in co-ordinating action by the United Nations system to provide medium-term and long-term assistance,

Taking into account the disturbing scientific studies according to which it is unlikely that the climatic and ecological conditions will return to normal,

1. Urges the international community and the specialized agencies concerned to intensify their efforts towards the achievement of the objectives established in the relief and assistance programmes and towards securing the resources and facilities needed for their realization;

2. Further urges the international community and the specialized agencies to ensure that international relief activities are co-ordinated as closely as possible, and to take immediate special measures to strengthen the technical, administrative and financial capacity of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel;

3. Expresses the firm hope that more advanced measures will be determined by the Secretary-General, so as to

eliminate, in the course of the Second United Nations Development Decade, the possibility of a further crisis;

4. Requests the international community, and especially the organizations of the United Nations system, to attach increasing importance to action-oriented measures and programmes, and to base the long-term development strategy on the need for transforming ecological conditions in the region in question;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to hasten the preparatory work on the possible establishment of a research institute for the arid Sahelian zone, in close collaboration with the United Nations Environment Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Meteorological Organization and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, and in co-operation with the other existing appropriate bodies;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to pursue with determination and in co-operation with the appropriate financial institutions and organizations the action necessary to meet, in an effective and continuing manner, the requests for medium-term and long-term assistance formulated by the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel and by the Governments concerned,

7. Further requests the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council, at its fifty-eighth session, on developments in the situation in the Sudano-Sahelian region, and in particular on the stage of completion of projects submitted in connexion with medium-term and long-term assistance

1915th plenary meeting  
16 July 1974

#### 1875 (LVII) Assistance to Zambia

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Guided by Security Council resolution 329 (1973) of 10 March 1973, in which the Security Council, *inter alia*, requested the Economic and Social Council to consider

<sup>1</sup> E/5554.

periodically the question of assistance to Zambia to enable Zambia to pursue its policy of economic independence from the racist illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia, in compliance with the United Nations sanctions policy against that régime,

*Bearing in mind* General Assembly resolution 3173 (XXVIII) of 17 December 1973 and Council resolutions 1766 (LIV) of 18 May 1973, 1798 (LV) of 24 July 1973 and 1832 (LVI) of 8 May 1974 on the subject of assistance to Zambia,

*Conscious* of the fact that, in spite of the progress so far achieved, the emergency operation necessitated by the closure of Zambia's border with the illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia has yet to be completed,

*Recognizing* that the adverse effects of the border closure on the economic and social well-being of Zambia have been particularly aggravated by the present world economic difficulties,

1. *Takes note* of the mid-term report of the Secretary-General<sup>2</sup> on the emergency operation and, in particular, of the positive measures so far undertaken by the world community to enable Zambia to maintain the normal flow of traffic by alternative routes;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to maintain and consolidate his efforts to mobilize increased assistance from Member States and components of the United Nations system in the next critical phase of the emergency operation to enable Zambia to overcome the economic and other problems arising from the closure of its southern border, which have been particularly aggravated by the recent deterioration of the world economic situation;

3. *Urges* Member States to provide more and greater assistance to Zambia, thereby helping Zambia to bear the financial and economic burden arising from the closure of its southern border with the illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia in implementation of the United Nations sanctions policy against that régime;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to submit to the Council, on a regular basis, reports on the measures taken and progress made in assisting Zambia to overcome the adverse effects arising from the closure of its southern border.

*1915th plenary meeting  
16 July 1974*

#### **1876 (LVII). Assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1833 (LVI) of 8 May 1974 concerning humanitarian assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia,

*Further recalling* General Assembly resolution 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 concerning the Programme of

<sup>2</sup> See the statement made on behalf of the Secretary-General at the 1913th plenary meeting of the Council, held on 15 July 1974 (E/SR.1913).

Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, particularly section X thereof containing the Special Programme of emergency measures to mitigate the difficulties of the developing countries most seriously affected by the economic crisis,

*Noting with appreciation* the assistance furnished by many Governments, the United Nations system, other international organizations, voluntary agencies and private donors, including the measures taken by the Secretary-General and the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator towards the containment of the consequences of the drought in Ethiopia, as reported by the Secretary-General and the Co-ordinator,<sup>3</sup>

*Further noting* the strenuous efforts of the Government of Ethiopia to alleviate the hardships suffered by the victims of the drought,

*Realizing* that the drought-stricken area extends to eight of the fourteen provinces of Ethiopia and that the drought is affecting three million people and millions of head of cattle in those areas, and aware that an infestation of armyworms is currently jeopardizing the harvest of the 1974/75 crop,

1. *Invites* all Member States, international organizations and voluntary agencies to continue to give their fullest support and assistance to the endeavours made by the Secretary-General and the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator in mobilizing emergency relief assistance;

2. *Requests* the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, in collaboration with the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, to supply urgently to the Ethiopian Government insecticides and other supporting equipment and assistance needed to fight against the armyworm infestation, and to continue their participation in the campaign against such crop pests;

3. *Requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, in collaboration with all appropriate United Nations organs and specialized agencies of the United Nations, to intensify the response to the needs for recovery, rehabilitation and development, taking into account the Special Programme of emergency measures adopted by the General Assembly at its sixth special session;

4. *Appeals* to the international financial institutions to give urgent and sympathetic consideration to requests that the Ethiopian Government may make for grants or loans for projects designed to rehabilitate the population afflicted by drought and to ensure that such loans and credits are of the greatest possible magnitude;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-eighth session on further measures undertaken by the international community towards the alleviation of the emergency drought situation;

6. *Further requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to report to the

<sup>3</sup> E/5560 and E.L.1591 respectively.

Governing Council of the Programme at its nineteenth session and, through it, to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-ninth session on the progress made towards recovery and rehabilitation and the implementation of the specific measures embodied in the Special Programme of emergency measures adopted by the General Assembly at its sixth special session.

*1915th plenary meeting  
16 July 1974*

**1877 (LVII). Assistance to southern Sudanese returnees and displaced persons**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 1655 (LII) of 1 June 1972, 1705 (LIII) of 27 July 1972, 1741 (LIV) of 4 May 1973 and 1799 (LV) of 30 July 1973 and General Assembly resolution 2958 (XXVII) of 12 December 1972,

*Having considered* the final report prepared by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees pursuant to Council resolution 1799 (LV)<sup>4</sup> and the statement made by the High Commissioner at the Council's 1913th plenary meeting, held on 15 July 1974,<sup>5</sup>

*Commending* the successful efforts made by the Government of the Sudan in restoring economic and social order in the country's southern region,

*Noting* that considerable further development aid will be required for the Sudan to finalize the rehabilitation of the returnees and displaced persons,

1. *Commends* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for the effective manner in which he has organized and co-ordinated the United Nations immediate relief programme in the southern Sudan, thus enabling Sudanese returnees and displaced persons to embark on a new existence in their home country;

2. *Expresses its deep gratitude* to the Governments which, through their generosity and co-operative spirit, have greatly contributed to the implementation of the relief programme;

3. *Expresses its deep appreciation* to the agencies of the United Nations system and to the governmental and non-governmental organizations which have contributed to the success of the operation;

4. *Commends* the United Nations Development Programme for the activities it is carrying on as the focal point for the long-term reconstruction of the southern region of the Sudan.

*1915th plenary meeting  
16 July 1974*

**1878 (LVII). The drought problem in Africa**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Considering* that the drought in the Sudano-Sahelian region and Ethiopia seems to be part of a profound

ecological disturbance threatening an increasing number of African countries,

*Noting* the activities already undertaken in this respect by various organs of the United Nations system, such as the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Meteorological Organization, the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Development Programme, the Economic Commission for Africa, the World Health Organization and the Committee on Science and Technology for Development,

*Convinced* of the need for a well co-ordinated interdisciplinary approach to the drought problem in Africa,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General and all the organizations of the United Nations system concerned to pursue vigorously their activities and efforts towards a broad, system-wide attack on this drought problem;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit an interim report on such activities of the United Nations system to the Council at its fifty-eighth session.

*1915th plenary meeting  
16 July 1974*

**1879 (LVII). Emergency measures in regard to the supply of fertilizers and pesticides**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1836 (LVI) of 14 May 1974 concerning emergency measures in regard to the supply of fertilizers and pesticides,

*Having heard* the report of the Secretary-General,<sup>6</sup> made in pursuance of that resolution,

*Noting with appreciation* the action taken by the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, also in pursuance of that resolution,

*Reaffirming* its continued concern at the scarcity and prevailing high prices of fertilizers and pesticides,

1. *Welcomes* resolution 1/63 adopted on 19 July 1974 by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations<sup>7</sup> in pursuance of the request for action expressed by the Economic and Social Council, and especially the approval contained in that resolution for the immediate establishment of the International Fertilizer Supply Scheme, and in pursuance thereof:

(a) Re-emphasizes the need for the immediate implementation of the International Fertilizer Supply Scheme as outlined in resolution 1/63;

(b) Calls upon all Governments to participate fully in the Scheme;

<sup>4</sup> E/5483.

<sup>5</sup> See E/SR.1913.

<sup>6</sup> See E/SR.1918.

<sup>7</sup> E/L.1609, annex, para. 25.

(c) Appeals to Governments of industrialized countries and others in a position to do so to make contributions immediately to the Fertilizer Pool in the form of fertilizers or of cash;

(d) (i) Invites the Governments of developing countries to keep the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations informed of their current fertilizer and pesticide import requirements and to submit requests for fertilizers under the Scheme;

(ii) Invites the Governments of exporting countries to keep the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations informed regularly of the availability of fertilizers and of plans for their production to meet the minimum demands of the developing countries;

2. *Re-emphasizes* the need for Governments of countries manufacturing and exporting fertilizers and pesticides to implement urgently paragraph 2 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1836 (LVI), with a view to making available fertilizers and pesticides to developing countries at reasonable prices;

3. *Urges* Governments of developed countries to ensure wherever possible that low-priority uses of fertilizer are reduced to a minimum;

4. *Calls upon* the developed countries, and others in a position to do so, to take all possible steps, including the provision of technical and financial assistance on the softest possible terms through all appropriate institutions, to assist developing countries to improve their fertilizer production;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations to bring the present resolution urgently to the attention of Governments and to appeal for an urgent and positive response;

6. *Requests* the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to report to the Economic and Social Council at its resumed fifty-seventh session on the progress of the International Fertilizer Supply Scheme.

1918th plenary meeting  
31 July 1974

## DECISIONS

### 23 (LVII). World Food Conference

At its 1916th meeting, on 19 July 1974, the Council:

(a) Took note of the report of the Preparatory Committee for the World Food Conference on its second session;<sup>8</sup>

(b) Approved the draft provisional rules of procedure of the World Food Conference,<sup>9</sup> reproduced in the report of the Preparatory Committee, and decided to transmit them for adoption by the Conference;

(c) Approved the draft provisional agenda of the Conference<sup>10</sup> and the proposed organization of work for the Conference<sup>11</sup> and decided to transmit them for adoption by the Conference;

(d) Decided that the third session of the Preparatory Committee should be held at Rome from 23 September to 4 October 1974, in accordance with a recommendation made by the Preparatory Committee at its 19th meeting;<sup>12</sup>

(e) Decided to convene a meeting of interested delegations at Rome from 16 to 20 September 1974 to consider certain specific proposals for possible consideration by the Conference and to report thereon to the Preparatory Committee at its third session, in accordance with a recommendation made by the Committee.<sup>13</sup>

### 24 (LVII). Report of the Preparatory Committee for the World Food Conference

At its 1918th meeting, on 31 July 1974, the Council decided to consider the report of the Preparatory Com-

<sup>8</sup> E/5533.

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

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

<sup>11</sup> *Ibid.*, annex III.

<sup>12</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 43.

<sup>13</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 20.

mittee for the World Food Conference on its third session, to be held at Rome from 23 September to 4 October 1974, together with the report of the World Food Conference, as soon as the latter report became available.

### 25 (LVII). Human rights questions: allegations regarding infringements of trade union rights

At its 1918th meeting, on 31 July 1974, the Council decided to transmit two communications from international trade union organizations<sup>14</sup> relating to allegations of infringements of trade union rights in South Africa to the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts of the Commission on Human Rights, and to request the *Ad Hoc* Working Group to include its findings on the matter in its report to be presented to the Council at its fifty-eighth session, in accordance with Council resolution 1796 (LIV).

### 26 (LVII). Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

At its 1918th meeting, on 31 July 1974, the Council decided to transmit the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees<sup>15</sup> to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session.

<sup>14</sup> E/5565, annexes.

<sup>15</sup> E/5484 and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1; for the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Supplements Nos. 12 and 12A (A/9612 and Add.1)*.

**27 (LVII). Financial implications of actions taken by the Council at its fifty-sixth and fifty-seventh sessions**

At its 1921st meeting, on 2 August 1974, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Summary of financial implications of resolutions and

decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council during its fifty-sixth and fifty-seventh sessions",<sup>16</sup> and of the summary statement of financial implications.<sup>17</sup>

<sup>16</sup> E/5578 and Add.1.

<sup>17</sup> *Op. cit.* 1613.

**RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS ADOPTED ON THE REPORTS OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**1895 (LVII). Change of name from "Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East" to "Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific"**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Taking into consideration* the Charter of the United Nations, specifically Chapter IX, Articles 55 to 60, entitled "International economic and social co-operation" and Chapter X, Articles 61 to 72, entitled "The Economic and Social Council",

*Taking account* of Article 1, paragraph 3, of the Charter, in relation to Article 13, paragraph 1 (b), concerning international co-operation in the economic, social, cultural, educational and health fields, and human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

*Taking account also* of resolution 141 (XXX) of 5 April 1974 of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,<sup>18</sup>

*Observing* that, in line with the integrated approach to development, the Commission has devoted equal attention to both the economic and the social field, among other activities related to development in general,

*Noting* that the geographical term "Far East" emanated from the viewpoint of countries outside the Asia/Pacific region,

1. *Decides* to change the name of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East to "Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific";

2. *Decides* accordingly that the operative part of Council resolution 37 (IV) of 28 March 1947 on the establishment and terms of reference of the Commission be amended by substituting the words "Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific" for the words "Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East" and the words "Asia and the Pacific" for the words "Asia and the Far East";

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to advise all appropriate authorities of this change.

*1919th plenary meeting  
1 August 1974*

<sup>18</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-seventh session, Supplement No. 5 (E/5469), part III.*

**1896 (LVII). Regional co-operation**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Bearing in mind* the need to ensure the accomplishment of the objectives of the Declaration on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order adopted by the General Assembly at its sixth special session in its resolution 3201 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, through the implementation of the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order set forth in its resolution 3202 (S-VI) of the same date,

*Recalling* the role of the regional economic commissions in the mid-term review of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,

*Taking into account* the need for adequate preparations for the special session of the General Assembly devoted to development and international economic co-operation which is to be convened in 1975 pursuant to General Assembly resolution 3172 (XXVIII) of 17 December 1973,

*Noting* section III of the decision adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its eighteenth session relating to the role of the regional economic commissions in the operational activities of the United Nations,<sup>19</sup>

**I**

1. *Requests* the regional economic commissions to adjust, as appropriate, their respective programmes of work and activities so as to discharge effectively their responsibilities in relation to:

(a) The urgent implementation of the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 3202 (S-VI);

(b) The presentation of the regional mid-term reviews of the International Development Strategy;

(c) The preparation, at the regional level, of the special session of the General Assembly devoted to

<sup>19</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-seventh session, Supplement No. 7A (E/5543), para. 111.*

development and international economic co-operation, with a view to ensuring that the special session will contribute fully to the establishment of the New International Economic Order;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretaries of the regional economic commissions to submit, as soon as possible, to the member countries of their respective commissions, suggestions for the implementation of the provisions of paragraph 1 above;

3. *Urges* the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, as appropriate, the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to take the necessary measures to enable the regional economic commissions to carry out the mandate given to them in paragraph 1 above;

4. *Further requests* the regional economic commissions to report to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-eighth session on the measures adopted in compliance with the present resolution and to continue to report periodically thereafter on such measures through the channel to be established in conformity with paragraphs 3 and 4 of section IX of the Programme of Action, which deals with the strengthening of the role of the United Nations system in the field of international economic co-operation;

## II

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, to make the necessary arrangements allowing for the delegation of the appropriate functions of an executing agency to the regional economic commissions for regional, sub-regional and interregional projects, financed by the Programme, in cases where such delegation is requested by the countries concerned and recommended by the Administrator of the Programme;

6. *Requests* the regional economic commissions to extend their co-operation to the United Nations Development Programme by participating in the planning and, as appropriate, the implementation of relevant regional, sub-regional and interregional projects, and by ensuring the co-ordination with the Programme of their own activities and, in particular, the activities of the United Nations Development Advisory Teams.

*1919th plenary meeting  
1 August 1974*

### **1897 (LVII). Question of convening a United Nations conference on science and technology**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Bearing in mind* General Assembly resolution 3168 (XXVIII) of 17 December 1973 and Council resolution 1826 (LV) of 10 August 1973 on the role of modern

science and technology in the development of nations and the need to strengthen economic, technical and scientific co-operation among States,

*Reiterating* that the application of science and technology is an increasingly important factor in the economic and social development of all countries,

*Bearing in mind* the important activities of various agencies and organizations of the United Nations system in the applications of science and technology to development, and in particular those of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development related to the transfer of technology to developing countries,

*Recognizing* that the rapid pace of developments with respect to science and technology in general, as well as those having particular relevance for the developing countries, should be monitored and constructively channelled,

*Recognizing further* that these developments, and particularly the new needs in the field of science and technology, make it imperative for the United Nations to expand international co-operation in the field of science and technology on the basis of principles designed to adjust the scientific and technological relationships among States in a manner compatible with the special requirements and interests of developing countries,

*Recognizing also* the need to stimulate increased interest and action in the field of science and technology for development, and convinced that this could be facilitated by an adequately prepared international conference oriented towards the elaboration of methods of action and with representation at a high level,

*Noting* that the Committee on Science and Technology for Development and the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development provide appropriate forums for the study of the scientific and technological aspects of development and for the co-ordination of related activities in other United Nations bodies, but that complete information on these activities would be necessary for such a study,

*Taking note* of the observations in the note by the Secretary-General on the question of convening a United Nations conference on science and technology<sup>20</sup> and the eleventh report of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development,<sup>21</sup>

1. *Takes note* of the section of the report of the Committee on Science and Technology for Development on its second session dealing with the question of convening a United Nations conference on science and technology in 1978 or 1979;<sup>22</sup>

2. *Decides* to convene in 1975 an intergovernmental working group of the Committee on Science and Technology for Development to examine the specific objectives, topics and agenda of such a conference, on the basis of

<sup>20</sup> E/C.8/25.

<sup>21</sup> E/C.8/24.

<sup>22</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/5473), paras. 2-11.*



the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development, the Intergovernmental Group on Transfer of Technology of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the regional economic commissions and other United Nations bodies concerned:

3. *Emphasizes* the necessity for such a conference, which would be generally intended to survey methods of future action, to be carefully structured and concerned with only a few selected, well-defined subjects and, in this respect, emphasizes the importance of thorough preparation;

4. *Decides* that the intergovernmental working group shall report its findings to the Committee on Science and Technology for Development at its third session, which will submit its recommendations regarding the proposed conference to the Economic and Social Council;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare and submit to the intergovernmental working group at its first session a report containing his views on the scope, and an estimate of the costs, of such a conference.

1919th plenary meeting  
1 August 1974

#### **1898 (LVII). World programme of development research and application of science and technology to solve the special problems of the arid areas**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Guided* by General Assembly resolution 3168 (XXVIII) of 17 December 1973, in which the Assembly requested the Council to give priority, *inter alia*, to the strengthening of economic, scientific and technical co-operation among States,

*Bearing in mind* Council resolution 1825 (LV) of 10 August 1973, in paragraph 6 of which it noted the need for new actions to intensify international co-operation permitting all countries, and in particular developing countries, to benefit from the achievements of modern science and technology for the acceleration of their economic and social progress,

*Considering* that:

(a) There should be a precise identification, in the areas covered by the *World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development*,<sup>23</sup> of the obstacles to development which could be overcome by recourse to science and technology and the resulting formulation of a specific policy,

(b) It is necessary to bring these research and action targets to the attention of the Governments and scientific teams of all countries, developed or developing, so that they may voluntarily direct their efforts to these problems as part of their over-all policy,

(c) It is desirable that awareness in this matter should lead to organized co-operation between the institutions in the United Nations system, the other international or regional institutions and the national bodies concerned, and that it should help to create or strengthen an autonomous research and action potential in the developing countries, avoid duplication and promote the use of the existing potential,

(d) The organized efforts in this connexion should cover a set of problems of sufficiently limited scope for them to remain specific, but of sufficiently broad scope for them to constitute a world-wide and interdisciplinary experiment in the application of science to development, on the basis of which the Committee on Science and Technology for Development could determine and improve its subsequent practice,

(e) A study of the arid areas might be a pilot project that could constitute an initial sphere of action, in that, first, it has the advantage of having been the subject of detailed preparation in a programme of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at the research level, and in several programmes of other agencies at the action level, and, secondly, the advantage of dealing with areas which give rise to urgent and sometimes tragic problems for a large number of developing countries,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps to convene an *ad hoc* interagency task force on the arid areas, comprising persons appointed by the competent organizations in the United Nations system, including the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Health Organization, the World Meteorological Organization, and the regional economic commissions, who would work within the limits of the existing resources of the organizations, would identify precisely the obstacles which have not yet been overcome by science and technology, encountered by the developing countries, and the obstacles preventing the application of available technology, including social, economic, institutional and other obstacles, and would also prepare an inventory of current research and development actions and programmes, with a view to preparing a world programme of development research and application of science and technology to solve the special problems of the arid areas;

2. *Requests* the *ad hoc* interagency task force to keep the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development informed of the results of its work and to report thereon to the first session of the intergovernmental working group to be set up in 1975 by the Committee on Science and Technology for Development on the question of convening a United Nations conference on science and technology;<sup>24</sup>

3. *Requests* the Committee on Science and Technology for Development, at its third session, to consider

<sup>23</sup> See United Nations publication, Sales No. E.71.II.A.18.

<sup>24</sup> See Council resolution 1897 (LVII).

and further elaborate the world programme mentioned in paragraph 1 above and to transmit it to the Economic and Social Council for the purpose of its implementation.

*1919th plenary meeting  
1 August 1974*

**1899 (LVII). Mobilization of public opinion in relation to the World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development and the regional plans**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling paragraphs 9 and 10 of its resolution 1823 (LV) of 10 August 1973 on the World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development,

Recognizing the need for Member States to have a deep understanding of the role of science and technology and its impact on national development,

Aware of the urgent need for mobilizing opinion on the objectives and measures of the World Plan of Action and the regional plans in solving the specific problems of developing countries,

Convinced that a favourable public opinion at the national, regional and global levels will encourage Governments to take the necessary steps to implement the various parts of the World Plan of Action and the regional plans,

Aware of the limited resources of the United Nations at the disposal of the Secretary-General,

Taking note of the progress report of the Secretary-General,<sup>25</sup>

1. Urges Governments and the organizations concerned within the United Nations system to effect without delay a wide exposure of the World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development and the regional plans to the technological community of developed and developing countries by conducting intensive campaigns through the use of appropriate mass media and, *inter alia*, by way of meetings or seminars on a national and regional basis;

2. Requests that the views and recommendations resulting from the meetings and seminars referred to in paragraph 1 above be taken into account in the process of review and appraisal outlined in section I of its resolution 1823 (LV);

3. Requests the Secretary-General to make available to Governments of Member States the views and recommendations resulting from such seminars and meetings;

4. Further requests the Secretary-General to report on the progress achieved and the shortfalls, if any, encountered in the process of the implementation of the present resolution to the Committee on Science and Technology for Development at its third session.

*1919th plenary meeting  
1 August 1974*

<sup>25</sup> E/C.8/19.

**1900 (LVII). Implementation of the World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 1944 (XVIII) of 11 December 1963 and 2318 (XXII) of 15 December 1967 and, in particular, the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 concerning the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, and Council resolutions 1155 (XLI) of 5 August 1966, 1638 (LI) of 30 July 1971 and 1717 (LIII) of 28 July 1972,

Reaffirming Council resolution 1823 (LV) of 10 August 1973,

Noting the progress report of the Secretary-General on the World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development and the regional plans,<sup>26</sup>

Noting with interest and appreciation the regional plans of action for the application of science and technology to development prepared by the Economic Commission for Africa,<sup>27</sup> the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,<sup>28</sup> the Economic Commission for Latin America<sup>29</sup> and the Economic Commission for Western Asia,<sup>30</sup>

Recognizing the urgent need to build up an indigenous and autonomous science and technology capacity in the developing countries,

Considering that the World Plan of Action and the regional plans should be kept under continuous review,

Convinced that the research activities on problems of developing countries, described in the *World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development*<sup>31</sup> as well as those in national and regional plans, should be actively and vigorously pursued,

1. Reiterates the importance of the World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development as a valuable set of guidelines and broad programmes suggested to Governments subject to their own individual priorities established in their national development plans;

2. Urges Governments and the regional economic commissions to continue giving full attention to the World Plan of Action and the regional plans as aids to the selection and preparation, by decision-makers and the scientific and technological community, of specific projects relevant to the needs of their countries;

<sup>26</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>27</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No. E.73.II.K.3.

<sup>28</sup> E/CN.11/1071.

<sup>29</sup> E/CN.12/966.

<sup>30</sup> ESOB/HR/73/4/Rev.1.

<sup>31</sup> See United Nations publication, Sales No. E.71.II.A.18.

## REVIEW AND APPRAISAL

3. *Invites* the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development, in close co-operation with the agencies and organizations of the United Nations system concerned, to keep the World Plan of Action and the regional plans under periodic review and appraisal and, in the light of new developments, to prepare new areas of topics of research and development for incorporation in the World Plan of Action and/or the regional plans, bearing in mind the need for integrated economic and social research as an important factor in the setting of priorities in the field of science and technology, and to present its conclusions and recommendations to the Committee on Science and Technology for Development;

## II

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CAPACITY

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consult with the organizations of the United Nations system on ways and means of identifying the existing gaps in the institutional scientific infrastructure at the national, regional and global levels and on the measures that would be required to strengthen this infrastructure for the implementation of the research and policy measures contained in the World Plan of Action; use should be made of surveys already undertaken by organizations of the United Nations system, and especially the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, on existing scientific and technological institutions;

5. *Invites* the international financing organizations, particularly the United Nations Development Programme, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the regional development banks, as well as developed countries, in close consultation with developing countries and at their specific request, to provide them with ways and means of supporting their efforts to implement specific infrastructural projects for research and development;

6. *Requests* the organizations of the United Nations system concerned to continue to develop flexible programmes for assistance to the developing countries, at their request, in keeping their existing scientific and technological infrastructure operational;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the other agencies and organizations concerned, to report to the Economic and Social Council, through the Committee on Science and Technology for Development, on the progress made with action to strengthen the scientific and technological capacities of developing countries;

## IMPLEMENTATION OF RESEARCH

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action, in close consultation with the international financing organizations, particularly the United Nations Development Programme, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the regional development banks, and with the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the regional economic commissions, and with interested Member States, for the establishment at the regional and/or global level, as may be required, of consultative groups or other such machinery aimed at achieving rapid progress in areas scheduled for research and for the application of existing knowledge, as identified in the World Plan of Action;

9. *Invites* the international financing organizations and developed countries to consider contributing financially to these consultative groups or other machinery;

## IV

## NATIONAL SCIENCE POLICIES

10. *Urges* on all Governments the importance of drafting and implementing national science and technology policies and of giving high priority to the establishment of at least one centre for providing advisory services in the field of science and technology policy in each region and requests the Secretary-General, in co-operation with other international organizations, both inside and outside the United Nations system, to promote effective assistance in this field and in particular to strengthen such activities at the regional level;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-ninth session and to the Committee on Science and Technology for Development at its third session

*1919th plenary meeting  
1 August 1974*

**1901 (LVII). Quantification of scientific and technological activities related to development**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1822 (LV) of 10 August 1973, in which it requested the Secretary-General to convene an intergovernmental group of experts on the quantification of scientific and technological activities related to development and to present its report to the Committee on Science and Technology for Development at its second session,

*Having considered* the report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on the Quantification of Scientific and Technological Activities related to Development,<sup>32</sup>

*Bearing in mind* General Assembly resolution 3179 (XXVIII) of 17 December 1973, in which the Council was requested to instruct the Committee on Science and Technology for Development to give priority, at its second session, to the consideration of the subject of quantitative targets in the field of science and technology, to enable the Council to consider the subject at its fifty-seventh session, and recalling that by its decision I (LVI) of 10 January 1974 the Council had referred the subject to the Committee on Science and Technology for Development,

1. *Commends* the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on the Quantification of Scientific and Technological Activities related to Development for the excellent work undertaken;

2. *Recommends* to Governments, on the basis of the conclusions and recommendations of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts, that:

(a) They continue their efforts to establish data systems for scientific and technological activities or further to refine existing systems to include the identification of research and development objectives, so as to obtain the information necessary for the development of national policies and programmes in the field of science and technology;

(b) They devote, in the course of that process, specific efforts to the identification of other characteristics of research and development projects necessary to establish the relevance of such projects to the specific problems of developing countries and to ensure that national data are internationally compatible;

3. *Requests*, in recognition of the difficulties to be encountered in developing national data systems and ensuring their international compatibility and aware of the work and interest of national organizations in the field, that the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, as part of its current programmes regarding policies and statistics in the field of science and technology, should:

(a) Serve as a focal point for the development of concepts, criteria, standard nomenclatures and methodologies for the purposes indicated in paragraph 2 above;

(b) Assist countries, on request, in elaborating and organizing their national data systems for science and technology with emphasis on the quantification of scientific and technological activities related to specific problems of developing countries, and, in complying with this request, avail itself of and draw upon the capabilities of the United Nations and other international bodies;

(c) Make its reports on this question available to the Committee on Science and Technology for Development for consideration at its third session.

4. *Stresses* the need to initiate, continue and reinforce international co-operation in science and technology on already identified specific problems of developing countries without waiting for more refined data to become available;

5. *Requests* the Committee on Science and Technology for Development to keep under continuing review the progress made in the quantification of scientific and technological activities related to development and to include the subject in the agenda of its third session.

*1919th plenary meeting  
1 August 1974*

**1902 (LVII). The role of an international technological information system in the transfer and assessment of technology and in the indigenous growth of appropriate technologies in developing countries**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970 containing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, in paragraph 62 of which the Assembly requested that particular attention be devoted to fostering technologies suitable to developing countries,

*Bearing in mind* Council resolutions 1636 (LI) of 30 July 1971 and 1715 (LIII) of 28 July 1972, which proposed practical measures for the maximization of the contribution of technology to development,

*Recognizing* the urgent need for establishing in developing countries an indigenous science and technology capacity for the assessment of technology and the development of appropriate technologies,

*Realizing* that:

(a) Developing countries, in order to achieve rapid economic growth, will have to rely to a large extent on imports of technology coupled with domestic research and development efforts,

(b) It is necessary for developing countries to have a knowledge of alternative available technologies, together with analyses of the economic costs and benefits and relevant data on the requirements of capital, labour, raw materials and other factors of production,

(c) The transfer of technological information, including its collection, retrieval and analysis, is basic to the assessment of the technological perspectives and of the ecological, economic and social effects involved,

(d) Developing countries have established or are establishing national scientific and technical information centres,

(e) The availability of technological information from international sources could improve the capability of the developing countries of taking the fullest advantage of existing knowledge, so providing new alternatives and approaches to the solution of technical problems and assisting them in the rationalization and systematization of their research and development efforts,

<sup>32</sup> E/C.8/18.

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, with a view to ensuring that developing countries can readily obtain information beneficial to their technological planning, evaluation and development, to undertake, with the co-operation of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development and the competent organizations of the United Nations system, including the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, the International Labour Organisation, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the regional economic commissions, a feasibility study on the progressive establishment of an international information exchange system for the transfer and assessment of technology; such a system should serve the actual needs of potential users of the information and should be compatible with existing and proposed systems within the United Nations and, in particular, the Universal System for Information in Science and Technology;

2. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report his findings with regard to paragraph 1 above to the Committee on Science and Technology for Development at its third session;

3. *Invites* the international financing organizations, particularly the United Nations Development Programme, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the regional development banks, and also developed countries, in close consultation with developing countries and at their specific request, to provide ways and means for supporting the actions of these countries aimed at establishing and strengthening centres and services for scientific and technical information and systems for the transfer and assessment of technology;

4. *Invites* the developing countries, as appropriate, to establish or strengthen their scientific and technological information systems, in order to make full use of the type of information referred to in paragraph 1 above.

*1919th plenary meeting  
1 August 1974*

### **1903 (LVII). Application of computer science and technology to development**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Aware* that, in the field of science and technology, the application of computer science and technology to development is assuming ever-increasing importance and that it may facilitate solutions to some of the problems of the developing countries,

*Considering* the importance of having competent and impartial advice free from commercial pressure in the area of the application of computer science and technology,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 2804 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971 and Council resolution 1571 (L) of 14 May 1971, which stressed the need to encourage actively, initiate and intensify multilateral co-operation in the application of computer technology,

*Taking into account* Council resolution 1824 (LV) of 10 August 1973, which recognized the need for expert services in the application of computer technology to assist the Committee on Science and Technology for Development, and also the need to undertake more activities within the United Nations system on various aspects of the application of computer technology to development,

*Having examined* the report of the Secretary-General on the application of computer technology for development,<sup>30</sup> prepared pursuant to Council resolution 1824 (LV), and the relevant paragraphs in the eleventh report of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development,<sup>31</sup>

*Taking note* of the views and suggestions expressed by interested organizations of the United Nations system, international governmental organizations and non-governmental professional organizations and analysed in the above-mentioned report of the Secretary-General,

1. *Requests* the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to ensure, through its Sub-Committee on Science and Technology, the co-ordination of the activities of United Nations organs, and their co-ordination with the activities of other international organizations, in the application of computer science and technology to development;

2. *Decides* that the Committee on Science and Technology for Development shall act as a focal point for activities concerning the application of computer science and technology for the benefit of the development of all countries and particularly that of the developing countries, in view of their specific problems, and that, to assist it in this work, it should rely principally on the expert services provided by an existing United Nations body or bodies, such as the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization or the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development, or by other competent intergovernmental organizations such as the Intergovernmental Bureau for Informatics;

3. *Requests* the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development to consider, within the framework of its work, the progress made in the application of computer science and technology in the developing countries and to submit to the Committee on Science and Technology for Development proposals for practical measures to be taken regarding such application;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the organizations referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 above and with the Administrative Committee on Co-

<sup>30</sup> E/C.8/20/Rev.1.

<sup>31</sup> E/C.8/24.

ordination, to submit to the Committee on Science and Technology for Development, at its third session, a report on the activities undertaken and proposals for the activities and studies to be undertaken within the United Nations system concerning the application of computer science and technology for the benefit of the developing countries, in particular concerning the list and order of priority of such studies and activities, and the ways and means of carrying them out with the assistance of the organizations referred to above;

5. *Invites* Governments to appoint national bodies to serve as liaison between the users of computer science and technology and the bodies referred to in paragraph 2 above.

*1919th plenary meeting  
1 August 1974*

### **1904 (LVII). Outflow of trained personnel from developing to developed countries**

*The Economic and Social Council.*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 3017 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972 on the outflow of trained personnel from developing to developed countries and the resolutions of the General Assembly and the Council which constitute the background to that resolution and which are referred to in its first preambular paragraph,

*Aware* of the decisive importance for the developing countries of having their own technically and scientifically trained personnel in order to be able to derive the maximum benefits from the transfer, choice and adaptation of imported technology and for the gradual development of national technology,

*Considering* that the product of the efforts and resources which the developing countries devote to the training of such trained personnel is adversely affected by the loss of their scientific and technological assets as a result of the "brain drain" — which now affects some market-economy countries — thus weakening the capacity of the developing countries to meet the challenge of their own unified development,

*Recognizing* that the fundamental cause of this outflow of trained personnel is the difference in levels of development and that, consequently, one of the most effective ways of combating it lies within the broader framework of economic, scientific, technological and educational co-operation in the service of development, including social transformation,

*Recognizing* the importance of advanced training of personnel from developing countries in developed countries, as well as the importance of international exchanges of scientists and technologists,

*Recognizing also* the necessity of elaborating proper technical manpower planning in order to ensure matching between training and requirements

*Recognizing further* the need to improve the socio-economic conditions in general and in particular to

strengthen educational opportunities and technological infrastructure in the developing countries,

*Aware*, however, that it is essential, for the purpose of choosing the correct forms of action in the light of the needs and priorities of each country or group of countries, to have available beforehand a more specific empirical data base regarding this outflow phenomenon, in quantitative and qualitative terms which demonstrate the magnitude of the problem,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the outflow of trained personnel from developing to developed countries<sup>36</sup> and, in particular, of the guidelines it contains for a programme of action, which should be taken into account by the Committee on Science and Technology for Development in the adoption of future decisions on this subject;

2. *Urges* developing countries to make a thorough evaluation at the national level of the special characteristics of the problem of the outflow of trained personnel to the developed countries and to adopt the most appropriate measures to combat it, within the framework of a coherent scientific policy and respecting the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international instruments;

3. *Recommends* that countries which benefit from the "brain drain", particularly those which gain most from the "brain drain" from developing countries, should consider the adoption of measures which will help, directly or indirectly, to diminish the gravity of the problem;

4. *Further recommends* that Member States, in conformity with their national legislation, consider the application of a voluntary system of data collection on this phenomenon, such as information in connexion with migratory movements — persons entering and leaving the country, by profession, purpose of travel, duration of stay, and other headings — with a view to exchanging such information among themselves and transmitting it, as appropriate, to the United Nations, in order to estimate the net outflow of trained personnel from developing countries;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to examine, in co-operation with United Nations bodies, particularly the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and the specialized agencies concerned, namely the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the World Health Organization, the most suitable means of improving statistics on the migration of highly qualified persons and to submit appropriate recommendations to the Committee on Science and Technology for Development at its third session;

6. *Urges* the organizations of the United Nations system and any other international organizations concerned and the developed countries to help to reverse the phenomenon of the "brain drain" affecting the developing countries, by promoting in the developing countries

<sup>36</sup> E.C.8/21.

activities conducive to the creation of career possibilities, the improvement of fellowships and other forms of encouragement for training personnel in areas of direct concern to developing countries, and other measures, such as the establishment of the career of scientific research worker in those countries;

7. *Requests* the Committee on Science and Technology for Development to consider the problem of the outflow of trained personnel from developing to developed countries again at its third session.

*1919th plenary meeting  
1 August 1974*

### **1905 (LVII). Institutional arrangements for science and technology**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 1454 (XLVII) of 8 August 1969 and 1544 (XLIX) of 30 July 1970, and in particular paragraphs 1 and 4 of the latter resolution, entitled "Future institutional arrangements for science and technology", and especially the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 concerning the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order,

*Recognizing* the pivotal role of modern science and technology in the development of all nations and, in particular, the ever-growing awareness of the potential role of science and technology in the solution of the economic and social problems of the developing countries.

*Recognizing also* that the application of science and technology to development, particularly in the developing countries, is vital to the attainment of the objectives enunciated in Article 55 of the Charter of the United Nations,

*Convinced* that the United Nations system needs to be involved on a more practical basis with these new challenges and responsibilities and, consequently, that the United Nations system needs the institutional machinery commensurate with these new responsibilities, in order to ensure a vigorous, coherent and co-ordinated pursuit of the work in the field of science and technology.

*Recognizing* the important work being done in the field of development and the transfer of technology by various United Nations bodies and specialized agencies.

*Mindful* of the view that any institutional arrangements in the field of science and technology can be meaningful only if adequate resources are made available in accordance with the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,

*Taking note* of the report of the Committee on Science and Technology for Development on its second session,<sup>36</sup>

<sup>36</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty seventh Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/5473).*

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, with the advice of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development, and after consultation with all interested agencies and bodies within the United Nations system, to make a study on:

(a) The work at present being undertaken throughout the United Nations system in the field of the development and the transfer of science and technology particularly in the interests of developing countries;

(b) The feasibility of the establishment of a United Nations science and technology programme, including its form, functions and responsibilities, to assist, facilitate and ensure the application of science and technology to development, particularly that of the developing countries;

2. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit the report on the matters referred to in paragraphs 1 (a) and (b) above to the intergovernmental working group of the Committee on Science and Technology for Development to be convened in 1975;<sup>37</sup>

3. *Decides* to consider at its fifty-ninth session the report of the intergovernmental working group of the Committee on Science and Technology for Development, with a view to making appropriate recommendations to the General Assembly at its thirtieth session.

*1919th plenary meeting  
1 August 1974*

### **1908 (LVII). The impact of transnational corporations on the development process and on international relations**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1721 (LIII) of 28 July 1972,

*Recalling also* General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, including the provisions relating to transnational corporations,

*Recalling further* the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly concerning the permanent sovereignty of States over their natural resources,

*Having given* preliminary consideration to the report of the group of Eminent Persons to Study the Impact of Multinational Corporations on Development and on International Relations,<sup>38</sup> and to the report of the Secretary-General<sup>39</sup>

*Aware* of the need to ensure that, taking fully into account the above-mentioned resolutions adopted by the General Assembly at its sixth special session on the Declaration and the Programme of Action on a New International Economic Order, and with full respect for the sovereignty of States, the activities of transnational corporations should contribute effectively to the acceleration of the process of development, in particular of the developing countries, and to the strengthening of international economic co-operation,

<sup>37</sup> See Council resolution 1897 (LVII).

<sup>38</sup> E.5500/Add.1 (parts I and II).

<sup>39</sup> E.5500.

*Desirous* of giving priority consideration to the review of issues raised by the activities of transnational corporations and their role in the world economy,

*Recognizing* the need for the establishment of permanent machinery to deal on a continuing basis with the full range of issues relating to transnational corporations, taking fully into account, in particular, the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the members of the Group of Eminent Persons to Study the Impact of Multinational Corporations on Development and on International Relations for their efforts;

2. *Decides* to keep the full range of issues relating to transnational corporations, and in particular the subject of the regulation of and supervision over their activities, under close consideration on a continuing basis;

3. *Invites* all States<sup>40</sup> to make known their views on the report of the Group and on the problems with which it is concerned, if possible before the meeting of the Special Intersessional Committee referred to in paragraph 7 below;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, after consulting the appropriate organizations of the United Nations system, to prepare a concise report on those activities of the system which are closely related to the subject of transnational corporations;

5. *Decides* in principle to establish, in accordance with the principles accepted by the United Nations, appropriate permanent machinery to assist the Council in dealing with the issue of transnational corporations;

6. *Decides* to establish an information and research centre on transnational corporations and requests the Secretary-General, pending further arrangements regarding the modalities of operation of the centre, to set up, in accordance with Article 101 of the Charter of the United Nations, a nucleus of the centre in the light of the Secretary-General's report and the report of the Group, and bearing in mind also that such a centre should be financed through the regular United Nations budget, without prejudice to any voluntary contribution from Member States;

7. *Decides* to convene a Special Intersessional Committee of the Council to examine:

(a) The different aspects and proposals of the report of the Group;

(b) The views of States, referred to in paragraph 3 above;

(c) The report of the Secretary-General, requested in paragraph 4 above;

8. *Decides also* that the Special Intersessional Committee should recommend priorities for a programme of work on the full range of issues relating to transnational

corporations, as well as for permanent machinery needed to develop such a programme of work, including further arrangements regarding the modalities of operation of the information and research centre referred to in paragraph 6 above, taking into account the several on-going activities of the United Nations system directly related to the subject of transnational corporations;

9. *Decides further* that the Special Intersessional Committee should report to the Council at its resumed fifty-seventh session;

10. *Decides* to give priority to the question of transnational corporations at its resumed fifty-seventh session and to take a final decision at that resumed session on the permanent machinery to be established and on its mandate;

11. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, without prejudice to the action that the Council might take pursuant to paragraph 8 above:

(a) To make provisional arrangements for ensuring that the issues concerning transnational corporations are given adequate attention by the services of the Secretariat in charge of economic studies, research and planning;

(b) To promote a programme of technical co-operation aimed at strengthening the capacity of host countries, in particular of developing countries, in their dealings with transnational corporations;

12. *Requests also* the Secretary-General to provide, within the Secretariat, appropriate support for the Special Intersessional Committee referred to in paragraph 7 above.

*1920th plenary meeting  
2 August 1974*

## **1909 (LVII). Second General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 2952 (XXVII) of 11 December 1972 and 3087 (XXVIII) of 6 December 1973 relating to the Second General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization,

*Further recalling* General Assembly resolution 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 concerning the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, especially section III and section IX, paragraph 2, thereof,

*Noting with appreciation* the preparatory work thus far carried out by the Industrial Development Board and by the Permanent Committee in their capacity as the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee for the Second General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization,<sup>41</sup>

<sup>40</sup> It is the understanding of the Economic and Social Council that the Secretary-General, in discharging his functions under the present resolution, will follow the practice of the General Assembly in implementing an "All States" clause and, in all cases when it is advisable, the Secretary-General will request the opinion of the General Assembly before taking appropriate decisions.

<sup>41</sup> See the report of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee in document ID/B/145 (transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/5547), and the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (E/5548).



*Noting also with satisfaction* the regional meetings that have taken place and meetings yet to take place, and other group and inter-group meetings to be held in preparation for the Second General Conference,

*Recognizing* the important discussions and decisions contained in the report of the Industrial Development Board on its eighth session,<sup>42</sup> as well as the report and conclusions of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on a Long-Range Strategy for the United Nations Industrial Development Organization,<sup>43</sup> and the comments made on the matter during the fifty-seventh session of the Economic and Social Council,

1. *Recommends* that the Second General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, to be held at Lima in March 1975, should formulate a comprehensive strategy to assist in accelerating the industrialization of developing countries, and draws particular attention to the resolutions and decisions in the reports referred to in the final preambular paragraph of the present resolution;

2. *Further recommends* that co-ordinated steps should be taken to strengthen the efficiency of the entire United Nations machinery in the field of industry, so that it may more effectively contribute to the industrial development of the developing countries, *inter alia* through the implementation of the programmes and policies embodied in the relevant General Assembly resolutions;

3. *Recommends also* that the necessary steps be taken to improve the delivery capacity of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization's operational activities, including the question of an increased allocation of the necessary resources to that Organization;

4. *Urges* action on resolution 42 (VIII) of the Industrial Development Board.<sup>44</sup>

*1920th plenary meeting  
2 August 1974*

**1911 (LVII). Implementation of the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order; mid-term review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy; special session of the General Assembly devoted to development and international economic co-operation**

*The Economic and Social Council.*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 3201 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing the Declaration on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order and General Assembly resolution 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 concerning the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order,

<sup>42</sup> ID/B/144; transmitted to the Economic and Social Council by a note of the Secretary-General (E/5545). The final text appears in *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/9616)*.

<sup>43</sup> ID/B/142 and Corr. I; transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/5546.

<sup>44</sup> See ID/B/144, annex I.

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970 on the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 2801 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971 on the review and appraisal of the objectives and policies of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade and General Assembly resolution 3178 (XXVIII) of 17 December 1973 on preparations for the mid-term review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,

*Further recalling* General Assembly resolution 3176 (XXVIII) of 17 December 1973 on the first biennial over-all review and appraisal of progress in the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,

*Recalling also* General Assembly resolution 3172 (XXVIII) of 17 December 1973 on the holding of a special session of the General Assembly devoted to development and international economic co-operation,

*Considering* that collective economic security should be promoted and its concept further defined and elaborated, with full respect for the principle of the sovereignty of States, and that it should foster the acceleration of the process of development of developing countries within the framework of the New International Economic Order, as well as ensure the improvement of international co-operation, over-all development and the prosperity of all countries,

*Bearing in mind* that international security cannot be complete if it does not include an economic dimension which guarantees to all countries the right to implement their development programmes free from economic aggression and any other form of coercion,

*Acknowledging* the importance of integrating economic and social approaches in development strategies,

*Recognizing* that, consonant with the long-term development needs of the developing countries, assistance extended to meet their immediate needs should also constitute an essential element in international co-operation for development,

*Bearing in mind* the pledge of all Member States to make full use of the United Nations system in the implementation of the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order,

*Emphasizing* the urgent need for implementing the Declaration and Programme of Action, together with the Special Programme outlined in section X of the Programme of Action, including particularly emergency measures to mitigate the difficulties of the developing countries most seriously affected by the recent economic crisis, bearing in mind the particular problem of the least developed and the land-locked countries,

*Recalling* that all organizations, institutions, subsidiary bodies and conferences of the United Nations system are entrusted with the task of implementing the Declaration and the Programme of Action,

*Bearing in mind* in particular the task of the Economic and Social Council, assigned to it by the General Assembly at its sixth special session, of defining the policy framework and co-ordinating the activities of all organizations, institutions and subsidiary bodies within the United Nations system and of drawing the attention of the Assembly to any problems and difficulties which may arise in connexion with the implementation of the Declaration and the Programme of Action.

*Considering* that the Declaration and the Programme of Action complement and strengthen in a mutually supporting manner the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy, and mindful that the Strategy should be adapted on a continuing basis to new requirements and changing circumstances,

*Considering further* that all the activities of the United Nations system to be undertaken under the Programme of Action, as well as those already planned, such as the World Population Conference, 1974, the World Food Conference, the Second General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the mid-term review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, should be so directed as to enable the special session of the General Assembly to be devoted to development and international economic co-operation to make its full contribution to the establishment of the New International Economic Order,

1. *Urges* the Governments of all States Members of the United Nations to take the necessary political decisions and specific and concrete measures, individually and collectively, required for the implementation of the provisions of the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order;

2. *Requests* all organizations, institutions, subsidiary bodies and conferences of the United Nations system to take immediate measures to implement the provisions of the Declaration and the Programme of Action within their respective fields of competence and to reorient and adapt their programme of work so as to make them fully conducive to the accomplishment of this task;

3. *Requests* the executive heads of all organs and organizations in the United Nations system to submit, as appropriate, reports to their respective governing bodies concerning the reorientation and adaptation of their programme of work;

4. *Further requests* all organizations, institutions, subsidiary organs and conferences of the United Nations system to submit reports on the implementation of the Declaration and the Programme of Action, within their respective fields of competence, to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-eighth session;

5. *Stresses* the importance of further evolving and defining, with full respect for the principle of the sovereignty of States, the concept of collective economic

security for the full development of developing countries within the framework of the New International Economic Order, as well as for the improvement of international co-operation, over-all development and the prosperity of all countries;

6. *Takes note with appreciation* of the contributions already announced by some countries in response to the appeal of the Secretary-General to finance the emergency operation to provide timely relief to the most seriously affected developing countries;

7. *Reiterates* the call to those industrialized countries and other potential contributors that have not yet done so to extend immediate relief and assistance to the most seriously affected countries, which must be of a magnitude commensurate with the needs of these countries so as to enable them to maintain unimpaired essential imports for the duration of the emergency operation launched by the General Assembly in accordance with section X, paragraph 2, of the Programme of Action;

8. *Fully endorses* the efforts of the Secretary-General to ensure the early implementation of the emergency operation and requests him to report on the progress thereof to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session;

9. *Invites* all industrialized countries and other potential contributors to participate in the proposed ministerial meeting to be held in September 1974, with a view to taking concrete action to complete the emergency operation;

10. *Urges* the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Special Programme established by the General Assembly at its sixth special session to complete, as a matter of urgency, the tasks assigned to it in sub-paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of paragraph 6 of the Special Programme and to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session, through the Economic and Social Council at its resumed fifty-seventh session, an assessment of the requirements of the most seriously affected countries, as well as recommendations that would enable the General Assembly to take the appropriate decisions, in particular for the commencement at the latest by 1 January 1975 of the operations of the Special Fund established in paragraph 5 of the Special Programme;

11. *Decides* to assess, at its fifty-eighth session, on a preliminary basis, the progress made in the implementation of the goals and measures specified in the Declaration and the Programme of Action;

## II

12. *Decides* that the Committee on Review and Appraisal should meet from 12 May to 6 June 1975 and should undertake an over-all review of the implementation of the International Development Strategy, and of the Declaration and the Programme of Action;

13. *Requests* all organizations, institutions and subsidiary bodies of the United Nations system to take into account the Declaration and the Programme of Action

when conducting the review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy at the regional and sectoral levels, and to make their reports available in time to enable the Committee on Review and Appraisal to consider them at its meetings referred to in paragraph 12 above;

14. *Invites* all States Members of the United Nations also to include the evaluation of the implementation of the Programme of Action in conducting the review and appraisal exercise at the national level;

15. *Recognizes* the importance for the review and appraisal process of a prompt response by Governments to the communications addressed to them by the Secretary-General in connexion with the mid-term reviews at the national level, and the importance of the timely preparation of the regional and sectoral reviews;

16. *Decides*, in preparation for consideration by the Committee on Review and Appraisal and by the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-ninth session, to undertake at its fifty-eighth session a preliminary consideration of new commitments, changes, additions and adaptations in the International Development Strategy in the light of the Declaration and the Programme of Action, and to forward its findings to the Committee on Review and Appraisal for appropriate action.

17. *Requests* the Committee on Review and Appraisal to present to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-ninth session a comprehensive draft review of the implementation of the International Development Strategy and of the Declaration and Programme of Action, including an identification of the progress made and of shortfalls in the achievement of the objectives set therein and of policies that are not consistent with the attainment of the objectives of the Strategy, the Declaration and Programme of Action, as well as recommendations to overcome these shortfalls, and in so doing to take into consideration other activities of the United Nations system;

18. *Recommends* that the over-all mid-term review and appraisal of the progress in implementing the International Development Strategy, to be undertaken by the General Assembly at its thirtieth session, should fully reflect the conclusions and recommendations of the Council referred to in section II of the present resolution, as well as the policy decisions at the special session of the General Assembly to be held in September 1975;

19. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the executive heads of agencies, in the light of paragraph 84 of the International Development Strategy and with reference to paragraphs 8 and 9 of Council resolution 1806 (LV) of 8 August 1973, entitled "Dissemination of information

and mobilization of public opinion relative to problems of development", to arrange for the timely co-ordination of their activities in the field of public information relating to the International Development Strategy and to the Declaration and Programme of Action, and to that end to report to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-ninth session.

### III

20. *Recommends* that, with a view to accelerating the establishment of the New International Economic Order, on the basis of equity, sovereign equality, interdependence, common interest and co-operation among all States, the General Assembly at its special session devoted to development and international economic co-operation, called for in Assembly resolution 3172 (XXVIII) of 17 December 1973, should discuss the major themes and problems of the development process and in this context decide on measures designed to bring about the necessary and appropriate changes required in the existing structures and institutions within the United Nations system and consider appropriate changes in the over-all pattern of international economic relations;

21. *Considers* that the results of the World Population Conference, the World Food Conference, the Second General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, other conferences and instruments scheduled or in preparation within the United Nations system, the findings of the multilateral trade negotiations and the results of the reform of the international monetary system, as well as the comprehensive draft review referred to in paragraph 17 above concerning the International Development Strategy, the Declaration and the Programme of Action and the results of the preparatory process of the special session itself, should contribute to the achievement of the aims set out in paragraph 20 above;

22. *Decides* to establish, in order to facilitate adequate and thorough preparation for the special session, a preparatory committee open to all States Members of the United Nations, to draw up an annotated agenda, to collate all relevant documentation and to prepare studies and proposals to deal with the matters referred to in paragraph 20 above;

23. *Recommends* that the special session of the General Assembly should be held for a period of two weeks just before the thirtieth session of the Assembly in 1975.

1921st plenary meeting  
2 August 1974

## DECISIONS

### **28 (LVII). Special economic problems and development needs of developing island countries**

At its 1920th meeting, on 2 August 1974, the Council decided to request the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in consultation with the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the Executive Secretaries of the regional economic commissions and the executive heads of the specialized agencies and other international organizations, to:

(a) Prepare a report outlining the special economic problems and development needs of the geographically more disadvantaged developing island countries;

(b) Make concrete proposals concerning any measures required to overcome or minimize the effects of the special problems of the countries referred to in subparagraph (a) above;

(c) Present this report to the Committee on Review and Appraisal within the context of the mid-term review of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade.

### **29 (LVII). Report of the Committee for Development Planning**

At its 1920th meeting, on 2 August 1974, the Council took note with appreciation of the report of the Committee for Development Planning on its tenth session<sup>45</sup> and decided to transmit it, along with the comments made thereon at the Council's fifty-seventh session, through the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session, to the Second General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization.

### **30 (LVII). Special measures in favour of the least developed countries**

At its 1920th meeting, on 2 August 1974, the Council took note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on special measures in favour of the least developed among the developing countries,<sup>46</sup> and decided to transmit it, along with the note of the Secretary-General on the question of a special fund for the least developed countries<sup>47</sup> and the comments made thereon at the Council's fifty-seventh session, to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session.

<sup>45</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 4 (E/5478)*

<sup>46</sup> E/5467.

<sup>47</sup> E/5499.

### **31 (LVII). Special measures related to the particular needs of the land-locked developing countries**

At its 1920th meeting, on 2 August 1974, the Council took note with appreciation of the note by the Secretary-General entitled "Special measures related to the particular needs of the land-locked developing countries: study on the establishment of a fund in favour of the land-locked developing countries"<sup>48</sup> and decided to transmit it, along with the comments made thereon at the Council's fifty-seventh session, to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session.

### **32 (LVII). Study of the problems of raw materials and development: consideration of draft resolutions referred to the Council by the General Assembly**

At its 1919th meeting, on 1 August 1974, the Council decided to inform the General Assembly that it had held at its fifty-seventh session a preliminary discussion on the four draft resolutions referred to it by the Assembly,<sup>49</sup> and that it had not been able to take action thereon.

### **33 (LVII). Permanent sovereignty over natural resources**

At its 1919th meeting, on 1 August 1974, the Council decided:

(a) To take note of the reports of the Secretary-General on permanent sovereignty over natural resources<sup>50</sup> and to transmit them, together with the views expressed thereon in the Council at its fifty-sixth and fifty-seventh sessions, to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session;

(b) To reaffirm the continuing importance of the question of permanent sovereignty over natural resources;

(c) To retain the item entitled "Permanent sovereignty over natural resources" on the agenda and programme of work of the Council and of the Committee on Natural Resources, for consideration as appropriate.

### **34 (LVII). Annual report of the Economic Commission for Europe**

At its 1919th meeting, on 1 August 1974, the Council:

(a) Took note of the report of the Economic Commission for Europe for the period 19 May 1973 to 29

<sup>48</sup> E/5501.

<sup>49</sup> A/AC.166/L.35/Rev.1 and A/AC.166/L.44-46 (the text is reproduced in a note by the Secretariat (E/L.1599)).

<sup>50</sup> E/5425 and Corr. 1, E/5425/Add.1, E/5549.

April 1974,<sup>51</sup> of the views expressed during the discussion in the Commission,<sup>52</sup> and of the resolutions and other decisions adopted by the Commission at its twenty-ninth session, contained in part III of that report;

(b) Decided to endorse the programme of work and priorities contained in parts V and VI of the report.

### **35 (LVII). Annual report of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East**

At its 1919th meeting, on 1 August 1974, the Council:

(a) Took note of the report of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East for the period 24 April 1973 to 6 April 1974<sup>53</sup> and of the recommendations and resolutions contained in parts II and III of that report;

(b) Decided to endorse the programme of work and priorities contained in part V of the report.

### **36 (LVII). Reports of the Economic Commission for Latin America**

At its 1919th meeting, on 1 August 1974, the Council took note of:

(a) The report of the Economic Commission for Latin America for the period 31 March 1973 to 28 February 1974;<sup>54</sup>

(b) The report of the Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America on its eighth extraordinary session<sup>55</sup> and of the resolutions adopted by that Committee,<sup>56</sup> also of the summary of the proceedings contained in section C of part I of that report.

### **37 (LVII). Annual report of the Economic Commission for Africa**

At its 1919th meeting, on 1 August 1974, the Council took note of the report of the Economic Commission

<sup>51</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/5470).*

<sup>52</sup> *Ibid.*, part II.

<sup>53</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 5 (E/5469).*

<sup>54</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 7 (E/5495).

<sup>55</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 7A (E/5495/Add.1).

<sup>56</sup> *Ibid.*, part II.

for Africa for the period 24 February 1973 to 23 February 1974.<sup>57</sup>

### **38 (LVII). Report of the Economic Commission for Western Asia**

At its 1919th meeting, on 1 August 1974, the Council:

(a) Took note of the first report of the Economic Commission for Western Asia<sup>58</sup> and of the resolutions and other decisions adopted at the first session of the Commission;<sup>59</sup>

(b) Decided to endorse the programme of work and priorities contained in chapter IV of the report.

### **39 (LVII). Report on the meetings of the Executive Secretaries of the Regional economic commissions**

At its 1919th meeting, on 1 August 1974, the Council took note of the annual report on the meetings of the Executive Secretaries of the regional economic commissions.<sup>60</sup>

### **40 (LVII). Report of the Committee on Science and Technology for Development**

At its 1919th meeting, on 1 August 1974, the Council:

(a) Took note with appreciation of the report of the Committee on Science and Technology for Development on its second session;<sup>61</sup>

(b) Decided, while respecting the general principle of the biennial cycle of meetings, to endorse the views expressed in the statement contained in paragraph 89 of the report regarding the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development, whose reports will be referred to the Committee on Science and Technology for Development, to be forwarded by it to the Council with its comments.

<sup>57</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 8 (E/5471).*

<sup>58</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 10 (E/5539).

<sup>59</sup> *Ibid.*, chaps. I and III.

<sup>60</sup> E/5540.

<sup>61</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/5473).*

**RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS ADOPTED ON THE REPORTS OF THE POLICY  
AND PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**1880 (LVII). 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 held at United Nations Headquarters from 13 to 24 May 1974,<sup>62</sup>

*Noting with approval* the information provided therein by the Executive Board concerning the activities of the Fund,

*Deeply concerned* by the situation of children in countries adversely affected by the current economic crisis,

1. *Endorses* the decision of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund entitled "Declaration of an emergency for children in developing countries as a result of the current economic crisis";<sup>63</sup>

2. *Appeals* to all Governments, especially those of the industrialized countries, and other potential contributors, to increase their contributions to the Fund, in order that it may respond effectively to the emergency.

*1918th plenary meeting  
31 July 1974*

**1881 (LVII). Proposal for an International Children's Year**

*The Economic and Social Council.*

*Recalling* its resolution 1800 (LV) of 7 August 1973 on international years and anniversaries,

*Taking note* of the proposal made by a number of Governments and non-governmental organizations at the fifty-seventh session of the Council that an International Children's Year should be proclaimed at some time in the future, and taking into account paragraph 184 of the report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund<sup>64</sup> and the considerations set forth in the statement submitted by the International Catholic Child Bureau and the International Union for Child Welfare,<sup>65</sup>

<sup>62</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 9 (E/5528).*

<sup>63</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 6.

<sup>64</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 9 (E/5528).*

<sup>65</sup> E/NGO/20.

*Requests* the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund to consider the proposal for an International Children's Year at its next annual session and to present its views on the subject to the Council at its fifty-ninth session

*1918th plenary meeting  
31 July 1974*

**1882 (LVII). Establishment of an international habitat  
and human settlements foundation**

*The Economic and Social Council.*

*Having considered* the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its second session<sup>66</sup> and the report by the Secretary-General submitted to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-seventh session,<sup>67</sup> also the report of the Secretary-General on the establishment of an international fund or financial institution for human settlements,<sup>68</sup>

1. *Decides* that the Policy and Programme Co-ordination Committee of the Economic and Social Council shall meet inter-sessionally to hold consultations with the Secretary-General, in order to draw up a plan for the thorough rationalization of the international habitat and human settlements foundation whose establishment is recommended in paragraph 3 below, the Centre for Housing, Building and Planning and other elements of the United Nations system, in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 of decision 16 B (II) of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme.<sup>69</sup>

2. *Further decides* that the Policy and Programme Co-ordination Committee shall report to the Council at its resumed fifty-seventh session, in order that recommendations may be made to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session;

3. *Recommends* that the General Assembly should establish an international institution for human habitat management and environmental design and improvement of human settlements, to be called the International

<sup>66</sup> UNEP/GC/26; transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/5485. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/9625)*.

<sup>67</sup> E/5538.

<sup>68</sup> A/9575; transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/5556.

<sup>69</sup> See UNEP/GC/26, annex I.

Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation, and that the Foundation should be established in accordance with decision 16 (II) of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme.

*1918th plenary meeting  
31 July 1974*

### **1883 (LVII). Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the work of its second session,<sup>70</sup>

*Taking into account* the need for bringing the Programme into line with the relevant provisions of the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order adopted by the General Assembly in its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974,

*Considering* the need to ensure co-operation in carrying out the activities of the United Nations Environment Programme and implementing its decisions,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its second session,

2. *Takes note* of the oral report presented to the Policy and Programme Co-ordination Committee by the Secretary-General of the Conference-Exposition on Human Settlements on the preparations for that Conference-Exposition;<sup>71</sup>

3. *Invites* the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to continue to bear in mind the need for the Programme to be in line with both the International Development Strategy and the World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development, and with the relevant provisions of the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order adopted by the General Assembly at its sixth special session;

4. *Invites* the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and other organizations of the United Nations system to co-operate actively in carrying out the activities of the United Nations Environment Programme, allocating the necessary priorities for the maximum success of those activities.

*1918th plenary meeting  
31 July 1974*

<sup>70</sup> UNEP/GC/26; transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/5485. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/9625)*.

<sup>71</sup> See E/AC.24/SR.527.

### **1884 (LVII). Technical assistance activities of the United Nations in housing, building and planning**

*The Economic and Social Council.*

*Noting* that the level of expenditure by the United Nations on the technical co-operation programmes in the field of housing, building and planning has increased from \$ 6.95 million in 1969-1970 to \$ 11.5 million in 1971-1972,<sup>72</sup>

*Noting also* that even this level of expenditure is hardly commensurate with the magnitude of the problems facing the developing countries and represents a very small proportion of the total inflow of technical aid.

*Recognizing* the catalytic role of technical assistance activities and the significant contribution the technical co-operation programmes make to institution-building and training, the insufficiency of which forms at present an obstacle to the full utilization by the developing countries of the available multilateral and bilateral aid programmes,

*Welcoming* the qualitative changes in the orientation of the technical co-operation activities in response to complex and multidimensional challenges posed by rapid urbanization in the developing countries,

*Noting with satisfaction* that the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning has successfully carried out several diverse and complex projects involving technical advice and co-operation,

*Recognizing also* the need for the further intensification of work in integrated regional development to meet these complex problems,

*Noting* that at present the technical assistance activities relating to regional development are divided among the various units in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs,

*Aware* that the area of competence of the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning includes the provision of advice on integrated regional and urban development,

1. *Recommends* that the Centre for Housing, Building and Planning provide support to operational and training projects in integrated regional development which have a basic physical planning input;

2. *Recommends also* that an effective and wider dissemination of experiences already gained through technical co-operation activities be undertaken;

3. *Further recommends* that the technical co-operation component in the activities of the Centre be maintained at an adequate level to meet the direct needs of the developing countries and that these resources of the Centre should not be diverted to other purposes.

*1918th plenary meeting  
31 July 1974*

<sup>72</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 2 (E/5447)*, para. 46.

## 1885 (LVII). World Housing Survey

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the World Housing Survey,<sup>73</sup> which highlights the settlements crisis in the developing countries,

*Noting* that the urban population of the world will increase by 50 per cent by the end of the present century and that a large part of this increase will take place in the developing countries,

*Noting further* that the enormous shift in population from rural to urban areas will result in great social and economic difficulties unless this process is channelled along the right lines and unless minimum basic living conditions and employment opportunities are assured,

*Recognizing* that this calls for a multi-faceted approach and requires vast resources which are beyond the existing and future capacities of most developing countries,

*Favouring*, therefore, concerted international action to close the gigantic gap between requirements and resources,

*Taking note* of the suggestion made at the twenty-eighth session of the General Assembly for a 10 per cent reduction of the military budgets of the permanent members of the Security Council and the use of the funds thus saved for providing assistance to developing countries,

*Recalling* Economic and Social Council resolution 976 B (XXXVI) of 1 August 1963, which expressed the hope that resources released by disarmament would make progress possible in housing construction, urban renewal, slum clearance and rural development,

*Recognizing* that an improvement in the living conditions of the low-income section of the population of developing countries could be achieved by utilizing part of the resources released as a result of disarmament for the provision of basic urban community facilities, housing, schools, hospitals, and other services,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in the event of a 10 per cent reduction of the military budgets of the permanent members of the Security Council, to take measures for an adequate share of the funds released thereby to be allocated to national and international action in the field of human settlements and in consonance with the priorities determined by the developing countries for the use of development aid;

2. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to consult the interested parties and to report the results of his consultations to the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning at its ninth session.

*1918th plenary meeting  
31 July 1974*

<sup>73</sup> E/C.6/CRP/No. 1.

## 1886 (LVII). Improvement and development of building technologies based on locally available materials

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recognizing* that the enormous housing deficit of three hundred million dwellings in developing countries expected by 1980 cannot be wiped out with the present building methods and materials, in spite of all efforts by Governments,

*Further recognizing* the need for a breakthrough in the existing building methods and materials to enable construction to be undertaken on such a scale,

*Noting* the great strides achieved by the petrochemical industry in the development of building materials, particularly in the production of light-weight and easily assembled dwelling units,

*Noting further* that the enormous housing deficit of three hundred million dwellings could be alleviated by the use of polymers.

*Noting also* that draft resolution TD/III/WG.II/L.5 on trade expansion, economic co-operation and regional integration among developing countries,<sup>74</sup> submitted by ten Latin American countries to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its third session, held at Santiago, Chile, in May 1972, was considered to be within the terms of reference of the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning,

*Recognizing* that that draft resolution envisaged the promotion among developing countries of a non-profit international market in new building materials and components, and particularly the use of polymers for low-cost housing in order to reduce costs and expand commerce and economic co-operation among developing countries,

*Further recognizing* that the variable quality of building materials and methods of construction, rather than poor design, is the primary cause of structural failure in cases of disasters and that polymer materials and components can help to solve this problem,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To give special attention to the studies on the production, use and distribution of the building materials and components derived from petroleum, particularly polymers and other organic and mineral products which could be used as binders and coatings in conjunction with natural materials that are abundant in developing countries, since they present great possibilities for industrialization in the construction sector;

(b) To have the Centre for Housing, Building and Planning co-ordinate the results of the work now being carried out by various countries in the application of polymers and other binders to the building materials industry, with a view to the developing countries benefiting from the new technology and in order to promote the

<sup>74</sup> *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Third Session, vol. I, Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.73.II.D.4), annex VI.H., appendix, draft resolution 2, p. 323.



international exchange of experience and favour the development of a non-profit market in such materials within an integrated international social housing plan;

(c) To report to the Economic and Social Council on the progress made in this connexion, through the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning at its ninth session;

2. *Requests also* the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to intensify the studies requested at the Symposium on the Development of the Plastic Fabrication Industry in Latin America, held at Bogota, Colombia, from 20 November to 1 December 1972, and to devote special resources to the promotion and establishment in developing countries of industries producing building materials derived from petroleum, particularly polymers, and other binders and coatings of organic and mineral origin, in response to integrated industrial planning for this international market;

3. *Further requests* the International Union of Architects, the International Committee of Studies on New Building Systems (Bruxelles, Europlastic 73) and other non-governmental organizations to support and co-operate in the studies on the best use and application of building materials derived from petroleum and agricultural and industrial products.

*1918th plenary meeting  
31 July 1974*

#### **1887 (LVII). International Book Year, 1972, and the Second United Nations Development Decade: report of the secretariat of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization**

*The Economic and Social Council.*

*Recalling* its resolution 1575 (L) of 20 May 1971, in which it invited the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to submit to it a report on the results achieved through International Book Year, 1972, and particularly on the ways in which those results could contribute to the attainment of the goals of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,

*Having examined* the report on International Book Year, 1972, and the Second United Nations Development Decade<sup>76</sup> prepared by the secretariat of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,

*Noting* that International Book Year, with which almost all States members of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, various intergovernmental organizations and a large number of international non-governmental organizations were actively associated, gave a vigorous impetus to the promotion of books and reading throughout the world,

*Noting further* that many measures adopted by the world community, in particular for the purpose of creating or strengthening at the national, regional and international levels the infrastructure needed to improve the

<sup>76</sup> E/5468.

production, distribution and use of books, were designed with a view to long-term action consistent with the objectives of the Second United Nations Development Decade.

*Considering* that the success of International Book Year testifies to the vital importance which Governments and peoples attach to the role of books in the full development of the individual and the advancement of society, and that it is consequently essential that the action begun during International Book Year to make books accessible to all should be continued on a permanent basis,

*Considering also* that:

(a) It is necessary, in order to attain that objective, to mobilize on a world-wide scale the material, technical or financial resources needed in order to develop book production and distribution and to promote reading,

(b) It is important, in particular, that the grave consequences produced, especially in the developing countries, by the growing shortage of printing paper should be quickly overcome,

(c) The broad outlines for a book strategy suggested in the report of the secretariat of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization afford an appropriate setting in which to pursue concerted international action.

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the secretariat of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on International Book Year, 1972, and the Second United Nations Development Decade;

2. *Invites* Member States and, within their spheres of competence, United Nations organs and bodies and all other interested international organizations to give their support to the programme of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for the promotion of books and reading and to take all measures to that end consistent with the guidelines and objectives laid down in the above-mentioned report.

*1918th plenary meeting  
31 July 1974*

#### **1888 (LVII). Reports of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having completed* in-depth reviews of the activities of two specialized agencies, namely, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations<sup>76</sup> and the International Telecommunication Union,<sup>77</sup>

<sup>76</sup> "Report of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-seventh session: summary for the year 1973", transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/5477.

<sup>77</sup> "Analytical summary of the report on the activities of the International Telecommunication Union in 1973 to the fifty-seventh session of the United Nations Economic and Social Council" (Geneva, 1974), transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/5512.

1. *Expresses its appreciation* for the participation of the executive heads of those two organizations in the discussions at the fifty-seventh session of the Council, and requests the organizations in question to take into account the comments made during the discussion;

2. *Takes note* of the reports of the other specialized agencies<sup>78</sup> and of the International Atomic Energy Agency,<sup>79</sup> which were also submitted to it, and invites those bodies, and in particular the Universal Postal Union, the International Civil Aviation Organization, and the International Atomic Energy Agency, whose reports are to be examined in depth by the Council at its fifty-ninth session, to take into account, in presenting their reports, the general comments made during the discussion of this matter at its fifty-seventh session;

3. *Requests* that in future the annual report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination be introduced to the Council before those of the agencies selected for in-depth review;

4. *Requests* the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to submit suggestions to the Council, at its fifty-ninth session, for the second round of in-depth reviews of reports of agencies which will begin in 1976.

*1918th plenary meeting  
31 July 1974*

#### **1889 (LVII). Special report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on information systems**

*The Economic and Social Council.*

*Reaffirming* its responsibilities under the Charter of the United Nations as the central body for development planning and programme co-ordination,

*Recalling* its continuing role as described in paragraph 9 (b) of Council resolution 1768 (LIV) of 18 May 1973 of examining and co-ordinating "on a sector-by-sector

<sup>78</sup> International Labour Office, "Twenty-eighth report of the International Labour Organisation to the United Nations" (Geneva, 1974), transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/5553; report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (E/5518); International Civil Aviation Organization, "Analytical summary of activities in 1973", transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/5552; World Health Organization, "Report of the World Health Organization, 1973: analytical summary", transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/5534; Universal Postal Union, "Analytical report on the work of the Universal Postal Union in 1973" (Berne, 1974), transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/5494; World Meteorological Organization, "Analytical summary of the annual report of the World Meteorological Organization for 1973 submitted to the fifty-seventh session of the Economic and Social Council", transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/5526; Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization, "Analytical summary of the annual report 1973/1974", transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbols E/5497 and Corr.1.

<sup>79</sup> Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency: note by the Director-General (E/5493). The report of the International Atomic Energy Agency was submitted to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session under the symbols A/9125 and Corr.1.

basis, the activities and programmes of the agencies of the United Nations system in order effectively to perform its functions as co-ordinator of the system and to enable it to ensure that the work programmes of the United Nations and its agencies are compatible and mutually complementary".

*Reiterating* the need of Governments of Member States for improved, coherent and comparable information on the projects and programmes of the United Nations system to facilitate the decision-making process in governing bodies.

*Recognizing* that the implementation of common concepts and compatible procedures among the organizations of the United Nations and the adaptation of established patterns within the organizations to the changing needs and requirements of Member States are long-term and continuous processes,

*Considering* that a maximum benefit for the States Members of the United Nations should be obtained from the co-ordinated effort to this end and that Governments of Member States should be provided with an improved insight into and an over-all picture of the activities of the United Nations system,

*Realizing* that information on the United Nations system's activities, resources, results and findings is of relevance and significance to the planning process in developing countries,

*Recognizing* of the need to develop ways and means to strengthen the planning process in developing countries, in order that their identified needs may be met more effectively by the resources and capabilities of the organizations within the United Nations system,

#### **I**

1. *Notes* the special report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on information systems;<sup>80</sup>

2. *Welcomes* the establishment of the Common Register of Development Activities (CORE) as a first and important step towards the provision of information support for system-wide planning and programming;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General and invites the executive heads of the specialized agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency to include in their next budget submissions and in their medium-term plans detailed project proposals for their organizations' participation in, respectively, the development and implementation phases of the Common Register;

4. *Recommends* that the General Assembly and governing bodies of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency support the participation of the United Nations and related agencies in the development of the Common Register;

5. *Calls upon* the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to take the necessary measures for the Programme's full participation in the Common Register by the end of 1975;

<sup>80</sup> E/5489 and Add.1.

6. *Requests* the organizations of the United Nations system to continue and accelerate their efforts through the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to complete the development of the Common Register throughout the United Nations system as a priority matter;

7. *Recommends* that the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination strengthen the Inter-Organization Board for Information Systems and Related Activities and its staff, so as to ensure its capacity for consultation with agency management with a view to the development of common concepts;

## II

8. *Considers* that, for the purpose of information systems, the common concepts applied in support of planning and programming, in the preparation of financial plans and in the formulation of projects should be based on the following principles:

(a) Projects, programmes and related financial plans should be oriented towards results to be obtained (outputs) rather than towards resources required (inputs), as has been the case heretofore;

(b) Project proposals should specify:

(i) The beneficiaries;

(ii) The expected results;

(iii) A time schedule for those results;

(iv) An explanation of how progress in the attainment of results is to be assessed;

9. *Urges* the Secretary-General and the executive heads of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency to give special emphasis to the utilization by their organizations of common concepts, on the basis set out in paragraph 8 above;

## III

10. *Decides* that, in order to facilitate the decision-making process in governing bodies, the project register incorporated in the Common Register should provide:

(a) An inventory of the activities of the organizations of the United Nations system by country, by geographic region, by economic or social discipline, and by broad programme or problem areas;

(b) An inventory of resources by source and status of expenditure of funds, including, if possible, counterpart contributions;

(c) Information relating to goals, purposes and timetables of the activities of the organizations of the United Nations system;

## IV

11. *Requests* the organizations of the United Nations system to report to the Council at its fifty-ninth session, through the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, on the progress in the implementation of the present reso-

lution; the report should outline the benefits to be obtained from the Common Register by Member States, with special emphasis on developing countries, in the event of implementation on a system-wide basis, and should contain an assessment of the cost implications by participating organizations, both as regards the share of cost to be absorbed by the reallocation of available resources and as regards whatever additional resource requirements might be needed; that assessment of cost implications should indicate, *inter alia*, the amount of costs resulting from the requirement in paragraph 10 (b) above for information on "status of expenditure of funds";

## V

12. *Decides* to evaluate fully at its sixty-first session the progress in the development of the Common Register, including agency participation therein.

*1918th plenary meeting  
31 July 1974*

### 1890 (LVII). Agreement with the World Intellectual Property Organization

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its decision on relations with the World Intellectual Property Organization, adopted at its fifty-fifth session,<sup>81</sup>

*Having considered* the draft agreement prepared by the Council Committee on Negotiations with Intergovernmental Agencies and the Negotiating Committee of the World Intellectual Property Organization<sup>82</sup> for the purpose of bringing that institution into relationship with the United Nations,

*Recommends* to the General Assembly that it should approve at its twenty-ninth session the text of the draft agreement set out in the annex to the present resolution.

*1918th plenary meeting  
31 July 1974*

## ANNEX

### Draft agreement between the United Nations and the World Intellectual Property Organization

#### PREAMBLE

In consideration of the provisions of Article 57 of the Charter of the United Nations and of article 13(1) of the Convention establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization, the United Nations and the World Intellectual Property Organization agree as follows:

<sup>81</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 1 (E/5400 and Corr.1), "Decisions", p. 33, under the heading "Relations with the World Intellectual Property Organization".*

<sup>82</sup> Report on negotiations with the World Intellectual Property Organization (E/5535), annex.

*Article 1*

RECOGNITION

The United Nations recognizes the World Intellectual Property Organization (hereinafter called the "Organization") as a specialized agency and as being responsible for taking appropriate action in accordance with its basic instrument, treaties and agreements administered by it, *inter alia*, for promoting creative intellectual activity and for facilitating the transfer of technology related to industrial property to the developing countries in order to accelerate economic, social and cultural development, subject to the competence and responsibilities of the United Nations and its organs, particularly the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), as well as of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and of other agencies within the United Nations system.

*Article 2*

CO-ORDINATION AND CO-OPERATION

In its relations with the United Nations, its organs and the agencies within the United Nations system, the Organization recognizes the responsibilities for co-ordination of the General Assembly and of the Economic and Social Council under the Charter of the United Nations. Accordingly, the Organization agrees to co-operate in whatever measures may be necessary to make co-ordination of the policies and activities of the United Nations and those of the organs and agencies within the United Nations system fully effective. The Organization agrees further to participate in the work of any United Nations bodies which have been established or may be established for the purpose of facilitating such co-operation and co-ordination, in particular through membership in the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination.

*Article 3*

RECIPROCAL REPRESENTATION

(a) Representatives of the United Nations shall be invited to attend the sessions of all the bodies of the Organization and all such other meetings convened by the Organization, and to participate, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of such bodies and at such meetings. Written statements presented by the United Nations shall be distributed by the Organization to its members.

(b) Representatives of the Organization shall be invited to attend meetings and to participate, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Economic and Social Council, its commissions and committees, of the main committees and the organs of the General Assembly, and of other conferences and meetings of the United Nations, with respect to items on the agenda relating to intellectual property matters within the scope of the activities of the Organization and other matters of mutual interest. Written statements presented by the Organization shall be distributed by the Secretariat of the United Nations to the members of the above-mentioned bodies, in accordance with the relevant rules of procedure.

(c) Representatives of the Organization shall be invited, for purposes of consultation, to attend meetings of the General Assembly of the United Nations when questions as defined in paragraph (b) above are under discussion.

*Article 4*

PROPOSAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Subject to such preliminary consultation as may be necessary, the Organization shall arrange for the inclusion in the provisional agenda of its appropriate bodies of items proposed by the United Nations, and the Economic and Social Council, its commissions and committees shall arrange for the inclusion in their provisional agenda of items proposed by the Organization.

*Article 5*

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS

(a) The Organization, having regard to the obligation of the United Nations to promote the objectives set forth in Article 55 of the Charter and the function and power of the Economic and Social Council, under Article 62 of the Charter, to make or initiate studies and reports with respect to international economic, social, cultural, educational, health and related matters and to make recommendations concerning these matters to the specialized agencies concerned, and having regard also to the responsibility of the United Nations, under Articles 58 and 63 of the Charter, to make recommendations for the co-ordination of the policies and activities of such specialized agencies, agrees to arrange for the submission, as soon as possible, to the appropriate organ of the Organization, of all formal recommendations which the United Nations may make to it.

(b) The Organization agrees to enter into consultation with the United Nations upon request with respect to such recommendations, and in due course to report to the United Nations on the action taken by the Organization or by its Members to give effect to such recommendations, or on the other results of their consideration.

*Article 6*

INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS

(a) Subject to such arrangements as may be necessary for the safeguarding of confidential material, full and prompt exchange of appropriate information and documents shall be made between the United Nations and the Organization.

(b) The Organization shall submit to the United Nations annual reports on its activities.

*Article 7*

STATISTICAL SERVICES

(a) The United Nations and the Organization agree to strive for the maximum co-operation, the elimination of all undesirable duplication between them and the most efficient use of their technical personnel in their respective collection, analysis, publication and dissemination of statistical information. They agree to combine their efforts to secure the greatest possible usefulness and utilization of statistical information and to minimize the burden placed upon Governments and other organizations from which such information may be collected.

(b) The Organization recognizes the United Nations as the central agency for the collection, analysis, publication, standardization and improvement of statistics serving the general purposes of international organizations.

(c) The United Nations recognizes the Organization as an appropriate agency for the collection, analysis, publication, standardization and improvement of statistics within its special sphere, without

prejudice to the right of the United Nations, its organs and other agencies within the United Nations system to concern themselves with such statistics in so far as they may be essential for their own purposes or for the improvement of statistics throughout the world.

(d) The United Nations shall, in consultation with the Organization and other agencies within the United Nations system, develop administrative instruments and procedures through which effective statistical co-operation may be secured between the United Nations, the Organization and other agencies within the United Nations system brought into relationship with it.

(e) It is recognized as desirable that the collection of statistical information should not be duplicated by the United Nations or any of the agencies within the United Nations system whenever it is practicable for any of them to utilize information or materials which another may have available.

(f) In order to collect statistical information for general use, it is agreed that data supplied to the Organization for incorporation in its basic statistical series or special reports should, so far as practicable, be made available to the United Nations on request.

(g) It is agreed that data supplied to the United Nations for incorporation in its basic statistical series or special reports should, so far as is practicable and appropriate, be made available to the Organization upon request.

#### Article 8

#### ASSISTANCE TO THE UNITED NATIONS

The Organization shall, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and the basic instrument of the Organization, treaties and agreements administered by the Organization, co-operate with the United Nations in furnishing to it such information, special reports and studies, and in rendering such assistance to it, as the United Nations may request.

#### Article 9

#### TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The United Nations and the Organization undertake to co-operate in the provision of technical assistance for development in the field of intellectual creation. They also undertake to avoid undesirable duplication of activities and services relating to such technical assistance and agree to take such action as may be necessary to achieve effective co-ordination of their technical assistance activities within the framework of existing co-ordination machinery in the field of technical assistance. To this end the Organization agrees to give consideration to the common use of available services as far as practicable. The United Nations will make available to the Organization its administrative services in this field for use as requested.

#### Article 10

#### TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY

The Organization agrees to co-operate within the field of its competence with the United Nations and its organs, particularly the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), as well as the agencies within the United Nations system, in promoting and facilitating the transfer of technology to developing countries in such a manner as to assist these countries in attaining their objectives in the fields of science and technology and trade and development.

#### Article 11

#### TRUST, NON-SELF-GOVERNING, AND OTHER TERRITORIES

The Organization agrees to co-operate within the field of its competence with the United Nations in giving effect to the principles and obligations set forth in Chapters XI, XII and XIII of the Charter of the United Nations and in the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, with regard to matters affecting the well-being and development of the peoples of the Trust, Non-Self-Governing, and other Territories.

#### Article 12

#### INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

(a) The Organization agrees to furnish any information which may be requested by the International Court of Justice in pursuance of Article 34 of the Statute of the Court.

(b) The General Assembly of the United Nations authorizes the Organization to request advisory opinions of the International Court of Justice on legal questions arising within the scope of its competence other than questions concerning the mutual relationships of the Organization and the United Nations or other specialized agencies.

(c) Such requests may be addressed to the International Court of Justice by the General Assembly of the Organization, or by the Co-ordination Committee of the Organization acting in pursuance of an authorization by the General Assembly of the Organization.

(d) When requesting the International Court of Justice to give an advisory opinion, the Organization shall inform the Economic and Social Council of the request.

#### Article 13

#### RELATIONS WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Before the conclusion of any formal agreement between the Organization and any other specialized agency, any intergovernmental organization other than a specialized agency or any non-governmental organization, the Organization shall inform the Economic and Social Council of the nature and scope of the proposed agreement; furthermore, the Organization shall inform the Economic and Social Council of any matter of interagency concern within its competence.

#### Article 14

#### ADMINISTRATIVE CO-OPERATION

(a) The United Nations and the Organization recognize the desirability of co-operation in administrative matters of mutual interest.

(b) Accordingly, the United Nations and the Organization undertake to consult together from time to time concerning these matters, particularly the most efficient use of facilities, staff and services and the appropriate methods of avoiding the establishment and operation of competitive or overlapping facilities and services among the United Nations and the agencies within the United Nations system and the Organization and with a view to securing, within the limits of the Charter of the United Nations and the Convention establishing the Organization, as much uniformity in these matters as shall be found practicable.

(c) The consultations referred to in this article shall be utilized to establish the most equitable manner in which any special services or assistance furnished, on request, by the Organization to the United Nations or by the United Nations to the Organization shall be financed.

Article 15

PERSONNEL ARRANGEMENTS

(a) The United Nations and the Organization agree to develop, in the interests of uniform standards of international employment and to the extent feasible, common personnel standards, methods and arrangements designed to avoid unjustified differences in terms and conditions of employment, to avoid competition in recruitment of personnel, and to facilitate any mutually desirable and beneficial interchange of personnel.

(b) The United Nations and the Organization agree:

- (i) To consult together from time to time concerning matters of common interest relating to the terms and conditions of employment of the officers and staff, with a view to securing as much uniformity in these matters as may be feasible;
- (ii) To co-operate in the interchange of personnel, when desirable, on a temporary or a permanent basis, making due provision for the retention of seniority and pension rights;
- (iii) To co-operate, on such terms and conditions as may be agreed, in the operation of a common pension fund;
- (iv) To co-operate in the establishment and operation of suitable machinery for the settlement of disputes arising in connexion with the employment of personnel and related matters.

(c) The terms and conditions on which any facilities or services of the Organization or the United Nations in connexion with the matters referred to in this article are to be extended to the other shall, where necessary, be the subject of subsidiary agreements concluded for this purpose after the entry into force of this Agreement.

Article 16

BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) The Organization recognizes the desirability of establishing close budgetary and financial relationships with the United Nations in order that the administrative operations of the United Nations and the agencies within the United Nations system shall be carried out in the most efficient and economical manner possible, and that the maximum measure of co-ordination and uniformity with respect to these operations shall be secured.

(b) The Organization agrees to conform, as far as may be practicable and appropriate, to standard practices and forms recommended by the United Nations.

(c) In the preparation of the budget of the Organization, the Director-General of the Organization shall consult with the Secretary-General of the United Nations with a view to achieving, in so far as is practicable, uniformity in presentation of the budgets of the United Nations and of the agencies within the United Nations system for the purposes of providing a basis for comparison of the several budgets.

(d) The Organization agrees to transmit to the United Nations its draft triennial and annual budgets not later than when the said draft budgets are transmitted to its members so as to give the General Assembly sufficient time to examine the said draft budgets, or budgets, and make such recommendations as it deems desirable.

(e) The United Nations may arrange for studies to be undertaken concerning financial and fiscal questions of interest both to the Organization and to the other agencies within the United Nations system, with a view to the provision of common services and the securing of uniformity in such matters.

Article 17

UNITED NATIONS "LAISSEZ-PASSER"

Officials of the Organization shall be entitled, in accordance with such special arrangements as may be concluded between the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the Organization, to use the laissez-passer of the United Nations.

Article 18

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT

The Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the Organization may enter into such supplementary arrangements for the implementation of this Agreement as may be found desirable.

Article 19

AMENDMENT AND REVISION

This Agreement may be amended or revised by agreement between the United Nations and the Organization, and any such amendment or revision shall come into force on approval by the General Assembly of the United Nations and the General Assembly of the Organization.

Article 20

ENTRY INTO FORCE

This Agreement shall enter into force on its approval by the General Assembly of the United Nations and the General Assembly of the Organization.

**1891 (LVII). Assistance in cases of natural disaster and other disaster situations**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971,

*Taking note with appreciation* of the annual report of the Secretary-General on assistance in cases of natural disaster and other disaster situations,<sup>83</sup>

*Recognizing* the valuable services rendered by various units and organizations of the United Nations system, and in particular the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, in cases of natural disaster and other disaster situations,

*Expressing its appreciation* for the activities of regional and sub-regional organizations and those of non-governmental organizations concerned in this field,

*Convinced* that disaster prevention and pre-disaster planning should form an integral part of the international development policy of Governments and international organizations,

*Convinced further* that the staff limitations of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator have

<sup>83</sup> A/9637; transmitted to the Economic and Social Council by a note of the Secretary-General (E/5531).

inhibited its ability to prepare details of the kind of relief supplies and services which donors are willing to furnish, and have further inhibited its ability to provide adequate pre-disaster planning advice,

1. *Expresses the belief* that there is a need for a more systematic approach to and strengthening of the operations of the United Nations system in anticipation of, during and immediately after natural disasters and other disaster situations;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to investigate the feasibility of measures to strengthen the United Nations machinery in this respect, especially the disaster prevention, pre-disaster planning, and co-ordinating roles of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, in order that this machinery may be made more efficient to deal with natural disasters and other disaster situations;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit his findings to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-ninth session;

4. *Recommends* that at its twenty-ninth session the General Assembly, taking into account the discussions on this item at the fifty-seventh session of the Economic and Social Council, reconsider, in the light of the biennial nature of the budget, the proposals of the Secretary-General for additional staff resources, as initially requested by him for the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator in section 17 of his budget estimates for 1974-1975.<sup>84</sup>

*1918th plenary meeting  
31 July 1974*

#### **1892 (LVII). Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having examined* the report of the Secretary-General,<sup>85</sup> the report of the President of the Economic and Social Council,<sup>86</sup> and the annual report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination for 1973/74<sup>87</sup> concerning the item entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations",

*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 resolutions adopted by United Nations bodies on this subject, including in particular

<sup>84</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/9006).*

<sup>85</sup> A/9638 and addenda; transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbols E/5542 and Corr.1, E/5542/Add.1 and Corr.1, E/5542/Add.2 and 3.

<sup>86</sup> E/5561.

<sup>87</sup> E/5488, paras. 39-51.

General Assembly resolution 3118 (XXVIII) of 12 December 1973 and Council resolution 1804 (LV) of 7 August 1973,

*Taking into account* the statements made by the Acting 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 and by the representative of the Organization of African Unity at the fifty-seventh session of the Council,<sup>88</sup>

*Gravely concerned* that millions of people are still living under oppressive colonial and alien domination, and strongly condemning the ruthless repression of these people by the colonial and racist régimes in southern Africa,

*Welcoming* the declaration of the President of Portugal concerning the promulgation of a decree by the Council of State of Portugal recognizing the right to independence of the peoples of the colonial territories concerned, and the acceptance by the Government of Portugal of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV), as well as all other relevant decisions and resolutions of the United Nations with respect to these territories,

*Noting with satisfaction* the progress towards national independence and freedom achieved by the national liberation movements of the territories concerned, particularly in the reconstruction and administration of the liberated areas,

*Mindful* of the acute and critical need for effective assistance from the United Nations system of organizations to the colonial peoples in their efforts to achieve their inalienable right to freedom and independence, to exercise their fundamental human rights and to combat poverty, deprivation and other human suffering,

*Noting with regret* that the action so far taken by most of the specialized agencies to provide moral and material assistance to the peoples of the colonial territories struggling against alien domination falls far short of the objectives of the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council,

*Affirming* that the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council impose a responsibility on all the specialized agencies and bodies within the United Nations system to provide moral and material assistance to the national liberation movements and to the peoples of the liberated areas,

*Noting further* that, in order to facilitate the implementation of the relevant resolutions adopted by United Nations bodies concerning close co-operation with the Organization of African Unity, there is need for regular meetings between representatives of the organizations of the United Nations system and of the secretariat of the Organization of African Unity,

<sup>88</sup> See E/AC.24/SR.538.

1. *Reiterates* its affirmation 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 the extension by the organizations of the United Nations system of the necessary moral and material assistance to them, including in particular those in the liberated areas of the colonial territories, as well as to their national liberation movements;

2. *Calls upon* all the specialized agencies and organizations within the United Nations system:

(a) To discharge their responsibilities as outlined in the resolutions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council of providing moral and material assistance to the national liberation movements and the peoples in the liberated areas, and to work out and channel such assistance through the Organization of African Unity;

(b) To accelerate the full and speedy implementation of the provisions of General Assembly resolution 3118 (XXVIII) and other related resolutions adopted by United Nations bodies;

(c) To make appropriate procedural arrangements immediately and, if necessary, amend their relevant instruments, with a view to enabling the representatives of the liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity to participate fully as observers in all proceedings relating to their countries, particularly so as to ensure that assistance projects of the agencies and organizations are carried out for the benefit of the national liberation movements and peoples of the liberated areas;

(d) To consider defraying all travel and other related expenses of representatives of the national liberation movements invited to attend such proceedings;

3. *Welcomes* the action taken by those organizations which have, in varying degrees, co-operated in the implementation of the relevant resolutions adopted by United Nations bodies, and have in particular initiated programmes of assistance to the national liberation movements, as well as emergency and quasi-emergency programmes of aid to the peoples of the liberated areas;

4. *Affirms* that programmes of assistance to refugees from the colonial territories should not serve as a pretext for inaction regarding assistance to the national liberation movements and peoples of the liberated areas;

5. *Commends* the action taken by the Governments of the countries of residence in facilitating assistance to refugees from the colonial territories and in granting them the legal status provided for in the relevant international instruments, and invites them to intensify their efforts in this regard;

6. *Urges once more* the executive heads of the organizations concerned to formulate and submit to their respective governing bodies or legislative organs at their forthcoming sessions, as a matter of priority and with the active co-operation of the Organization of African Unity, specific programmes of assistance for the peoples

of the colonial territories and their national liberation movements, and to report to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-ninth session, setting out a detailed account of the action taken and envisaged by their respective organizations;

7. *Invites* all Governments to intensify their efforts in the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to ensure the full and effective implementation of the relevant resolutions adopted by United Nations bodies, and in particular to ensure that resources are made available, on a priority basis, for the desired programmes of assistance to the peoples of the colonial territories;

8. *Takes note* of the decision taken by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its 438th meeting concerning assistance to colonial countries and peoples,<sup>89</sup> and calls upon the Programme to take all the necessary measures to accelerate the full and speedy implementation of the provisions set forth in that decision;

9. *Reiterates* its request to the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system which have not yet done so to discontinue all support and assistance to the Government of South Africa and the illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia, so long as these régimes persist in their policies of colonial and alien domination and also to refrain from taking any action which might imply recognition of the legitimacy of these régimes' colonial and alien domination;

10. *Recommends* that regular meetings be held between representatives of the organizations of the United Nations system and of the secretariat of the Organization of African Unity, to review periodically all the activities relating to the implementation of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) and other relevant United Nations resolutions, with a view to achieving the effective co-ordination of these activities, and requests the Secretary-General to bring the results of these meetings to the attention of the President of the Economic and Social Council and of 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 in connexion with the consultations envisaged in paragraph 12 below;

11. *Draws the attention* of the Special Committee to the present resolution and to the discussions that have taken place at the fifty-seventh session of the Council on the subject;

12. *Requests* the President of the Economic and Social Council to continue consultations on this matter with the Chairman of the Special Committee and to report thereon to the Council;

13. *Decides* to keep this question under continuous review.

*1919th plenary meeting  
1 August 1974*

<sup>89</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 2A (E/5543), para. 136.*



**1893 (LVII). Meetings of working groups of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling the Agreement establishing the Intersecretariat Committee on Scientific Programmes relating to Oceanography,

Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to provide facilities, including interpretation and documentation services, for meetings of working groups of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission to be held on United Nations premises in New York or Geneva, provided that no separate budgetary allocations are required and that meetings are scheduled taking into account the over-all calendar of conferences.

*1919th plenary meeting  
1 August 1974*

**1894 (LVII). Rationalization of the work of the Council**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Noting with concern the large volume of documentation submitted for its fifty-seventh session and for recent sessions of its functional commissions and subsidiary bodies,

Referring to its resolution 1623 (LI) of 30 July 1971 entitled "Organization of the work of the Council",

1. *Reiterates* its request that the Secretary-General should ensure that the guidelines set out in paragraph 8 of its resolution 1623 (LI) are observed in reports submitted to the Council and its functional commissions and subsidiary bodies, and particularly that reports are action-oriented and concise;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, when preparing the basic programme of work of the Council for the year in pursuance of Council resolution 1807 (LV) of 8 August 1973 entitled "Basic programme of work and agenda", to indicate in respect of each agenda item the documents to be submitted under that item and the legislative authority for their preparation, in order to enable the Council to consider the documents from the point of view of their contribution to the work of the Council, and of their urgency and relevance in the light of the current situation;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit at each session of a functional commission or subsidiary body of the Council, a draft provisional agenda for its following session, together with the information corresponding to that called for in paragraph 2 above in respect of the documentation of the Council, with a view to enabling the functional commission or subsidiary body concerned to consider its documentation in like manner;

4. *Decides* to consider no report exceeding 32 pages, with the exception of the *World Economic Survey* and the *Report on the World Social Situation*, unless the Council

authorizes that the application of the guidelines cited in paragraph 1 above may be waived.

*1919th plenary meeting  
1 August 1974*

**1906 (LVII). Review of the agreements between the United Nations and the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling its resolution 1768 (LIV) of 18 May 1973, and General Assembly resolution 3172 (XXVIII) of 17 December 1973,

Noting that not all the documents concerning the review of agreements between the United Nations and the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency were circulated in time in all working languages of the Council,

*Affirming* that important developments and profound changes have taken place since the conclusion of the agreements between the United Nations and the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, and that those agreements should therefore now be reviewed,

*Recognizing* the need for a thorough review of the entire United Nations system, with a view to strengthening the coherence of the system and making it a more flexible and effective instrument of world economic and social co-operation and of co-operation in the human rights field, taking into account in particular the New International Economic Order, as embodied in the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, and the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,

1. *Decides* to refer the descriptive and analytical report of the Secretary-General on the past and present relationship between the United Nations and the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency<sup>90</sup> and the views on this matter of the executive heads of the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade<sup>91</sup> to an inter-sessional meeting of the Policy and Programme Co-ordination Committee, to be convened in New York as soon as possible, but not later than the end of February 1975, for three weeks, with instructions:

(a) To review in a thorough manner the agreements between the United Nations and the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, and to recommend to the Council such modifications and additional provisions as may be necessary in the existing agreements, in view of the important developments and

<sup>90</sup> E/5524 and Add.1-5.

<sup>91</sup> E/5476/Add.1-3, E.5476/Add.3/Corr.1, E/5476/Add.4-13.

profound changes which have taken place since their conclusion;

(b) To make such recommendations a may be necessary with a view to making the United Nations system a more effective instrument of world economic and social co-operation and of co-operation in the human rights field, taking into account in particular the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order and the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade;

2. *Requests* the Policy and Programme Co-ordination Committee to report on its work to the Council at its fifty-eighth session, in order to assist in the preparations for the special session of the General Assembly in 1975, decided on in Assembly resolution 3172 (XXVIII)

*1920th plenary meeting  
2 August 1974*

### **1907 (LVII). Revised pattern of meetings**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* the objectives of Chapter I (Articles 1 and 2) and Chapter IX of the Charter of the United Nations.

*Reaffirming* its conviction, expressed in Council resolution 1768 (LIV) of 18 May 1973, that both short-term and long-term measures for rationalization are required to strengthen the role of the United Nations in international economic and social co-operation.

*Taking into account* the provisions of General Assembly resolution 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 concerning the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, section IX, paragraph 3 (b), of which provides that, for the purpose of examining the progress reports of all organizations, institutions and subsidiary bodies concerned within the United Nations system on the implementation of the Programme of Action, the Council may be convened, as necessary, in special session or, if need be, may function continuously.

*Desirous* of discharging more effectively the functions and mandate conferred upon it by the Charter, and of giving effect to the relevant terms of the aforesaid resolutions,

*Conscious* of the need to make the most efficient use of the services and facilities placed at its disposal,

*Considering* that the objectives referred to in the two preceding paragraphs might be achieved more economically, *inter alia*, by an adjustment of the calendar of its sessions,

1. *Notes* the difficulties experienced by the Economic and Social Council in dealing with its present and future workload within the existing arrangements for meetings;

2. *Decides*, in the light of rules 4 and 5 of the rules of procedure of the Council, that the Council's pattern of meetings, in addition to making provision for the regular

spring and summer sessions, should take into full account the need for a better distribution throughout the year of the questions included in the Council's programme of work for each year;

3. *Decides further* that, with a view to such a better distribution of meetings and the more effective operation of the Council, the Secretary-General be requested to present to the Council at its organizational session for 1975 a report containing recommendations to that end, together with an assessment of their possible financial implications;

4. *Decides also* to give priority consideration to the Secretary-General's report at its organizational session for 1975.

*1920th plenary meeting  
2 August 1974*

### **1910 (LVII). Priorities in the economic, social and human rights fields**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* the objectives of Chapter IX of the Charter of the United Nations,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 3043 (XXVII) of 19 December 1972 on the form of presentation of the United Nations Budget and duration of the budget cycle, and resolution 3199 (XXVIII) of 18 December 1973 on the formulation, review and approval of programmes and budgets, in which the Council was requested to indicate clearly the order of priorities in the economic, social and human rights fields to be reflected by the Secretary-General in his medium-term plan for 1976-1979 and proposed programme budget for 1976-1977,

*Recalling further* General Assembly resolution 3201 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing the Declaration on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order and General Assembly resolution 3202 (S-VI) of the same date embodying the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order,

*Recognizing* the need to strengthen the role of the United Nations in the field of world-wide co-operation for economic and social development and the promotion of human rights,

*Believing* that the activities of the United Nations in the economic and social fields should take fully into account the Programme of Action, which complements and strengthens the goals and objectives embodied in the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, and that a re-deployment of resources in these fields may be required in order to achieve these ends,

*Taking into account* the fact some programmes of the United Nations itself are financed from extra-budgetary sources and that in several priority sectors the primary responsibility for international action lies elsewhere with-

in the United Nations system, in particular with its specialized agencies,

*Reiterating its concern* that there should be a unified approach to development,

*Noting* the report of the Secretary-General on priorities in the economic, social and human rights fields,<sup>92</sup>

*Considering* that there is an easure of complementarity between the thematic and the incremental approach to priorities in the economic, social and human rights fields,

1. *Stresses* the importance of establishing an effective system of priorities in the economic, social and human rights fields;

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General, in preparing the draft programme budget for 1976-1977 and the medium-term plan for 1976-1979, to take full account of the views expressed during the fifty-seventh session of the Council;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in preparing his draft programme budget and medium-term plan, to review carefully the activities being undertaken under each programme in the economic, social and human rights fields, in order to permit the General Assembly, with the recommendations of the Council, to redeploy, where appropriate, resources allocated to those areas, taking fully into account:

(a) The major objectives of the International Development Strategy and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, including the attainment of fundamental freedoms and human rights;

(b) The desirability of ensuring a meaningful element of real growth in programmes which are particularly responsive to those major objectives;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in presenting this programme budget and medium-term plan, to indicate concisely not only the programme structure and the legislative authority for each element, but also bearing in mind the element of complementarity referred to in the ninth preambular paragraph of the present resolution, the extent to which each element is essential to the achievement of major objectives, particularly where additions to on-going work are involved, but within the limits of resources allocated under the budget;

5. *Recognizes* that the redeployment of these resources so as to make available a relatively greater share for activities of high priority must be undertaken in an orderly fashion, so as not to cause undue dislocation or detract from the statutory obligations of the Secretariat;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in presenting his next programme budget and medium-term plan, to report how in practice he has interpreted the guidance afforded by the present resolution;

7. *Recommends* that, in the preparation of the draft programme budget for 1976-1977 and the proposed medium-term plan for 1976-1979, due account should be taken of the decisions reached, up to the time of the drawing-up of the budget and the medium-term plan, on matters which require priority action, including the forthcoming world conferences being held under United Nations auspices.

*1921st plenary meeting  
2 August 1974*

<sup>92</sup> E/AC.51/74 and Corr.1 and 2.

## DECISIONS

### 41 (LVII). Machinery for programme and co-ordination

At its 1919th meeting, on 1 August 1974, the Council, recognizing the desirability of reaching agreement by consensus on the future of its organization and working methods for dealing with questions of programme and co-ordination, decided:

(a) To review this matter further at its fifty-eighth session;

(b) To invite the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination to confine the substantive agenda of its fifteenth session to the sole question of the programme budget for 1976-1977 and the medium-term plan for 1976-1979;

(c) That, pending a decision on the future machinery for programme and co-ordination, the remaining functions of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination under Council resolution 1472 (XLVIII) should be assumed during 1975 by the Council's Policy and Programme Co-ordination Committee.

### 42 (LVII). Creation of an informal group to examine the machinery for programme and co-ordination

At its 1919th meeting, on 1 August 1974, the Council decided to set up an informal group, open to all Member States, to meet in New York early in 1975 to examine the machinery for programme and co-ordination, it being understood that all the necessary steps would be taken to reduce the financial charges in connexion therewith to a minimum.

### 43 (LVII). Report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination

At its 1918th meeting, on 31 July 1974, the Council took note of the annual report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination for 1973/74.<sup>93</sup>

<sup>93</sup> E/5488.

**44 (LVII). Report on the Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination**

At its 1918th meeting, on 31 July 1974, the Council took note of the report on the Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination.<sup>94</sup>

**45 (LVII). Comprehensive policy review of operational activities throughout the United Nations system**

At its 1918th meeting, on 31 July 1974, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the role of the United Nations system in operational activities for development<sup>95</sup> and of the reports of the specialized agencies and the United Nations organizations concerned,<sup>96</sup> submitted in response to Council decision 3 (LVI) of 10 January 1974.

**46 (LVII). Reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme**

At its 1918th meeting, on 31 July 1974, the Council took note of the reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its seventeenth<sup>97</sup> and eighteenth<sup>98</sup> sessions.

**47 (LVII). United Nations Capital Development Fund**

At its 1918th meeting, on 31 July 1974, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations Capital Development Fund.<sup>99</sup>

**48 (LVII). World Food Programme**

At its 1918th meeting, on 31 July 1974, the Council took note of the twelfth 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.<sup>100</sup>

<sup>94</sup> E/5550.

<sup>95</sup> E/5522.

<sup>96</sup> E/5527/Add.1-6.

<sup>97</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 2* (E/5466).

<sup>98</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 2A (E/5543).

<sup>99</sup> E/5557 and Corr.1.

<sup>100</sup> WFP/IGG:25/17; transmitted to the Economic and Social Council by a note of the Secretary-General (E/5537).

**49 (LVII). United Nations Volunteers programme**

At its 1918th meeting, on 31 July 1974, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations Volunteers programme.<sup>101</sup>

**50 (LVII). Report of the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning**

At its 1918th meeting, on 31 July 1974, the Council took note of the report of the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning on its eighth session.<sup>102</sup>

**51 (LVII). Report of the Joint Inspection Unit**

At its 1918th meeting, on 31 July 1974, the Council:

(a) Took note of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the capacity of the regional economic commissions for a unified approach to development,<sup>103</sup> the comments thereon by the Secretary-General and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme<sup>104</sup> and the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;<sup>105</sup>

(b) Decided to request the Commission for Social Development to consider the report of the Joint Inspection Unit at its forthcoming session in connexion with the consideration of the final report on a unified approach to development, and to express its views for consideration by the Council at its fifty-eighth session, within the context of the study of regional structures;

(c) Decided to request the regional economic commissions also to consider the report of the Joint Inspection Unit at their most appropriate forthcoming sessions and to communicate their views to the Council not later than at its fifty-ninth session.

**52 (LVII). Calendar of conferences and meetings**

At its 1919th meeting, on 1 August 1974, the Council decided:

(a) To approve the Economic and Social Council provisional calendar of conferences and meetings for 1975, as amended;<sup>106</sup>

<sup>101</sup> E/5498 and Corr.1.

<sup>102</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 2* (E/5447).

<sup>103</sup> E/5430.

<sup>104</sup> E/5430/Add.1.

<sup>105</sup> E/5430/Add.2.

<sup>106</sup> See the annex to the report of the Policy and Programme Co-ordination Committee (E/5573), reproduced in the report of the Council to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session (*Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 3* (A/9603)).

(b) To take note of the draft provisional calendar for 1976;<sup>107</sup>

(c) To adopt, on an experimental basis, a biennial cycle of meetings, and for this purpose, with effect from its fifty-ninth session, to approve the Economic and

Social Council programme of meetings for a period of two years;

(d) To authorize the Secretary-General, in consultation with the President of the Economic and Social Council, to change the place and/or the dates of meetings of subsidiary bodies of the Council, if exceptional circumstances so warrant, provided that the change can be absorbed within existing budgetary appropriations.

---

<sup>107</sup> See foot-note 106 above.



## CHECK LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS

NOTE. The resolutions and the decisions of the Economic and Social Council are numbered in separate series. This check list includes all the resolutions and the decisions adopted by the Council during its fifty-seventh session.

### RESOLUTIONS

<i>No. of resolution</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Agenda item No.</i>	<i>Date of adoption</i>	<i>Page</i>
1874 (LVII)	The economic and social situation in the Sudano-Sahelian region stricken by drought and measures to be taken for the benefit of that region . . . . .	10	16 July 1974	1
1875 (LVII)	Assistance to Zambia . . . . .	11	16 July 1974	1
1876 (LVII)	Assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia . . . . .	12	16 July 1974	2
1877 (LVII)	Assistance to southern Sudanese returnees and displaced persons . . . . .	22	16 July 1974	3
1878 (LVII)	The drought problem in Africa . . . . .	10 and 12	16 July 1974	3
1879 (LVII)	Emergency measures in regard to the supply of fertilizers and pesticides . . . . .	9	31 July 1974	3
1880 (LVII)	Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund . . . . .	15 <i>f</i>	31 July 1974	20
1881 (LVII)	Proposal for an International Children's Year . . . . .	15 <i>f</i>	31 July 1974	20
1882 (LVII)	Establishment of an international habitat and human settlements foundation . . . . .	16 <i>a</i>	31 July 1974	20
1883 (LVII)	Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme . . . . .	16 <i>a</i>	31 July 1974	21
1884 (LVII)	Technical assistance activities of the United Nations in housing, building and planning . . . . .	20	31 July 1974	21
1885 (LVII)	World Housing Survey . . . . .	20	31 July 1974	22
1886 (LVII)	Improvement and development of building technologies based on locally available materials . . . . .	20	31 July 1974	22
1887 (LVII)	International Book Year, 1972, and the Second United Nations Development Decade: report of the secretariat of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization . . . . .	21 <i>b</i>	31 July 1974	23
1888 (LVII)	Reports of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency . . . . .	21 <i>b</i>	31 July 1974	23
1889 (LVII)	Special report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on information systems . . . . .	21 <i>c</i>	31 July 1974	24
1890 (LVII)	Agreement with the World Intellectual Property Organization . . . . .	21 <i>f</i>	31 July 1974	25
1891 (LVII)	Assistance in cases of natural disaster and other disaster situations . . . . .	23	31 July 1974	28
1892 (LVII)	Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations . . . . .	24	1 August 1974	29
1893 (LVII)	Meetings of working groups of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission . . . . .	26	1 August 1974	31
1894 (LVII)	Rationalization of the work of the Council . . . . .	26	1 August 1974	31
1895 (LVII)	Change of name from "Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East" to "Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific" . . . . .	18 <i>a</i>	1 August 1974	5
1896 (LVII)	Regional co-operation . . . . .	18	1 August 1974	5
1897 (LVII)	Question of convening a United Nations conference on science and technology . . . . .	19	1 August 1974	6
1898 (LVII)	World programme of development research and application of science and technology to solve the special problems of the arid areas . . . . .	19	1 August 1974	7
1899 (LVII)	Mobilization of public opinion in relation to the World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development and the regional plans . . . . .	19	1 August 1974	8
1900 (LVII)	Implementation of the World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development . . . . .	19	1 August 1974	8
1901 (LVII)	Quantification of scientific and technological activities related to development . . . . .	19	1 August 1974	9

<i>No. of resolution</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Agenda item No.</i>	<i>Date of adoption</i>	<i>Page</i>
1902 (LVII)	The role of an international technological information system in the transfer and assessment of technology and in the indigenous growth of appropriate technologies in developing countries . . . . .	19	1 August 1974	10
1903 (LVII)	Application of computer science and technology to development . . . . .	19	1 August 1974	11
1904 (LVII)	Outflow of trained personnel from developing to developed countries . . . . .	19	1 August 1974	12
1905 (LVII)	Institutional arrangements for science and technology . . . . .	19	1 August 1974	13
1906 (LVII)	Review of the agreements between the United Nations and the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency . . . . .	21 e	2 August 1974	31
1907 (LVII)	Revised pattern of meetings . . . . .	26	2 August 1974	32
1908 (LVII)	The impact of transnational corporations on the development process and on international relations . . . . .	8	2 August 1974	13
1909 (LVII)	Second General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization . . . . .	17	2 August 1974	14
1910 (LVII)	Priorities in the economic, social and human rights fields . . . . .	21 g	2 August 1974	32
1911 (LVII)	Implementation of the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order; mid-term review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy; special session of the General Assembly devoted to development and international economic co-operation . . . . .	4, 6, 7 and 14	2 August 1974	15

#### DECISIONS

<i>No. of decision</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Agenda item No.</i>	<i>Date of adoption</i>	<i>Page</i>
23 (LVII)	World Food Conference . . . . .	9	19 July 1974	4
24 (LVII)	Report of the Preparatory Committee for the World Food Conference . . . . .	9	31 July 1974	4
25 (LVII)	Human rights questions: allegations regarding infringements of trade union rights . . . . .		31 July 1974	4
26 (LVII)	Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees . . . . .		31 July 1974	4
27 (LVII)	Financial implications of actions taken by the Council at its fifty-sixth and fifty-seventh sessions . . . . .		2 August 1974	5
28 (LVII)	Special economic problems and development needs of developing island countries . . . . .	14	2 August 1974	18
29 (LVII)	Report of the Committee for Development Planning . . . . .	14 a	2 August 1974	18
30 (LVII)	Special measures in favour of the least developed countries . . . . .	14 b	2 August 1974	18
31 (LVII)	Special measures related to the particular needs of the land-locked developing countries . . . . .	14 c	2 August 1974	18
32 (LVII)	Study of the problems of raw materials and development: consideration of draft resolutions referred to the Council by the General Assembly . . . . .	5	1 August 1974	18
33 (LVII)	Permanent sovereignty over natural resources . . . . .	13	1 August 1974	18
34 (LVII)	Annual report of the Economic Commission for Europe . . . . .	18 a	1 August 1974	18
35 (LVII)	Annual report of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East . . . . .	18 a	1 August 1974	19
36 (LVII)	Reports of the Economic Commission for Latin America . . . . .	18 a	1 August 1974	19
37 (LVII)	Annual report of the Economic Commission for Africa . . . . .	18 a	1 August 1974	19
38 (LVII)	Report of the Economic Commission for Western Asia . . . . .	18 a	1 August 1974	19
39 (LVII)	Report on the meetings of the Executive Secretaries of the regional economic commissions . . . . .	18 b	1 August 1974	19
40 (LVII)	Report of the Committee on Science and Technology for Development . . . . .	19	1 August 1974	19
41 (LVII)	Machinery for programme and co-ordination . . . . .	21 a	1 August 1974	33
42 (LVII)	Creation of an informal group to examine the machinery for programme and co-ordination . . . . .	21 a	1 August 1974	33
43 (LVII)	Report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination . . . . .	21 c	31 July 1974	33
44 (LVII)	Report on the Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination . . . . .	21 d	31 July 1974	34
45 (LVII)	Comprehensive policy review of operational activities throughout the United Nations system . . . . .	15 a	31 July 1974	34
46 (LVII)	Reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme . . . . .	15 b	31 July 1974	34
47 (LVII)	United Nations Capital Development Fund . . . . .	15 c	31 July 1974	34
48 (LVII)	World Food Programme . . . . .	15 g	31 July 1974	34
49 (LVII)	United Nations Volunteers programme . . . . .	15 i	31 July 1974	34
50 (LVII)	Report of the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning . . . . .	20	31 July 1974	34
51 (LVII)	Report of the Joint Inspection Unit . . . . .	25	31 July 1974	34
52 (LVII)	Calendar of conferences and meetings . . . . .	26	1 August 1974	34





