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FIFTY-FOURTH SESSION**

**Adopted by the Council at its 1847th meeting,  
held on 8 January 1973**

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1. Election of the President and Vice-Presidents for 1973.
  2. Adoption of the agenda.
  3. Elections.
  4. Confirmation of members of functional commissions of the Council.
  5. Recommendations of the United Nations/IMCO Conference on International Container Traffic.
  6. Actions arising out of decisions of the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session.
  7. Basic programme of work of the Council in 1973 and consideration of the provisional agenda for the fifty-fourth session.
  8. Measures to be taken following the earthquake in Nicaragua.\*

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\* At its 1847th meeting, the Council decided to include this additional item in its agenda.

**AGENDA FOR THE MEETINGS OF THE FIFTY-FOURTH  
SESSION HELD FROM 17 APRIL TO 18 MAY 1973**

**Adopted by the Council at its 1851st meeting,  
held on 17 April 1973\***

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1. Adoption of the agenda.
  2. Permanent sovereignty over natural resources of developing countries.
  3. Special measures in favour of the least developed among the developing countries.
  4. Special measures related to the particular needs of the land-locked developing countries.
  5. Natural resources:
    - (a) Report of the Committee on Natural Resources;
    - (b) Question of the establishment of a United Nations revolving fund for natural resources exploration.
  6. Fiscal and financial matters:
    - (a) Promotion of private foreign investment in developing countries;
    - (b) Transfer of operative technology at the enterprise level;
    - (c) Tax treaties between developed and developing countries.
  7. Collective economic security: preliminary consideration of the concept, its scope and potential practical implications.
  8. The impact of multinational corporations on the development process and on international relations.
  9. Economic and social consequences of disarmament.
  10. Appraisal of prospective food deficits and food aid needs.
  11. Report of the Statistical Commission.
  12. Population:
    - (a) United Nations Fund for Population Activities;
    - (b) Report of the Population Commission.
  13. Capital punishment.
  14. Report of the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations.
  15. International co-operation between municipalities.
  16. Narcotic drugs:
    - (a) Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs;
    - (b) Report of the International Narcotics Control Board;
    - (c) Activities of the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control.
  17. Social development:
    - (a) Report of the Commission for Social Development;
    - (b) Promotion of the co-operation movement during the Second United Nations Development Decade.

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\* At its 1851st meeting, the Council decided to postpone to the fifty-fifth session consideration of the item entitled "Work programme and budget for 1974-1975 and medium-term plan for 1974-1977 relating to economic, social and human rights activities".

18. Human rights questions:
  - (a) Report of the Commission on Human Rights;
  - (b) Allegations regarding infringements of trade union rights.
19. Report of the Working Group on Rationalization.
20. Study on regional structures.
21. Tourism.
22. Second United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names.
23. Assistance to southern Sudanese returnees and displaced persons.
24. Transport questions:
  - (a) United Nations/IMCO Conference on International Container Traffic;
  - (b) Transport of dangerous goods.
25. Report of the Committee on Programme and Co-ordination.
26. Elections.
27. Measures to be taken following the floods in Tunisia.\*
28. Implementation of Security Council resolution 329 (1973) concerning the question of economic assistance to Zambia.\*
29. Question of the admission of Bangladesh to membership in the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East.\*
30. Consideration of the provisional agenda for, and duration of, the fifty-fifth session.

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\*At its 1851st meeting, the Council decided to include this additional item in its agenda.

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

### ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL QUESTIONS

#### **1734 (LIV). Recommendations of the United Nations/IMCO Conference on International Container Traffic**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having taken note* of resolution 7 on international combined transport<sup>1</sup> adopted by the United Nations/IMCO Conference on International Container Traffic, held at Geneva from 13 November to 2 December 1972,

*Considering* the benefits which may be derived from the new techniques of unitized and intermodal transport, and the need of the developing countries for assistance in order to participate in these benefits,

*Recognizing* that, despite the valuable exchange of views at the Conference, the developing countries are still apprehensive of the consequences of international intermodal transport,

1. *Endorses* the recommendations of the United Nations/IMCO Conference on International Container Traffic that further studies be carried out and completed by the end of 1974 by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, in co-ordination with the regional economic commissions and with the co-operation of the appropriate regional and sub-regional bodies and other international organizations, in particular the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization and the International Civil Aviation Organization, on all the relevant aspects of international combined transport of goods, including such matters as repercussions in the field of international trade and transport, balance of payments, costs of international transport, insurance and the consistency of the international combined transport of goods with national policies on transport, trade and insurance, bearing in mind particularly the needs and requirements of the developing countries and taking into account the report of the Third Main Committee of the United Nations/IMCO Conference<sup>2</sup> and the studies already made on the subject;

2. *Requests* the Trade and Development Board to establish, following the pattern of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences,<sup>3</sup> an intergovernmental preparatory group for the elaboration, in consultation as appropriate with other bodies of the United Nations system, of a preliminary draft convention on international intermodal transport, taking into account the report of the Third Main Committee of the United Nations/IMCO Conference, other relevant reports and,

once they are ready, also the result of the studies referred to in paragraph 1 above;

3. *Further requests* the Trade and Development Board to authorize the intergovernmental preparatory group, referred to in paragraph 2 above, to meet as early as possible in 1973 and to make available its conclusions on the subject to the Economic and Social Council early in 1975, with a view to the convening of a plenipotentiary conference as envisaged in subparagraphs (c) and (d) of paragraph 1 of resolution 7 of the United Nations/IMCO Conference on International Container Traffic.

*1850th plenary meeting  
10 January 1973*

#### **1735 (LIV). Admission of Bangladesh to membership in the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Considering* that Bangladesh, which is situated within the geographical scope of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, has expressed its desire to become a member of that Commission,

*Considering* that the presence of Bangladesh in the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East would further the purposes of that Commission,

*Considering further* that Bangladesh is a member of various specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,

1. *Decides* accordingly to amend paragraphs 2 and 3 of the terms of reference of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, on condition that Bangladesh agrees to pay each year an equitable contribution, the total amount of which will be determined periodically by the General Assembly in accordance with the procedure established by the Assembly in similar cases;

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General to enter into consultations and to take the steps necessary for Bangladesh and the General Assembly to reach agreement on the contribution which this State will be required to make to the budget of the United Nations.

*1852nd plenary meeting,  
17 April 1973.*

#### **1737 (LIV). Permanent sovereignty over natural resources of developing countries**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* that the inalienable right of each State to exercise sovereignty over its natural resources has been

<sup>1</sup> See E/CONF.59/44.

<sup>2</sup> E/CONF.59/39/Rev.1.

<sup>3</sup> See General Assembly resolution 3035 (XXVII).

repeatedly recognized by the international community in numerous resolutions of various organs of the United Nations,

*Reiterating* that an intrinsic condition of the exercise of the sovereignty of every State is that its sovereignty be exercised fully and effectively over all its natural resources,

*Recalling* in particular General Assembly resolutions 1803 (XVII) of 14 December 1962, 2158 (XXI) of 25 November 1966, 2386 (XXIII) of 19 November 1968, 2625 (XXV) of 24 October 1970, 2692 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 and 3016 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972, and Security Council resolution 330 (1973) of 21 March 1973,

*Recalling also* principle II of resolution 46 (III) of 18 May 1972 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,<sup>4</sup> Economic and Social Council resolution 1673 (LII) of 2 June 1972 and the recommendations contained in paragraph 88 of the report of the Committee on Natural Resources on its third session,<sup>5</sup>

*Considering* that the full exercise by each State of sovereignty over its natural resources is an essential condition for achieving the objectives and targets of the Second United Nations Development Decade,

*Bearing in mind* that the adequate utilization of all natural resources in particular the non-renewable ones, determines the conditions of economic development of the developing countries,

*Taking into account* that the exercise of sovereignty over natural resources requires that action by States aimed at achieving a better utilization and use of those resources must cover all stages, from exploration to marketing,

1. *Reaffirms* the right of States to permanent sovereignty over all their natural resources, on land within their international boundaries, as well as those of the sea-bed and the subsoil thereof within their national jurisdiction and in the superjacent waters;

2. *Emphasizes* that both the exploration and the exploitation of such natural resources shall be subject in each country to national laws and regulations;

3. *Declares* that any act, measure or legislative provision which one State may apply against another for the purpose of suppressing its inalienable right to the exercise of its full sovereignty over its natural resources, both on land and in coastal waters, or of using coercion to obtain advantages of any other kind, is a flagrant violation of the Charter of the United Nations, contradicts the principles adopted by the General Assembly in its resolutions 2625 (XXV) and 3016 (XXVII) and obstructs the attainment of the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, and that to persist therein could constitute a threat to international peace and security;

4. *Recognizes* that one of the most effective ways in which the developing countries can protect their natural resources is to promote or strengthen machinery for co-operation among them having as its main purpose to concert pricing policies, to improve conditions

<sup>4</sup> See *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 I.A.

<sup>5</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 4 (E/5247)*.

of access to markets, to co-ordinate production policies and, thus, to guarantee the full exercise of sovereignty over their natural resources;

5. *Urges* the international financial organizations and the United Nations Development Programme to provide, in accordance with the priorities established in national development plans, all possible financial and technical assistance to developing countries at their request for the purpose of establishing, strengthening and supporting, as appropriate, national institutions to ensure the full utilization and control of their natural resources;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to complete the study of the political economic, social and legal aspects of the principle of permanent sovereignty over natural resources referred to in Council resolution 1673 D (LII), and to include therein the aspects of the permanent sovereignty of States over their natural resources of the sea-bed and the subsoil thereof within the limits of national jurisdiction and in the superjacent waters;

7. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session, through the Economic and Social Council, the study referred to in paragraph 6 above.

1854th plenary meeting  
4 May 1973

#### 1742 (LIV). Container standards for international multimodal transport

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* resolution 4 on container standards for international multimodal transport<sup>6</sup> unanimously adopted by the United Nations/IMCO Conference on International Container Traffic, held at Geneva from 13 November to 2 December 1972,

*Having examined* the report of the Secretary-General on the Conference,<sup>7</sup>

1. *Decides* that an *ad hoc* intergovernmental group be convened, in co-operation with other concerned organizations of the United Nations, as appropriate, at the end of 1975, in order to assess the work done by the International Organization for Standardization and to determine what future action to take in this field, with a view to considering the practicability of eventually drawing up an international agreement on container standards;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with other concerned organizations of the United Nations, to submit to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-sixth session a report suggesting the terms of reference of the group and a provisional agenda of its meeting, as well as the financial and administrative implications of that meeting.

1854th plenary meeting,  
4 May 1973

#### 1743 (LIV). International carriage of dangerous goods and their identification and marking

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Mindful* of the need to establish standards of safety in the transport of goods, particularly in view of the

<sup>6</sup> See E/CONF.59/44.

<sup>7</sup> E/5250.

widespread introduction of unitization and containerization of cargoes, so as to comprehend as part of the total world transportation system those commodities posing a danger to the persons engaged in their transport and to the human environment,

*Considering* that the various existing systems of identification, classification and labelling of dangerous goods, each of which apparently is unique to its particular mode of transport, whether road, rail, air, marine or inland water transport, do not lend themselves to an effective functioning of an integrated intermodal transport system,

*Recalling* the work already done in this respect by the Economic and Social Council under its resolution 1488 (XLVIII) of 22 May 1970, and its application to maritime transport made by the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization in its resolution A.81 (IV),

*Recalling also* recommendation 71 of the Action Plan adopted by the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment<sup>8</sup> on the release to the environment of toxic or dangerous substances,

*Noting with approval* resolution 5 on intermodal carriage of dangerous goods and their identification and marking<sup>9</sup> adopted by the United Nations/IMCO Conference on International Container Traffic, held at Geneva from 13 November to 2 December 1972,

1. *Invites* the international organizations concerned to foster the adoption of a single system of identification, classification and labelling of dangerous goods at the earliest practicable opportunity;

2. *Requests* the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods:

(a) To continue to investigate the divergencies currently existing in the modal practices applicable to the transport of dangerous goods in respect of their classification, identification, labelling and packaging;

(b) To report to the Economic and Social Council on the progress of its investigations and recommendations concerning the steps that should be taken with a view to bringing about uniformity in the various modes;

3. *Requests* Governments and the international organizations concerned to co-operate with and assist the Committee of Experts in its investigation to the fullest possible extent.

*1854th plenary meeting,  
4 May 1973*

#### **1744 (LIV). Transport of dangerous goods**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Noting* that dangerous goods account for an increasingly large proportion of international trade,

*Noting* the growth in the number of new substances appearing on the market and the advance in transport techniques,

*Taking into account* that the intermodal carriage of these goods necessitates thorough harmonization of the rules governing the various modes of carriage,

<sup>8</sup> See A/CONF.48/14 and Corr.1, chap. II.

<sup>9</sup> See E/CONF.59/44.

*Conscious* that the carriage of such goods in complete safety needs to be ensured without the development of this important trade being thereby hampered,

*Noting* the attention paid to the recommendations of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods<sup>10</sup> by Governments which implement them in the form of national regulations and by international organizations whose regulations are modelled on or incorporate them,

*Noting* that the work of the Committee of Experts must advance at a pace matching that of technical progress so as to be able to meet the needs of Governments and of the international organizations concerned,

*Recalling* its resolution 645 G (XXIII) of 26 April 1957, 724 C (XXVIII) of 17 July 1959, 871 (XXXIII) of 10 April 1962, 994 (XXXVI) of 16 December 1963, 1110 (XL) of 7 March 1966, and 1488 (XLVIII) of 22 May 1970,

*Noting* the programme of work for 1973-1974 proposed by the Committee of Experts,<sup>11</sup>

1. *Commends* the experts and rapporteurs on their excellent work;

2. *Decides* to add to the terms of reference of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods the grouping of dangerous goods along the lines indicated in subparagraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph 5 of resolution 1488 (XLVIII);

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in the light of the report by the Committee of Experts on its seventh session:<sup>12</sup>

(a) To amend the recommendations of the Committee of Experts in accordance with the proposals contained in its report on its seventh session and to publish the amendments so adopted in the form of a supplement to the recommendations;

(b) To circulate the aforesaid supplement to Governments of Member States, to the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, and to the other international organizations concerned;

(c) To take the measures necessary at the Secretariat level to enable the work called for under the programme of work proposed by the Committee of Experts to be prepared;

(d) To convene meetings of the Committee of Experts and of its subsidiary bodies in the light of the programme of work;

(e) To publish the illustrated glossary in the English and French versions approved by the Committee of Experts and in Spanish, Russian and Chinese;

4. *Invites* Governments of Member States, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the other international organizations concerned to transmit to the Secretary-General such comments as they may wish to make on the amended recommendations and to inform him, if possible, within six months following the receipt of the supplement containing the amendments adopted by the Committee of Experts, to what extent the recommendations will be applied.

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4 May 1973*

<sup>10</sup> See *Transport of Dangerous Goods* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.70.VIII.2), vols. I-IV.

<sup>11</sup> See E/5241, para. 24.

<sup>12</sup> E/CN.2/CONF.5/49 and Add.1.

## 1745 (LIV). Capital punishment

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* article 3 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which affirms everyone's right to life,

*Recalling* its resolutions 934 (XXXV) of 9 April 1963, 1574 (L) of 20 May 1971 and 1656 (LII) of 1 June 1972, and General Assembly resolutions 1396 (XIV) of 20 November 1959, 2393 (XXIII) of 26 November 1968, 2857 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971 and 3011 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972 indicating the continuing interest of the United Nations in the study of the question of capital punishment and its desire to promote full respect for the Universal Declaration of Human Rights also in this field,

*Having considered* the third report of the Secretary-General on capital punishment,<sup>13</sup>

*Noting with satisfaction* that a large number of Member States recently provided the Secretary-General with the information requested in General Assembly resolution 2393 (XXIII),<sup>14</sup>

*Noting* however that, notwithstanding the information now available, it is difficult to establish a full picture of the present situation, trends and safeguards concerning capital punishment,

*Believing* that scientifically based studies are needed to improve the present knowledge and understanding of the death penalty and to define what further work could be done by the United Nations in this field, including studies embracing: redefinition of criminal offences to which the death penalty is applied; restriction of the variety and form of such offences to which the death penalty is applied; promotion of studies undertaken on a transregional basis taking into account groups of countries with similar legal, social and economic systems, and similar levels of economic and social development; promotion of individual country studies to determine the economic, social and educational levels of persons executed and of those convicted but not executed in retentionist States over the last two decades,

1. *Reaffirms* that the main objective to be pursued is that of progressively restricting the number of offences for which capital punishment might be imposed with a view to the desirability of abolishing this punishment;

2. *Notes with satisfaction* that, since the publication of the second report of the Secretary-General,<sup>15</sup> capital punishment has been abolished in six countries;

3. *Considers* as further positive signs towards the abolition of capital punishment the fact that, in countries where it still exists, it is generally considered as an exceptional measure which in most cases has not been applied for a long time, and the progressive restriction in those countries of ordinary offences for which it is or may be imposed;

4. *Expresses its deep concern* at the introduction on occasion of harsher methods of execution involving for example, torture or beating, no matter where or under what circumstances these may have occurred;

5. *Invites* the Secretary-General to submit to the Economic and Social Council periodic updated and

<sup>13</sup> E/5242 and Add.1.

<sup>14</sup> See ST/SOA/118 and Add.1 and 2.

<sup>15</sup> See *Capital Punishment* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.67.IV.15), part II: "Developments, 1961 to 1965".

analytical reports at five-year intervals starting from 1975;

6. *Invites* Member States, so that the future five-year reports may be based on all information available:

(a) To include in their periodic reports submitted under Economic and Social Council resolution 1074 C (XXXIX) of 28 July 1965 any further change in the present situation in regard to capital punishment and safeguards thereto;

(b) To inform the Secretary-General of any new research carried out by qualified national institutions and of any governmental action undertaken to promote research in this field;

7. *Invites* the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control, availing itself also of the services of the United Nations Social Defence Research Institute, and of the regional social defence institutes, to examine the third report of the Secretary-General and to submit to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-eighth session comments and recommendations, through the relevant functional commissions, to stimulate at the international and national levels a better understanding of the issues presently involved in the question of capital punishment.

*1855th plenary meeting  
16 May 1973*

## 1746 (LIV). National experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 1581 A (L) of 21 May 1971 and 1667 (LII) of 1 June 1972, in which the Council recognized the great importance of carrying out appropriate structural social and economic changes for the achievement of social progress and development and for that purpose considered it appropriate to study the experience of the various countries of the world in this field,

*Having studied* the report of the Secretary-General<sup>16</sup> prepared on the basis of replies by Governments to his questionnaire on national experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress,

*Noting* that social progress has been achieved through the efforts of Governments and through voluntary and co-operative efforts and that such changes are built on a democratic basis,

*Recognizing* that the great variation in levels of economic growth and the differences between the political systems, cultures and aspirations of Member States necessarily influence the degree of utilizing the experience gained by individual Member States,

*Having regard to the fact* that the peoples of the world, striving to achieve the goals of social progress and a higher standard of living, are increasingly placing their hopes in State measures and in the active participation of the population in the process of social changes to achieve the above-mentioned goals for the benefit of all the people and in particular the working force,

*Sharing* the concern of the Governments of many countries at the inadequacy of their rates of economic and social development, which are often slowed by

<sup>16</sup> E/CN.5/478 and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1 and 2, Add.2 and Add.2/Corr.1, Add. 3 and Add.3/Corr.1.



existing economic and social structures, as well as by the lack of effective international co-operation and by external interference in the internal affairs of States,

*Bearing in mind* that the strengthening of national independence and the achievement of the ultimate goals of social progress depend fundamentally on internal basic social changes for purposes of strengthening national independence, achieving the democratization of society and improving social and economic structures, and on the reaffirmation of the principle of the inadmissibility of external interference in any form, including interference by multinational corporations,

*Recalling* the Declaration on Social Progress and Development<sup>17</sup> which recommends that countries should carry out democratically based structural changes and reforms, and in particular that, in accordance with article 2 of that Declaration, social progress and development shall be founded, *inter alia*, on respect for the dignity and value of the human person and on the recognition and effective implementation of civil and political rights as well as of economic, social and cultural rights without any discrimination,

*Deploring* the persistence of poverty, illiteracy disease, poor housing and social inequities and recognizing the national and international responsibility to eradicate these evils,

*Bearing in mind* that the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade<sup>18</sup> will be achieved if both the developed and developing countries carry out progressive and structural social changes in their respective societies,

*Further bearing in mind* that the efforts of the developing countries in achieving the far-reaching social and economic changes require the fulfilment by the developed countries of their obligations towards the developing countries,

1. *Expresses its thanks* to the Secretary-General for his report, which reflects various approaches toward the goal of achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress;

2. *Stresses* the great importance of fundamental internal democratic social and economic changes designed to safeguard national independence and to ensure a speedy improvement in the well-being of the population;

3. *Regards* it as its task to promote the implementation of article 18 (b) of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development, that is, the promotion of democratically based social and institutional reforms and motivation for change basic to the elimination of all forms of discrimination and exploitation and conducive to high rates of economic and social progress, and draws the attention of Governments to this recommendation;

4. *Recommends* that appropriate measures should be taken at all levels to ensure more active participation by the entire population, including the working force, in the production, preparation and execution of economic and social development policies and programmes designed to achieve far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress, taking into account the experience of other Governments in this field;

5. *Further recommends* that the Secretary-General should, in consultation with the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, continue the study of national experience in carrying out fundamental democratic social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress, make a detailed analysis of this question in his reports on the world social situation and include it in the programme of work of the Commission for Social Development;

6. *Decides* to include this question in the agenda of its fifty-sixth session and recommends its inclusion in the agenda of the twenty-ninth session of the General Assembly.

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16 May 1973

#### 1747 (LIV). Unified approach to development analysis and planning

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Bearing in mind* the vital importance of the implementation of policies and objectives recommended by the General Assembly in its resolution 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970, containing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development decade, as well as in its resolution 2542 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969, containing the Declaration on Social Progress and Development,

*Taking into account* General Assembly resolution 2681 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1494 (XLVIII) of 26 May 1970,

*Having examined* the preliminary report of the Secretary-General on a unified approach to development analysis and planning,<sup>19</sup>

*Noting in particular* the idea expressed in the report that development is a dynamic and integrated process that could, in certain cases, call for profound social changes and structural transformations,

*Taking into consideration* the fact that social development is related to a favourable international political climate and that the United Nations, in particular the Economic and Social Council, should play an important role in promoting social development in connexion with the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security, as recommended in General Assembly resolution 2880 (XXVI) of 21 December 1971,

*Endorsing* the idea expressed in the report of the need, in addition to national income growth indices, to develop adequate means for the assessment of national income distribution among various groups of the population with a view to providing practical guidance for the policy measures aimed at the elimination of mass poverty and unemployment, ensuring fuller use of manpower resources and broader access to education, health and other social services,

*Taking into account* the report of the Secretary-General on the Expert Group Meeting on a Unified Approach to Development Analysis and Planning, held at Stockholm from 6 to 10 November 1972,<sup>20</sup>

*Bearing in mind* that comprehensive and unified national planning is a more effective approach than partial or sectoral planning, which could result in unbalanced development,

<sup>17</sup> General Assembly resolution 2542 (XXIV).

<sup>18</sup> General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV).

<sup>19</sup> E/CN.5/477.

<sup>20</sup> E/CN.5/490.

1. *Considers it appropriate* to regard comprehensive and unified national planning as a means of achieving balanced social and economic development;

2. *Believes* that a practical application of a comprehensive and unified approach to development planning may call for social and economic structural changes;

3. *Recognizes* that a strengthening of the public sector could be vital for comprehensive and unified national planning;

4. *Recommends* that Governments should:

(a) Closely tie up planning with national goals;

(b) Pursue a policy which would be directed at establishing social equality and justice and at improving standards of living for the bulk of the population;

(c) Encourage wider participation and co-operation in the development process—in setting the goals, implementing the plans and enjoying the benefits of development;

(d) Implement the goals, targets and policy measures of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, taking into account the recommendations of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development;

(e) Examine their development strategies, national plans and structures from the point of view of their conformity with the requirements of a unified approach and the principles of social development and peace in the world;

(f) Co-operate with each other in order to achieve the above ends;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue studies of the question of a unified approach to development analysis and planning, taking into account the International Development Strategy and the need for its implementation, which is a prerequisite for achieving the full integration of economic and social components of the development of each country, particularly of the developing countries;

(b) To take into account, in the completion of the final report, the views expressed by the members of the Commission for Social Development at its twenty-third session<sup>21</sup> and, while ensuring that the cross-sectoral integration and regionalization of planning are further studied, to see to it that the report is prepared in such a way as to be of the greatest possible practical use to planners, decision makers and administrators;

(c) To submit the results of this study, together with suitable recommendations, as appropriate, to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-sixth session and to the Commission for Social Development at its twenty-fourth session;

(d) To ensure that the Committee for Development Planning and the Committee on Review and Appraisal are kept informed of any ongoing work, including the results of any studies on a unified approach to development analysis and planning;

(e) To include the question of a unified approach to development analysis and planning as a separate item in the agenda of the twenty-ninth session of the General Assembly.

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<sup>21</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 5 (E/5252)*, chap. III.

## **1748 (LIV). Review and appraisal of the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 2681 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 and 2771 (XXVI) of 22 November 1971 and Council resolutions 1581 (L) of 21 May 1971 and 1666 (LII) of 1 June 1972,

1. *Notes* that, owing to the lack of appropriate documentation, the Commission for Social Development at its twenty-third session was handicapped in fulfilling the task assigned to it with regard to the review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, contained in General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970;

2. *Requests* the Secretariat to prepare appropriate and specific documentation and to submit it to the Commission for Social Development at its twenty-fourth session, for the purpose of assessing the realization of social development objectives both in the developed and the developing countries;

3. *Invites* the specialized agencies concerned, the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office at Beirut to co-operate with the Secretary-General in the preparation of the relevant data;

4. *Invites* the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development to undertake, as a matter of priority, further studies on the establishment of social standards and indicators for the purpose of appraising social progress and development in the context of the International Development Strategy and to submit the results of these studies, through the Secretary-General, to the Commission for Social Development in time for its twenty-fourth session.

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## **1749 (LIV). Migrant workers**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the report of the Commission for Social Development on its twenty-third session,<sup>22</sup>

*Noting with satisfaction* that the Conference of European Ministers Responsible for Social Welfare, held at The Hague from 22 to 26 August 1972, was able to give due and positive consideration to the situation of migrant workers,<sup>23</sup> mentioned also in the course of the United Nations Interregional Seminar on Industrial Social Welfare, held at Moscow from 16 October to 5 November 1971,<sup>24</sup>

*Aware* that labour migration all over the world has acquired a magnitude that urgently calls for specific examination and action by the United Nations, especially since migration has become an important factor influencing the general social and economic situation and relations among countries,

*Noting* that migratory movements result, on the whole, from the existing differences in levels of development and the unsatisfactory progress of national

<sup>22</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 5 (E/5252).

<sup>23</sup> See E/CN.5/479.

<sup>24</sup> See E/CN.5/484.

and international efforts to narrow the gap between developed and developing countries,

*Aware* that the increased migration of workers generates great problems both for the countries of immigration and emigration, and of the fact that this segment of the population, although receiving certain material benefits, faces numerous difficulties and hardships,

*Considering* the contribution of migrant workers, especially of skilled workers, to the economic development of receiving countries and the loss sustained by their countries of origin as a result of their migration, in terms of the cost of their training and their technical and professional expertise,

*Noting with satisfaction* that the International Labour Organisation has already initiated a programme of action in conformity with resolution II of 22 June 1971, adopted by the International Labour Conference at its fifty-sixth session, concerning action for promoting the equality of migrant workers in all social and labour matters, and that the question of migrant workers has been placed on the agenda of the 1974 session of the International Labour Conference with a view to adopting further international standards relating to equality of opportunity and treatment of migrant workers and their social protection,

1. *Affirms* the need for the United Nations to consider the situation of migrant workers in an inter-related manner and in relation with general factors, including economic, political, social and cultural factors and the requirements of respect for human rights and human dignity;

2. *Invites* the Governments of emigration and immigration countries to give due attention to the situation of migrant workers and their families, and to take, on a continuous basis, action aimed at improving their position, protecting them from discrimination and various hardships, creating job opportunities in the countries from which they have emigrated, as well as giving due attention to the international aspect of this problem;

3. *Further, invites* the Governments of emigration and immigration countries to ensure to migrant workers and their families, through bilateral agreements on labour recruitment, the protection of social security and assistance schemes, appropriate housing, their ethnic integrity and cultural inheritance, protection from large-scale dismissal, as well as comprehensive measures for their training;

4. *Decides* to include in the agenda of its fifty-eighth session the question of migrant workers and requests the Secretary-General to invite the International Labour Organisation to make available to the Commission for Social Development at its twenty-fourth session and to the Council the results of its programme of action on migrant workers, including the progress achieved on this subject at the 1974 session of the International Labour Conference;

5. *Also invites* the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission for Social Development, in co-operation with all the specialized agencies concerned, a supplementary report on the welfare of migrant workers and their families, with particular attention to the educational needs of their children.

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## **1750 (LIV). Convening of a United Nations conference for an international convention on adoption law**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Taking into consideration* General Assembly resolution 3028 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972 and the note by the Secretary-General on the question of convening a United Nations conference for an international convention on adoption law,<sup>25</sup>

*Considering* that the lack of sufficient legislation on the question of adoption and differences between the existing laws on this question create difficult juridical and social problems which could, *inter alia*, affect the interests of persons to be adopted,

*Keeping in mind* the need to develop adoption and foster care practices in order to provide for children the family atmosphere indispensable to their development and to their integration into society,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the international organizations, both governmental and non-governmental, concerned with child welfare and/or with expertise in the field of international law:

(a) To obtain through a questionnaire to Governments current information on policies, programmes and laws for the protection of children for adoption and foster placement, and their views on the question of sponsoring an international conference on adoption law, including the scope of such a conference;

(b) To bring up to date the study entitled *Comparative Analysis of Adoption Laws*,<sup>26</sup> taking into account particularly any international legal instruments concluded on the matter, especially at the regional level;

2. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a concise report, based on the information referred to in paragraph 1 above, for the consideration of the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-six session and of the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session.

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## **1751 (LIV). The aged and social security**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Taking into account* General Assembly resolution 2842 (XXVI) of 18 December 1971, entitled "Question of the elderly and aged",

*Recalling* its resolutions 1405 (XLVI) and 1406 (XLVI) of 5 June 1969,

*Taking note* of the corresponding reports of the Secretary-General, particularly the one on the United Nations Interregional Seminar on Industrial Social Welfare,<sup>27</sup>

*Considering* social security and social welfare to be integral parts of the social and economic development of society as a whole,

*Recognizing* that adequate social security is of the greatest importance to the aged,

*Bearing in mind* article 11 (a) of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development,<sup>28</sup> which envisages the provision of comprehensive social security schemes and social welfare services, the establishment

<sup>25</sup> E/CN.5/491.

<sup>26</sup> ST/SOA/30 (United Nations publication, Sales No. 56.IV.5).

<sup>27</sup> E/CN.5/484.

<sup>28</sup> General Assembly resolution 2542 (XXV).

and improvement of social security and insurance schemes for all persons who, because of illness, disability or old age, are temporarily or permanently unable to earn a living, with a view to ensuring a proper standard of living for such persons and for their families and dependants,

*Affirming* the important role of Governments in developing effective social security programmes through concerted efforts of national and local authorities, appropriate organizations and the population itself,

*Considering* that the protection of the aged is an important part of any comprehensive social security scheme and that such schemes should be an integral part of the social and economic development of society as a whole, and considering therefore that the protection of the aged cannot be dealt with in isolation,

1. *Considers* social security to be an integral part of national programmes for improving the well-being of the population, particularly for the aged, within the framework of the State's long-term social and economic planning;

2. *Calls upon* Governments to assume responsibility for guiding and planning social security in all sectors along with the development of legislation in the field of social security programmes;

3. *Recommends* that Governments should carry out, as far as national circumstances permit, especially in the developed countries, the necessary social security measures within the framework of general planning and, in particular, should:

(a) Seek to ensure that the aged, the disabled and those who suffer the loss of the breadwinner receive adequate social security payments;

(b) Introduce and expand social security schemes with due regard for the groups of workers with special needs, in particular women;

(c) Improve treatment under social security schemes for immigrant workers and their families;

(d) Provide sufficient institutions for the care of aged persons requiring medical treatment;

(e) Ensure, where possible, the vocational training and employment of the handicapped;

(f) Seek to ensure that aged persons protected by social welfare programmes can take part, to the extent of their capacities, in creative activities, which would give them moral satisfaction;

4. *Calls* for the participation of the whole community, including the trade unions, in the field of social security as well as in the improvement of the general well-being of the population;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to give constant attention to these problems and to reflect them in reports on the world social situation;

6. *Requests* the Commission for Social Development to include in its work programme for 1974-1977 questions relating to the place of social security in the system of social and economic planning and development and, in this connexion, requests the Secretary-General to consult with the International Labour Organisation regarding the preparation of a comparative study of social security systems, social security planning, and the role and responsibility of the State in this matter;

7. *Decides* to consider this question at its fifty-sixth session.

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## 1752 (LIV). Needs and aspirations of youth

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General on youth,<sup>29</sup>

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 2770 (XXVI) of 22 November 1971 on youth, its problems and needs and its participation in social development, and 3022 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972 on channels of communication with youth and international youth organizations, and Council resolution 1727 (LIII) of 28 July 1972 and General Assembly resolution 3018 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972 on mass poverty and unemployment,

*Noting* that the report of the Secretary-General adequately treats youth as an integral part of society as a whole and in relation to the situation in the world,

*Aware* that, while youth forms part of different social segments of the population, it nevertheless feels most strongly the impact of inequities in national, regional and international development,

*Mindful* that, because of the prevalence of mass poverty and the inequitable distribution of wealth and services in the world, most young people continue to experience serious problems in achieving their aspirations and in satisfying their basic individual, social and economic needs, in particular with regard to health, education, training, employment and opportunities to participate in national, regional and international development,

*Recognizing* the increasingly influential and responsible role which youth is playing in matters relating to the maintenance of peace throughout the world and the protection of human rights,

*Recognizing* the need to assist youth to combat discrimination, *apartheid* and other types of policies of oppression and exploitation, which seriously affect the task of meeting the social needs and requirements of youth,

*Emphasizing* the importance of the full participation of youth in the development process for the realization of the objectives stated in the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,<sup>30</sup>

*Noting with concern* the findings of the report that most of the present arrangements of Governments and the United Nations system to deal with the needs and aspirations of youth are inadequate,

*Convinced* of the need to strengthen the role of Governments and the United Nations in promoting measures to meet the needs and aspirations of youth at the national, regional and international levels,

1. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of youth to employment, education, shelter, health care and the fulfilment of other social and cultural needs;

2. *Takes note* of the proposals for action contained in the report of the Secretary-General and recommends them to Governments, in particular those relating to the need for Governments:

(a) To gear their educational policies and programmes to the task of ensuring educational opportunities and education more relevant to the preparation

<sup>29</sup> E/CN.5/486 and Corr.1, Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1.

<sup>30</sup> General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV).

of youth for full participation in all aspects of life and development;

(b) To formulate health policies and implement health programmes to ensure that youth will be physically able to take advantage of the increasing opportunities open to them;

(c) To adopt all possible means to increase job opportunities in order to reduce or eliminate unemployment of young people;

(d) To increase opportunities for youth to participate in all aspects of national and international life, especially in the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade;

3. *Calls upon* Governments and international, regional and non-governmental organizations, in co-operation with the representatives of youth, to review and appraise their policies and programmes for youth in the light of the report of the Secretary-General, with a view to meeting more satisfactorily their needs and in order to enable them to play a more effective role in promoting economic and social development and peace in the world;

4. *Urges* the organizations in the United Nations system to give special attention, in the process of review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, to questions of youth in development, particularly with regard to relevant education, training, employment and participation in decision making;

5. *Calls upon* the concerned organizations in the United Nations system to strengthen their advisory services at the national, regional and international levels, devoting particular attention to the participation of youth in economic and social development;

6. *Emphasizes* the importance of the decision of the General Assembly in its resolution 3022 (XXVII) to convene an *Ad Hoc* Advisory Group on Youth to advise the Secretary-General on activities that should be undertaken by the United Nations to meet the needs and aspirations of youth.

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#### 1753 (LIV). Special measures in favour of the least developed among the developing countries

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* resolution 62 (III) of 19 May 1972, of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,<sup>31</sup> which represents a very important programme for international action in favour of the least developed among the developing countries, particularly paragraph 46 (e) of that resolution,

*Further recalling* General Assembly resolution 3036 (XXVII) of 19 December 1972, on special measures in favour of the least developed among the developing countries in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, endorsed resolution 62 (III) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,

*Taking note* of the study on the desirability and feasibility of establishing a special fund for the least

developed among the developing countries,<sup>32</sup> which was prepared by the Secretary-General in response to Economic and Social Council resolution 1710 (LIII) of 28 July 1972,

*Recognizing* the urgent need for the examination of ways and means of ensuring that the least developed countries benefit fully from general measures in different fields, including the examination of the desirability of creating a special fund to serve in enabling the least developed countries to overcome their basic handicaps,

*Taking into consideration* the special requirements of the least developed countries, which require new and innovative approaches capable of dealing effectively with their particular situation and pressing needs,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, in co-operation with the appropriate organizations in the United Nations system, especially the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the United Nations Development Programme, a further study which would elaborate on the contents of the first study on the institutional arrangements for the implementation of the special measures in favour of the least developed among the developing countries, including the need for the creation of a special fund for these countries, and would take account of the observations and comments made by various delegations on the substance of the first study, and which should be submitted to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session through the Economic and Social Council at its resumed fifty-fifth session;

2. *Welcomes* the decision of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme that the United Nations Capital Development Fund should be used to serve primarily the hard-core countries;

3. *Calls upon* the developed countries, in view of the new orientation of the United Nations Capital Development Fund, to reconsider their policy towards the Fund;

4. *Recommends* that the General Assembly, at its twenty-eighth session, should consider ways and means of further employing sizable sums of the resources of the United Nations Capital Development Fund, as well as other sources and arrangements, for the service of the least developed countries in solving their basic handicaps;

5. *Urges* sources of development financing, both bilateral and multilateral, in accordance with the principles of resolution 62 (III) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, to increase their capacity of participating more effectively in the implementation of the special measures designed for the least developed countries in different fields of activity;

6. *Requests* the bodies concerned in the United Nations family of organizations, and all States Members of the United Nations, especially the developed countries, to expedite action on General Assembly resolution 3036 (XXVII), particularly the implementation of paragraphs 2 and 3 of that resolution;

7. *Recommends* that a review of the implementation of the special measures in favour of the least developed countries, to decide, among other things, on institutional arrangements for the implementation of those measures and the manner in which additional resources

<sup>31</sup> See *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 I.A.

<sup>32</sup> E/5269.

for the benefit of the least developed countries could be mobilized, should be undertaken under the item on the agenda of the twenty-eighth session of the General Assembly relating to the least developed among the developing countries.

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**1754 (LIV). Special measures in favour of the least developed among the 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 which the Assembly provided a separate section on special measures in favour of the least developed among the developing countries,

Recalling further General Assembly resolutions 2768 (XXVI) of 18 November 1971 and 3036 (XXVII) of 19 December 1972, concerning the least developed among the developing countries, as well as the report of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on its third session,<sup>33</sup> the report of the Trade and Development Board for the period from 22 September 1971 to 25 October 1972<sup>34</sup> and the decision of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its fifteenth session regarding special measures for the least developed countries,<sup>35</sup>

Bearing in mind the joint statement by eight socialist countries at the twenty-fifth session of the General Assembly concerning the Second United Nations Development Decade<sup>36</sup> and their declaration at the third session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,<sup>37</sup>

Convinced of the need for the organizations in the United Nations system to take further concerted measures, including the adaptation of their operational rules, the terms and conditions under which assistance is provided, and their institutional arrangements including the deployment of personnel, to enable them to give priority and co-ordinated attention to the problems peculiar to the least developed among the developing countries and improve the effectiveness of the assistance provided to these countries,

1. Reaffirms the recognition that the least developed among the developing countries are confronted with special problems in their efforts to accelerate the pace of their economic and social progress;

2. Invites the United Nations Development Programme to submit a written report to the Secretary-General and the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-sixth session setting forth in detail, with special attention to field and headquarters staffing and uses

<sup>33</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.).

<sup>34</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 15* (A/8715/Rev.1).

<sup>35</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 2* (E/5256), paras. 109-129.

<sup>36</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fifth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 42, document A/8074.

<sup>37</sup> See *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 VIII.G.

being made of the special additional \$35 million earmarked for use in the least developed countries in the period 1973-1976, the various special measures which the Programme and its Governing Council have taken over the previous eighteen months to improve the quality and expand the quantity of technical and pre-investment assistance provided to the least developed countries, as well as any such further measures they project taking over the next twelve-month period;

3. Invites the World Bank Group, with special attention to the International Development Association, to submit a written report to the Secretary-General and the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-sixth session setting forth in detail the various special measures taken over the period 1971-1973 to improve the quality and terms, to expand the quantity, and to expedite the delivery of the capital and technical assistance provided to the least developed among the developing countries, as well as to indicate in so far as feasible the further special measures which they may have under consideration for the benefit of the least developed countries through 1976;

4. Invites each of the specialized agencies, other organizations in the United Nations system, in particular the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, and the regional economic commissions and regional banks directly concerned to submit a written report to the Secretary-General and the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-sixth session setting forth in detail what special measures each has taken over the previous eighteen months in favour of the least developed countries, with special attention to measures to improve their co-ordination with one another and to adapt policy guidelines, operational rules, terms and conditions and institutional frameworks to the special problems of the least developed countries, and any such further measures they project taking over the next twelve-month period;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-sixth session on specific measures taken by the aforementioned organizations in the fields to which paragraph 4 above draws special attention;

6. Further requests those organizations which will be submitting reports under the terms of the present resolution to include a full appraisal of the administrative, institutional and co-ordinative difficulties they continue to encounter in the implementation of programmes of assistance to the least developed among the developing countries;

7. Decides to include in the agenda of its fifty-sixth session an item to review the report of the Secretary-General and consider the adequacy of policy guidelines, operational rules, terms and conditions and institutional frameworks adapted to the special problems of the least developed among the developing countries.

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**1755 (LIV). Special measures related to the particular needs of the land-locked developing countries**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling General Assembly resolution 2971 (XXVII) of 14 December 1972 on special measures



related to the particular needs of the land-locked developing countries, in which the Economic and Social Council, in consultation with the appropriate organizations in the United Nations system, is invited to study the desirability and feasibility, including possible ways and means, of establishing a special fund for defraying the additional transport costs of land-locked developing countries,

*Noting with appreciation* the report of the Group of Experts on the special problems involved in the trade and economic development of the land-locked developing countries<sup>38</sup> established by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,

*Recognizing* that the lack of information would make it impossible to determine the necessary means for the establishment of a fund to subsidize the additional transport costs of the land-locked developing countries,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and in co-ordination with the respective regional economic commissions, to undertake a complete study on the establishment of a fund, which should include:

(a) Difficulties encountered by the land-locked developing countries in the utilization of transportation means;

(b) Definition of the causes and limitations that create additional transport costs;

(c) Evaluation of the additional transport costs for each land-locked country;

(d) Measures which are being taken to reduce the additional transport costs accruing to developing land-locked countries;

(e) Annual financial assistance required to subsidize the additional transport costs;

(f) The various possible sources of financing and the evaluation of the feasibility of each of these sources;

2. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to bring forth in his study all possible alternatives that may result from his consultations;

3. *Requests* the Governments of the land-locked developing countries as well as the Governments of the transit countries to give all the required data, co-operation and necessary assistance to the Secretary-General, to the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and to the secretariats of the regional economic commissions, for this purpose;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit this study to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session, through the Economic and Social Council.

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#### **1756 (LIV). Study on regional structures**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970 and 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970,

<sup>38</sup> *Official Records of the Trade and Development Board, Tenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 13, document TD/B/308.*

*Recalling further* General Assembly resolution 2687 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 and Council resolution 1442 (XLVII) of 31 July 1969, dealing with the role of the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office at Beirut in the Second United Nations Development Decade, as well as other resolutions of the Assembly and the Council dealing with decentralization of the economic and social activities of the United Nations and strengthening of the regional economic commissions as enumerated in Council resolution 1442 (XLVII),

*Stressing* the importance of enhancing the role and the usefulness for Member States of the regional offices in the United Nations system,

*Mindful* of the need of facilitating the application of an integrated approach,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Regional co-operation: study on regional structures",<sup>39</sup>

2. *Reaffirms* that the regional economic commissions, in their respective regions, are the main general economic and social development centres within the United Nations system, and calls upon all the organizations and agencies in the system to work closely with the regional economic commissions to achieve the over-all economic and social development objectives at the regional level;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, taking into account the study referred to in paragraph 4 below and any related recommendations, to submit to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-eighth session a further report on regional structures of the United Nations system aimed at their gradual simplification and adjustment to the realities, needs and aspirations of each region, on the basis of an in-depth analysis of the regional structures of the United Nations system as well as the terms of reference of the respective regional offices, and requests the Secretary-General, in preparing this report, to take into account also:

(a) The opinions of the Member States of the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office at Beirut;

(b) The conclusions of current discussions between the United Nations Development Programme and the regional economic commissions;

(c) The points of view of the specialized agencies concerned whose opinions will be requested by the Secretary-General and, wherever feasible, as expressed by their respective regional conferences;

4. *Requests* the Joint Inspection Unit, for its part, to include in its work programme an in-depth study of the matter, including such recommendations as it may deem appropriate to achieve the above-mentioned purposes.

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#### **1757 (LIV). Study on regional structures: intersecretariat meetings**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 2687 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 and Council resolution 1442 (XLVII) of 31 July 1969, dealing with the role of the regional economic commissions and the United

<sup>39</sup> E/5127.

Nations Economic and Social Office at Beirut in the Second United Nations Development Decade, as well as other resolutions of the Assembly and the Council dealing with decentralization of the economic and social activities of the United Nations and strengthening of the regional economic commissions as enumerated in Council resolution 1442 (XLVII),

*Aware* that the regional economic commissions, since their establishment by the Economic and Social Council, have effectively contributed to the promotion of regional and subregional co-operation for economic and social development in their respective regions,

*Further aware* of existing arrangements for co-ordination between the regional economic commissions and the specialized agencies,

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Regional co-operation: study on regional structures",<sup>39</sup> prepared in accordance with Council resolution 1553 (XLIX) of 30 July 1970, particularly the recommendations and measures contained in chapter VIII of that report,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, pending the submission by him of the report requested in paragraph 3 of Council resolution 1756 (LIV), in co-operation with the executive heads of the organizations and specialized agencies in the United Nations system, to organize regional intersecretariat meetings, whenever necessary and under the authority of the intergovernmental bodies of the regional economic commissions concerned, to be held under the chairmanship of the Executive Secretaries of the regional economic commissions and with the participation of the United Nations organizations concerned and all the interested specialized agencies, with a view to improving, at the regional level, co-operation and co-ordination in the implementation of economic and social activities approved by the respective policy-making organs concerned;

2. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the executive heads of the organizations and specialized agencies in the United Nations system, to include in his report, referred to in paragraph 1 above, a study on the effectiveness of any intersecretariat meetings which may have been held pursuant to paragraph 1, to be submitted to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-eighth session.

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#### **1758 (LIV). Tourism**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 2529 (XXIV), of 5 December 1969 and 2802 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971,

*Endorsing* the recommendations in resolution 37 (III) of 13 May 1972 adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development concerning the development of tourism,<sup>40</sup>

*Considering* the important role that international tourism could play in the development of the economies of developing countries,

<sup>40</sup> See *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 I.A.

*Considering also* that receipts from international tourism may constitute an important item in the balance of payments of the developing countries and may also have a favourable effect by generating additional employment and income for the populations of those countries,

*Taking into account* the experience of the last decade, in which, according to available data, while on the one hand there has been a substantial expansion of international tourism and of foreign exchange earnings from this source for the developing countries as a whole, on the other hand the bulk of receipts from international tourism has gone to developed countries,

*Mindful* of the need to enhance the understanding of the economic significance of tourism, its ramifications, costs, potential benefits to the developing countries, and any other relevant aspects,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite the International Union of Official Travel Organizations, in consultation with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and other bodies concerned, to make a study on the impact of international tourism on the economic development of developing countries, with special emphasis on the actual revenue earned by the developing countries and the proportion of the developing countries' gross revenue from this tourism accruing to the developed tourist-exporting countries, and to suggest, for consideration by the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, the necessary national and international measures aimed at ameliorating the position of the developing countries in the international tourism market;

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General to submit the above-mentioned study, together with his recommendations, including a report on the action taken to implement the objectives and provisions of resolution 37 (III) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session, through the Economic and Social Council;

3. *Reiterates* the unanimous invitation to Member States, contained in resolution 37 (III) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, to take the earliest possible decision regarding the ratification of the statutes of the World Tourism Organization, the establishment of which has been recommended by the General Assembly in its resolutions 2529 (XXIV) and 2802 (XXVI), so that it may start to function at the earliest opportunity and contribute effectively to the development of tourism in general and its rapid growth in the developing countries in particular;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session, through the Economic and Social Council, a progress report on the status of the statutes of the World Tourism Organization.

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#### **1760 (LIV). Appraisal of prospective food deficits and food aid needs**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 2462 (XXIII) of 20 December 1968 and 2682 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 on multilateral food aid,



*Taking note* of the report of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations,<sup>41</sup> submitted in compliance with paragraph 5 of Assembly resolution 2462 (XXIII),

*Taking note* also of the supplementary report of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations,<sup>42</sup> submitted in the light of the changed world food supply position,

*Noting with concern* the present difficult food situation in which world food stocks are at their lowest level in twenty years, food prices are abnormally high and the availability of adequate food to millions of people in 1973-1974 is dependent on the uncertainties of a single year's weather,

*Recognizing* the growing emergency food requirements following recurring crop failures in vulnerable areas in Asia, Central America and the Sudano-Sahelian zone of Africa and the need for a more appropriate geographic distribution of basic food stocks,

*Noting* that the international community has not yet accepted or evolved in any meaningful sense the concept of a minimum safe level of basic food stocks for the world as whole,

*Emphasizing* that to ensure the adequate availability of food is a common responsibility of the international community any could contribute to the collective economic security of the world,

1. *Welcomes* the intention of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to submit concrete proposals designed to implement the concept of minimum world food security for consideration by the Council of that Organization in June 1973 and by the Conference in November 1973;

2. *Invites* the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to report to the Economic and Social Council, at its fifty-sixth session, on the progress made in formulating and implementing these proposals.

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## 1761 (LIV). Report of the Committee on Natural Resources

### A

#### CO-ORDINATION OF PROGRAMMES

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

*Taking into account* the deliberations of the Committee on Natural Resources at its third session<sup>43</sup> and the views expressed by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its thirteenth session on the subject,<sup>44</sup>

*Bearing in mind* its responsibility, under Article 63 of the Charter of the United Nations, for co-ordinating the activities of the specialized agencies, which includes activities in the field of natural resources,

<sup>41</sup> E/5050 and Corr.1.

<sup>42</sup> E/5050/Add.1.

<sup>43</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 4 (E/5247)*, chap. II.

<sup>44</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 7 (E/5273), paras. 42-49.

*Endorses* the conclusions contained in paragraph 34 of the report of the Committee on Natural Resources on its third session<sup>45</sup> and in particular:

(a) Considers it of great importance that the Secretary-General, in co-operation, as appropriate, with the other members of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, and the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office at Beirut, work out an appropriate and practicable division of responsibilities in the United Nations system on the activities on natural resources, where such a division of responsibility has not yet been obtained;

(b) Draws the special attention of the relevant intergovernmental bodies of the various organizations in the United Nations system to the conclusions on interagency co-ordination reached by the Committee on Natural Resources and requests these bodies to report to the Council on their viewpoints regarding these matters;

(c) Requests the Secretary-General, taking into account the views expressed by Member States at the third session of the Committee on Natural Resources and at the fifty-fourth session of the Economic and Social Council and the recommendations made by these bodies, to draw up once in every two years, in consultation with the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, a comprehensive plan of action for the development of natural resources, with special emphasis on the needs and interests of the developing countries, in accordance with their national development priorities, encompassing the co-ordinated work programmes of all organizations belonging to the United Nations system and giving for each programme an estimate of its budgetary consequences;

(d) Requests the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to recommend to the Council ways of strengthening existing arrangements within the United Nations system for providing advice upon request on integrated water use planning and development, in particular advice on broader water use implications, taking into account alternative or additional uses of water;

(e) Further requests the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to report fully in its 1974 annual report to the Council on the progress made in carrying out the tasks mentioned above and in the cited paragraph 34.

### B

#### PROJECTIONS OF NATURAL RESOURCES RESERVES, SUPPLY AND DEMAND

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

*Taking into account* the relevant discussion in the Committee on Natural Resources at its third session,<sup>46</sup> as well as the views expressed at the fifty-fourth session of the Economic and Social Council,

*Taking note* of the recommendations made by Member States, contained in annex II of the report of the Committee on Natural Resources at its third session,

<sup>45</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 4 (E/5247).

<sup>46</sup> *Ibid.*, chap. III.

*Recognizing* the fundamental importance of projections for the planning and management of natural resources development,

*Welcoming* the preoccupation of the Committee with natural resources projections and the view that this question should be a regular item on the agenda of the Committee,

*Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To prepare a report, in consultation with the specialized agencies, on the activities of all the organizations, inside and outside the United Nations system, which undertake medium-term and long-term projections on the supply of and demand for energy, mineral and water resources, indicating the methodologies used by each of them and the concepts and definitions of the variables used, and to submit the report to the Committee on Natural Resources at its fourth session in good time for the Committee to make recommendations to the Secretary-General, through the Economic and Social Council, on the acceptable methods to be standardized to carry out such projects on an internationally comparable basis;

(b) To submit to the Committee on Natural Resources on a regular two-year basis studies on medium-term and long-term projections, based on available data, on the supply of and demand for energy, mineral and water resources on a global, regional and national basis;

(c) To take the necessary measures, within the budgetary limitations, to improve and strengthen the existing United Nations services for the analysis, evaluation and dissemination of world-wide data on natural resources;

(d) To submit to the Committee on Natural Resources on a regular basis an assessment of technologies which could assist Governments to evaluate, in the light of their requirements, the supply of and demand for energy, mineral and water resources;

(e) To submit to the Committee on Natural Resources on a regular basis an assessment of existing and emerging technologies specifically geared to meet the medium-term and long-term requirements of the developing countries in the field of energy, mineral and water resources.

## C

### UNITED NATIONS WATER CONFERENCE

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 1572 D (L) of 18 May 1971 and 1673 E (LII) of 2 June 1972,

*Taking into account* the deliberations and recommendations of the Committee on Natural Resources at its third session,<sup>47</sup> as well as the report of the Intergovernmental Panel of Specialists,<sup>48</sup> containing a precise draft agenda for a United Nations water conference, and the report of the Secretary-General,<sup>49</sup> containing further details on organizational and financial aspects, also prepared pursuant to Council resolution 1673 E (LII),

*Expressing its appreciation* for the invitation by the Government of Argentina to hold the proposed United Nations water conference in Buenos Aires,

<sup>47</sup> *Ibid.*, chap. VI, sect. A.

<sup>48</sup> E/C.7/31.

<sup>49</sup> E/C.7/39.

1. *Approves* the holding of a United Nations water conference based on the provisional agenda suggested by the Intergovernmental Panel of Specialists;

2. *Decides* that the conference should be convened during the year 1977 in such a manner as to enable the conference to take into account:

(a) The results of the various international meetings dealing with different aspects of water resources development already scheduled, such as the Irrigation Congress, the Conference on the Long-term Programme of International Co-operation in the Field of Hydrology and the World Meteorological Congress;

(b) Preferably also and if possible, the results, whenever appropriate, of the projected second United Nations Conference on the Human Environment;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consult Member States on ways and means they deem appropriate to conduct the preparations for the conference, including intergovernmental participation in such preparations, and to report thereon to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-sixth session;

4. *Accepts gratefully* the offer of the Government of Argentina to host the conference in Buenos Aires, subject to the conditions set forth in General Assembly resolution 2609 (XXIV) of 16 December 1969;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To take the necessary preparatory steps for the United Nations water conference, taking into account the views of Member States with respect to the estimated costs of the conference as well as the further guidance the Council may wish to give in the light of the report referred to in paragraph 3 above;

(b) To explore, in the light of the above considerations and as part of the preparatory process, the possibility of convening regional conferences or seminars under the auspices of the regional economic commissions and to report on the matter to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-sixth session;

(c) To establish close liaison between the Headquarters Secretariat and the regional economic commissions, the United Nations Economic and Social Office at Beirut, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, with a view to coordinating the inputs of the various components of the United Nations system and avoiding overlapping and duplication.

## D

### GROUNDWATER EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Taking into account* the views expressed by the Committee on Natural Resources at its third session, especially on groundwater exploration and development as well as concepts on energy and mineral technology,<sup>50</sup>

1. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General on groundwater exploration and development;<sup>51</sup>

2. *Recommends* that the United Nations, the United Nations Development Programme and the specialized agencies concerned enhance the quality and effectiveness of their assistance to groundwater development programmes of the developing countries, taking into

<sup>50</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 4 (E/5247)*, chap. VI, sects. B, F and G.

<sup>51</sup> E/C.7/34.

account, in the light of the priorities of the countries concerned, not only the technical possibilities for groundwater supplies, but also the groundwater balance and water quality problems;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep under review costs of groundwater development in developing countries.

## E

### INTERNATIONAL RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the deliberations of the Committee on Natural Resources at its third session on the question of international river basin development,<sup>52</sup>

1. *Takes note* of the preliminary note by the Secretary-General on the technical and economic aspects of international river basin development,<sup>53</sup> and of the views expressed by members of the Committee on Natural Resources with regard to the recommendations contained therein;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a revised and more comprehensive version of the note as well as a progress report on related activities for the fourth session of the Committee on Natural Resources.

## F

### NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Taking into account* the relevant views of the Committee on Natural Resources at its third session,<sup>54</sup>

*Bearing in mind* the linkages between rational management of natural resources and environmental aspects and the need for the fullest use of existing United Nations machinery as well as for clarification of roles,

1. *Decides* to forward to the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme at its first session, for its information, the reports of the Committee on Natural Resources at its second<sup>55</sup> and third<sup>56</sup> sessions;

2. *Further decides* to examine and define at its fifty-seventh session the relative role of and co-operation between the Committee on Natural Resources and the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme.

## G

### SESSIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 1535 (XLIX) of 27 July 1970, 1572 (L) of 18 May 1971 and 1673 (LII) of 2 June 1972,

*Having considered* the report of the Committee on Natural Resources on its third session<sup>56</sup> in its various aspects,

<sup>52</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 4 (E/5247)*, chap. VI, sect. C.

<sup>53</sup> E/C.7/35.

<sup>54</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 4 (E/5247)*, chap. VI, sect. D.

<sup>55</sup> *Ibid.*, *Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 5 (E/5097, and Corr.1 and 3)*.

<sup>56</sup> *Ibid.*, *Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 4 (E/5247)*.

*Grateful* to the Government of India for the excellent facilities made available for the third session of the Committee held at New Delhi,

*Expressing its appreciation* for the further progress made in the Committee's work at its third session,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Committee on Natural Resources on its third session;

2. *Agrees* that, subject to determination of the specific date and venue in conjunction with the calendar of conferences, the fourth session of the Committee on Natural Resources should be convened in 1975;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, in consultation with the officers of the Committee on Natural Resources, a draft agenda for the fourth session and to circulate it by the end of 1973 to members of the Committee for comments, and then to circulate a provisional agenda in the early part of 1974.

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### 1762 (LIV). Question of the establishment of a United Nations revolving fund for natural resources exploration

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 1572 C (L) of 18 May 1971, 1673 F (LII) of 2 June 1972 and 1711 (LIII) of 28 July 1972,

*Taking note* of the reports of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration,<sup>57</sup> the report of the Chairman of the Working Group,<sup>58</sup> and the note by the Secretary-General,<sup>59</sup>

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

*Taking into account* the deliberations and decisions of the Committee on Natural Resources at its first, second and third sessions,

1. *Recommends* that the General Assembly, at its twenty-eighth session, should decide to establish a United Nations revolving fund for natural resources exploration based on the following principles and objectives:

(a) The fund shall be established as a trust fund, placed in the charge of the Secretary-General and administered on his behalf by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme;

(b) The purpose of the fund is to enable the activities of the United Nations development systems in the field of natural resources exploration in the developing countries to be extended and intensified, concentrating on such projects that are generally known to have a catalytic effect on the country's socio-economic development;

(c) The revolving character of the fund is its main feature, as the problem of financing natural resources exploration is to be solved by specific methods; the fund shall be managed in such a manner as to ensure its revolving feature;

(d) The fund shall provide assistance to participating recipient States in the exploration of mineral, water

<sup>57</sup> E/C.7/24, E/C.7/29.

<sup>58</sup> See E/AC.6/L.485.

<sup>59</sup> E/5270.

and energy resources under national jurisdiction, utilizing for this purpose voluntary contributions and funds generated through the production of these resources discovered or developed with the assistance from the fund;

(e) In allocating the resources of the fund, consideration will be given to achieving an equitable pattern of distribution among participating developing countries;

(f) The fund shall be guided by the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, duly taking into account the principle of the permanent sovereignty of States over their natural resources;

(g) Participation in the fund shall be open to any State that is a Member of the United Nations or a member of any of the specialized agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency;

(h) The financial resources of the fund shall comprise the following:

- (i) Voluntary contributions to the fund made by Governments;
- (ii) Payments by recipient participating States which shall be amounts equivalent to a percentage of the value of natural resources produced under projects assisted by the fund;
- (iii) Donations and advances in cash or kind, accepted from intergovernmental and non-governmental institutions, consistent with the policies, aims and activities of the United Nations and the fund;

(i) The rate of repayment, the length of the repayment period and the total sum to be repaid will be decided by an agreement between the fund and the recipient State; the rate of repayment and the length of the repayment period should be on the basis of the pertinent proposals contained in the note by the Secretary-General,<sup>59</sup> in deciding on the total sum to be repaid, due consideration should also be given to the type of project and the need for the total repayment to bear close relationship to the amount originally loaned, bearing in mind the need to ensure the revolving nature of the fund;

(j) (i) Assistance shall be given in the form of financing of projects formulated for the United Nations Development Programme or, when within the capability of the fund, projects not formulated for the United Nations Development Programme;

(ii) Assistance provided by the fund to participating States shall be additional to that provided under the United Nations Development Programme indicative planning figures;

(iii) The assistance shall be negotiated by the Governments of the recipient States and the fund and shall be mutually acceptable to them;

(iv) In the formulation and appraisal of projects, the resident representative of the United Nations Development Programme will provide co-ordination at the field level with the country programming;

(k) The fund may give assistance in all phases of exploration, which may include:

- (i) The preparation of requests for assistance from the fund;

(ii) The exploration of natural resources;

(iii) Pre-investment studies, which may include feasibility studies;

(l) The Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme will submit to the governing body, for approval, projects to be financed by the fund;

(m) Since it will take some time for the resources of the revolving fund and its scope of operations to grow to a size making the administration by an inter-governmental body necessary, the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme shall be the governing body of the fund for the first four years and the matter will be reviewed by the Economic and Social Council in consultation with the Committee on Natural Resources and the United Nations Development Programme;

(n) The Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme in full consultation with the Secretary-General shall appoint a Director of the fund, when necessary; the Director shall be appointed for a period of three years; the appointment of the Director shall be confirmed by the governing body;

(o) The Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme will submit an annual report to the Economic and Social Council on the progress and operation of the revolving fund together with the comments of the Committee on Natural Resources and the governing body;

(p) The Economic and Social Council shall review, in the light of experience gained, the functions and institutional arrangements as well as the repayment system of the fund, with a view to recommending to the General Assembly necessary changes and improvements, taking fully into account the comments of the governing body and the Committee on Natural Resources; the first such review shall be carried out at the end of the first four years following the commencement of the operations of the fund;

2. *Recommends* that the General Assembly, at its twenty-eighth session, should request the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps for the establishment of the fund;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to explore possible sources, governmental, non-governmental and intergovernmental, of financial assistance to the fund.

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## **1763 (LIV). United Nations Fund for Population Activities**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 2815 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971 with its requests to the Secretary-General regarding the United Nations Fund for Population Activities and the note by the Secretary-General<sup>60</sup> in response thereto,

*Welcoming* General Assembly resolution 3019 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972, which placed the United Nations Fund for Population Activities under the authority of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme as the governing

<sup>60</sup> A/8899.

body, subject to the conditions to be established by the Economic and Social Council,

*Bearing in mind* the important work undertaken by the regional economic commissions and their specialized organs concerned with population matters,

*Aware* of the fact that there are considerable differences in the population and demographic situations in each country and that it is therefore necessary to adopt different approaches and solutions for each country,

*Expressing its desire* that the Fund, in the elaboration of its plans and programmes, should take into account the resolutions adopted by the regional economic commissions and their specialized organs dealing with population matters,

*Reiterating* the importance of maintaining the separate identity of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities under the general arrangements provided for in General Assembly resolution 3019 (XXVII),

*Recalling* the willingness with which the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and the Administrator of the Programme assumed their responsibilities in regard to the Fund,

*Noting* the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities,<sup>61</sup>

*Noting further*, in the annex to the report, the recommendations to the Secretary-General from the Review Committee of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities,

*Expressing its appreciation* for the initiative and leadership which has characterized the development of the Fund,

*Mindful* that, in taking action on this resolution, the Council is fully cognizant of the fact that the World Population Conference will mark a new development in population policy for the world community of nations and for the population activities of the United Nations system,

1. *States* that the aims and purposes of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities are:

(a) To build up, on an international basis, with the assistance of the competent bodies of the United Nations system, the knowledge and the capacity to respond to national, regional, interregional and global needs in the population and family planning fields; to promote co-ordination in planning and programming; and to co-operate with all concerned;

(b) To promote awareness, both in developed and in developing countries, of the social, economic and environmental implications of national and international population problems, of the human rights aspects of family planning, and of possible strategies to deal with them, in accordance with the plans and priorities of each country;

(c) To extend systematic and sustained assistance to developing countries at their request in dealing with their population problems, such assistance to be afforded in forms and by means requested by the recipient countries and best suited to meet the individual country's needs;

(d) To play a leading role in the United Nations system in promoting population programmes, and to co-ordinate projects supported by the Fund;

2. *Decides* that the United Nations Fund for Population Activities should invite countries to utilize the most appropriate implementing agents for their programmes, recognizing that the primary responsibility for implementing rests with the countries concerned;

3. *Requests* the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to submit annually to the Economic and Social Council a report on the activities of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities.

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#### **1764 (LIV). Promotion of private foreign investment in developing countries**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,<sup>62</sup> in particular paragraph 50 concerning foreign investments, which stipulates, *inter alia*, that foreign private investment in developing countries should be undertaken in a manner consistent with the development objectives and priorities established in their national plans,

*Recalling* its resolutions 1451 (XLVII) of 8 August 1969 and 1629 (LI) of 30 July 1971 on private foreign investment in developing countries,

*Taking note with interest* of the report of the Secretary-General on the promotion of private foreign investment in developing countries,<sup>63</sup>

*Noting with satisfaction* that the Secretary-General, in pursuance of resolution 1629 (LI), organized a Panel on Foreign Investment in Developing Countries, which met in Tokyo from 29 November to 2 December 1971,

*Conscious* of the important input of capital and operative technology which private foreign investment, conforming to the objectives and priorities of the developing countries, may represent in those countries,

*Emphasizing* that the negotiation of agreements relating to such investment requires, in developing countries, experienced personnel who are informed of the alternatives and capable of best serving the interests of their countries,

1. *Invites* the Secretary-General to continue, in co-operation with the regional economic commissions and the specialized agencies concerned, to organize world-wide or regional panels on private foreign investment in developing countries, taking duly into account the relevant policies and principles in this field established by the United Nations system;

2. *Recommends* that the Secretary-General organize, at the national, regional and world levels, in co-operation with the regional economic commissions and the Governments of the countries concerned, panels and seminars with a view to the advanced training of negotiators on private foreign investment in developing countries;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council, at one of its sessions in 1975, on the progress in these matters.

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<sup>61</sup> E/5266.

<sup>62</sup> General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV).

<sup>63</sup> E/5114.

## 1765 (LIV). Tax treaties between developed and developing countries

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling its resolutions 1273 (XLIII) of 4 August 1967, 1430 (XLVI) of 6 June 1969 and 1541 (XLIX) of 30 July 1970 on tax treaties between developed and developing countries,

Having considered with satisfaction the progress reports of the Secretary-General on the third and fourth meetings of the *Ad Hoc* Group of Experts on Tax Treaties between Developed and Developing Countries,<sup>64</sup>

Considering that substantial progress has been made by the *Ad Hoc* Group in evolving guidelines for tax treaties between developed and developing countries,

Noting that the work of the *Ad Hoc* Group has been of use in negotiating and concluding tax treaties between developed and developing countries,

Noting further that the Secretary-General recommends that the work of the *Ad Hoc* Group should be continued,

1. Requests the *Ad Hoc* Group of Experts on Tax Treaties between Developed and Developing Countries to continue its work on guidelines for tax treaties between developed and developing countries and to study the implementation of tax agreements, in such areas as income allocation, international tax evasion and avoidance, and tax incentives;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements for convening the *Ad Hoc* Group at regular intervals;

3. Invites the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council on the results of the future meetings of the *Ad Hoc* Group.

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## 1766 (LIV). Implementation of Security Council resolution 329 (1973) concerning the question of economic assistance to Zambia

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling the Security Council resolutions on the question of Southern Rhodesia, in particular resolution 232 (1966) of 16 December 1966, declaring that the situation in Southern Rhodesia constituted a threat to international peace and security,

Recalling further Security Council resolutions 253 (1968) of 29 May 1968 and 277 (1970) of 18 March 1970 imposing mandatory sanctions against Southern Rhodesia, particularly their provisions requesting the international community to extend assistance to Zambia with a view to helping it overcome economic problems arising from the implementation of Security Council resolutions on Southern Rhodesia,

Taking into account Security Council resolutions 327 (1973) of 2 February 1973 and 329 (1973), of 10 March 1973, in particular paragraph 6 of the latter requesting the Economic and Social Council to consider periodically the question of economic assistance to Zambia,

Taking note of resolution 240 (XI) of 22 February 1973, adopted at the Second Meeting of the Confer-

<sup>64</sup> E/5123, E/5258.

ence of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa,<sup>65</sup>

1. Commends the Government of Zambia for its decision to sever all remaining economic and trade relations with Southern Rhodesia, in compliance with the decisions of the Security Council;

2. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Security Council resolution 329 (1973) concerning the question of economic assistance to Zambia;<sup>66</sup>

3. Further takes note of the urgent economic needs of Zambia as indicated in the report of the Special Mission of the Security Council, including annex I thereto,<sup>67</sup> as well as in the report of the Secretary-General;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to mobilize with immediate effect all forms of financial, technical and material assistance to Zambia to enable it to carry out its policy of economic independence from the racist régime of Southern Rhodesia and so that it may overcome the present economic difficulties, maintain the normal flow of traffic and enhance Zambia's capacity to implement fully the mandatory sanctions policy;

5. Requests all specialized agencies and organizations in the United Nations system, particularly the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Civil Aviation Organization, the Universal Postal Union, the World Meteorological Organization, the World Health Organization, the International Telecommunication Union, and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to support the efforts of the Secretary-General;

6. Appeals to all States to support the efforts of the Secretary-General by providing with immediate effect technical, financial and material assistance;

7. Further requests the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-fifth session on the progress made in implementing the present resolution;

8. Decides to consider periodically the question of economic assistance to Zambia as envisaged in Security Council resolution 329 (1973).

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## 1772 (LIV). Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

*The Economic and Social Council*

Takes note of the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its twenty-fifth session.<sup>68</sup>

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<sup>65</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/5253)*, part III.

<sup>66</sup> E/5299.

<sup>67</sup> *Official Records of the Security Council, Twenty-eighth Year, Special Supplement No. 2 (S/10896/Rev.1)*.

<sup>68</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/5248)*.

**1773 (LIV). 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances: ratifications and accessions**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling its resolutions 1658 (LII) and 1665 (LII) of 1 June 1972 and General Assembly resolution 3013 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972, in particular subparagraph (c) of the operative part of that resolution,

Convinced that action against illicit traffic and drug abuse (narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances) will be more effective when the control system for narcotics is supplemented by appropriate measures in the field of psychotropic substances,

Recommends Governments that are not yet parties to the Convention on Psychotropic Substances<sup>69</sup> to ratify or accede to this Convention.

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**1774 (LIV). Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, and 1972 Protocol Amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961: ratifications and accessions**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3013 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972, in particular subparagraphs (a) and (b) of the operative part of that resolution,

Deeply concerned about the threat to human dignity and society posed by the continuous abuse of narcotic drugs,

Recognizing that the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961,<sup>70</sup> provides the international legal framework for the fight against the abuse of narcotic drugs,

Recognizing in addition that the Protocol Amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961,<sup>71</sup> is intended to strengthen that legal framework,

Recommends Governments that have not already done so:

(a) To ratify the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, or to accede thereto;

(b) To ratify the Protocol Amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, or to accede thereto.

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**1775 (LIV). Keeping in force the administrative arrangements to ensure the full technical independence of the International Narcotics Control Board**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Bearing in mind article 9, paragraph 2 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961,<sup>70</sup> which enjoins the Council, in consultation with the International Narcotics Control Board, to make all necessary arrangements to ensure the full technical independence of the Board in carrying out its functions,

<sup>69</sup> E/CONF.58/6 and Corr.1 and 2.

<sup>70</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 520, p. 151.

<sup>71</sup> E/CONF.63/8.

Recalling its resolution 1196 (XLII) of 16 May 1967, by which it approved administrative arrangements proposed by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Board to ensure the Board's full technical independence, such arrangements to remain in force until 1 March 1974,

Taking into account that the Secretary-General and the Board have agreed that these arrangements should remain in force,

Taking into account also resolution I of the United Nations Conference to Consider Amendments to the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961,<sup>72</sup> which expresses the view that the arrangements now in force meet the wishes of the States parties to the Single Convention and to the earlier conventions still in force and which recommends that these procedures should be continued,

1. Decides that the administrative arrangements contained in the annex to its resolution 1196 (XLII) should remain in force until the Council decides otherwise, in accordance with the procedure provided for in paragraph 20 of that annex;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to implement the arrangements, taking into account the character of the functions of the International Narcotics Control Board and the importance of that organ's full technical independence in the performance of its responsibilities.

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**1776 (LIV). Illicit traffic**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Noting that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, in its resolution 6 (XXV),<sup>73</sup> decided to establish a Sub-Commission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East,

Having regard to rule 66 of the rules of procedure of its functional commissions,

1. Authorizes the establishment of the aforementioned Sub-Commission;

2. Decides that the representatives of the members of the Sub-Commission and of its working groups shall be nominated by their Governments, in consultation with the Secretary-General, and subsequently confirmed by the Council.

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**1777 (LIV). Co-ordination of activities of international organs and organizations in the struggle against the abuse of drugs**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3014 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972,

Considering that, as a result, in particular of the efforts of the United Nations, Governments and public opinion are now generally interested in the struggle against the abuse of drugs,

<sup>72</sup> See E/CONF.63/9.

<sup>73</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/5248)*, para. 487.



Considering that this social scourge is nevertheless continuing to grow and spread to a large number of countries,

Considering that action by Governments and international organs and organizations must be taken simultaneously on all fronts: prevention of abuse, repression of illicit traffic, control of production, manufacture, distribution and consumption, development of training and education, scientific research, treatment and rehabilitation,

Considering that such multidisciplinary action calls for a better co-ordination of all efforts in order to avoid duplication, wastage and overlapping that might impair the effectiveness of the struggle against this social scourge,

Considering that it has not proved possible to achieve this co-ordination adequately during the past two years, as demonstrated by the increasing number of international meetings held on the subject, sometimes on the same dates,

Having regard to the urgent need to improve the co-ordination of the measures taken on this subject, so that the knowledge and experience gained can be widely disseminated and utilized in the best interests of all,

Requests the Secretary-General to study the problem of co-ordination and attempt to solve it in the light of the considerations set out above and the views expressed at the twenty-fifth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and at the fifty-fourth session of the Economic and Social Council, and to report on the subject.

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#### 1778 (LIV). Periodicity of sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Noting with concern the gravity of the drug problem in all its numerous manifestations,

Bearing in mind the obligations imposed on the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the International Narcotics Control Board by the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961,<sup>74</sup>

Bearing in mind also that biennial sessions do not permit the Commission to fulfil certain of its responsibilities,

Bearing in mind also the urgent matters referred to under the heading "Programme of work and priorities" in the report of the Commission on its twenty-fifth session,<sup>75</sup>

Recalling its resolution 1156 (XLI) of 5 August 1966 concerning the review and reappraisal of the Council's role and functions, by which it decided that the functional commissions should meet biennially,

1. Decides that, pending further study by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs of the question of holding its regular sessions annually with a view to carrying out its functions and fulfilling its responsibilities more effectively, the Commission shall hold a special ses-

<sup>74</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 520, p. 151.

<sup>75</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/5248)*, chap. X.

sion in 1974, if possible after February, in addition to its session scheduled for 1975;

2. Recommends that the special session be convened at Geneva at a time when it will not overlap with other meetings, in order to minimize its costs.

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#### 1779 (LIV). Report of the International Narcotics Control Board

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Having considered the report of the International Narcotics Control Board on its work in 1972,<sup>76</sup>

Recalling its resolution 1662 (LII) of 1 June 1972,

Noting with concern the Board's conclusion that abusive consumption of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances is still increasing in volume and in geographical extent, and its warning about the seriousness of the problem of multi-drug abuse,

Noting with satisfaction the Board's assessment that co-operation received by it from national administrations has been perceptibly enhanced,

Noting further that the Board has sent missions to several countries in 1972 and plans similar missions to other countries in 1973,

1. Urges Governments to continue to co-operate with the International Narcotics Control Board and with one another, with a view to bringing under control illicit production, manufacturing and distribution of, and traffic in, narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances;

2. Requests Governments, in particular those mentioned in the Board's report to bring that report to the attention of the competent authorities in their administration for their information and for remedial action where recommended;

3. Calls attention to the Board's offer to assist Governments that request help in assembling the information required to be transmitted to the Board under the international treaties;

4. Commends the Board for a most useful and constructive report and for the contribution that the Board has made during 1972 to international drug control.

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#### 1780 (LIV). Ad Hoc Committee for the Far East Region of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Aware of the importance of regional co-operation in the campaign against illicit production and traffic in drugs,

Taking note of resolution 8 (XXV) of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs<sup>77</sup> by which the Commission established an Ad Hoc Committee for the Far East Region,

<sup>76</sup> E/INCB/17 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.73.XI.5).

<sup>77</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/5248)*, para. 497.



Welcoming the establishment of the *Ad Hoc* Committee,

Recalling that an organizational meeting of the *Ad Hoc* Committee has already been convened at Geneva in 1973, during the twenty-fifth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Authorizes the *Ad Hoc* Committee for the Far East Region to make a study tour of the countries of the region, in 1973, with the approval of the Governments concerned, and if necessary to hold a second meeting at Geneva immediately prior to the next session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs in order that it can draw together and finalize its conclusions and recommendations to the Commission.

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#### 1781 (LIV). Scientific research on drug abuse

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Taking note of resolution 10 (XXV) of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs concerning drug abuse,<sup>78</sup>

Endorsing the view expressed by the Commission in that resolution that an expert review of information and the body of scientific research on drug abuse, in advance of its sessions, would enable the Commission to carry out more effectively its responsibilities in this field,

1. Invites the World Health Organization, as the competent specialized agency, to assist the Commission on Narcotic Drugs by preparing timely analytical reports on the epidemiological pattern of drug abuse for use by the Commission;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to make available periodically to the World Health Organization all relevant information he may have concerning drug abuse.

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<sup>78</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 582.

### Decisions

#### Economic and social consequences of disarmament (Item 9)

At its 1854th meeting, on 4 May 1973, the Council took note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the question<sup>79</sup> and decided to transmit that report to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session.

#### Second United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names

##### (Item 22)

At its 1854th meeting, on 4 May 1973 the Council:

(a) Took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the Second United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names<sup>80</sup> and the recommendations of the Conference contained therein;

(b) Endorsed the recommendation of the Conference that the *Ad Hoc* Group of Experts on Geographical Names should henceforth be called the "United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names";

(c) Accepted with appreciation the invitation of the Government of Greece to hold the third United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names at Athens from 1 to 22 June 1977, bearing in mind the administrative and financial implications of holding such a Conference<sup>81</sup> and the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution 2609 (XXIV) of 16 December 1969.

#### Tourism

##### (Item 21)

At its 1855th meeting, on 16 May 1973 the Council took note of the statement made by the representative of the Secretary-General at the 472nd meeting of the Co-ordination Committee on the question of the

implementation by the International Union of Official Travel Organizations of General Assembly resolution 2758 (XXVI) of 25 October 1971, and of the reply received thereto from the Secretary-General of the International Union.<sup>82</sup> While expressing satisfaction at the prompt action taken so far in the matter, the Council decided to invite the General Assembly of the International Union of Official Travel Organizations to take appropriate steps to ensure the implementation of Assembly resolution 2758 (XXVI) as soon as possible.

#### Collective economic security: preliminary consideration of the concept, its scope and potential practical implications

##### (Item 7)

At its 1857th meeting, on 18 May 1973, the Council, having examined the note by the Secretary-General on the question,<sup>83</sup> decided to request him to prepare a further report on the concept of collective economic security for consideration by the Council at its fifty-fifth session, taking into account the views expressed during the preliminary discussion at the fifty-fourth session.

#### The impact of multinational corporations on the development process and on international relations

##### (Item 8)

At its 1858th meeting, on 18 May 1973, the Council took note of the progress report of the Secretary-General<sup>84</sup> regarding the appointment of the study group on the impact of multinational corporations on the development process and on international relations, and other arrangements for the implementation of Council resolution 1721 (LIII), and of the comments made thereon in the Economic Committee.<sup>85</sup>

<sup>79</sup> E/5243 and Add.1 and 2.

<sup>80</sup> E/5249.

<sup>81</sup> E/5249/Add.1.

<sup>82</sup> See E/AC.24/SR.472.

<sup>83</sup> E/5263.

<sup>84</sup> E/5334 and Corr.1.

<sup>85</sup> See documents E/AC.6/SR.630 and 632.

## Report of the Statistical Commission

### (Item 11)

At its 1858th meeting, on 18 May 1973, the Council took note with appreciation of the report of the Statistical Commission on its seventeenth session<sup>86</sup> and approved the programme objectives recommended by the Commission in its report.

## Report of the Population Commission on its second special session

### (Item 12 b)

At its 1858th meeting, on 18 May 1973, the Council:

(a) Took note of the report of the Population Commission on its second special session<sup>87</sup> as well as the statement made by the Secretary-General of the World Population Conference, 1974 in the Economic Committee;<sup>88</sup>

(b) Accepted with deep appreciation the invitation extended by the Government of Romania, in the letter dated 27 April 1973 from the Permanent Representative of Romania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General,<sup>89</sup> to hold the World Population Conference in Bucharest in August 1974.

## Transfer of operative technology at the enterprise level

### (Item 6 b)

At its 1858th meeting, on 18 May 1973, the Council, having considered with interest the documents on item 6 (b), "Transfer of operative technology at the enterprise level", decided to defer the question to its fifty-fifth session, to be considered within the context of the item on science and technology.

## Report of the Commission for Social Development

### (Item 17 a)

At its 1855th meeting, on 16 May 1973, the Council decided:

<sup>86</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 2 (E/5236)*.

<sup>87</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 8 (E/5264).

<sup>88</sup> See E/AC.6/SR.620.

<sup>89</sup> E/5297.

(a) To transmit resolution 5 (XXIII) entitled "Review and appraisal of the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade", adopted by the Commission for Social Development at its twenty-third session,<sup>90</sup> to the Committee on Review and Appraisal at its second session and, taking into account the comments made thereon, to consider the Commission's preliminary comments and proposals contained in that resolution at the fifty-fifth session of the Council when taking up the item on review and appraisal of progress in implementing the International Development Strategy;

(b) To consider resolution 6 (XXIII) entitled "Programme objectives for the medium-term plan 1974-1977", adopted by the Commission for Social Development at its twenty-third session,<sup>90</sup> at the fifty-fifth session of the Council when taking up the biennial work programme and budget for 1974-1975 and the medium-term plan for 1974-1977.

At the same meeting, the Council also took note of the report of the Commission for Social Development on its twenty-third session.<sup>91</sup>

## Promotion of the co-operative movement during the Second United Nations Development Decade

### (Item 17 b)

At its 1855th meeting, on 16 May 1973 the Council, having examined the progress report<sup>92</sup> submitted by the Secretary-General in implementation of subparagraph (a) of paragraph 6 of its resolution 1688 (LII) entitled "Promotion of the co-operative movement during the Second United Nations Development Decade":

(a) Took note with appreciation of the progress report of the Secretary-General;

(b) Decided to transmit the report, together with the comments of Governments, as contained in the summary records of its meetings, to the Committee on Review and Appraisal at its second session to assist it in its work.

<sup>90</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 5 (E/5252)*, chap. XII.

<sup>91</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 5 (E/5252).

<sup>92</sup> E/5246 and Corr.1.

## QUESTIONS RELATING TO HUMAN RIGHTS

### 1782 (LIV). Activities of non-governmental organizations to combat racism and racial discrimination

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Noting Commission on Human Rights resolution 2 (XXIX) of 9 March 1973,<sup>93</sup>

Recalling General Assembly resolution 2785 (XXVI) of 6 December 1971 and Council resolutions 1588 (L) and 1591 (L) of 21 May 1971,

<sup>93</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/5265)*, chap. XX.

Having examined the reports of non-governmental organizations<sup>94</sup> submitted pursuant to those resolutions,

1. *Notes with interest* the various activities of non-governmental organizations in combating racism, racial discrimination, *apartheid* and related matters;

2. *Invites* the non-governmental organizations which have a special interest in the elimination of racism and racial discrimination and which act in good faith and without political motivation to intensify their ef-

<sup>94</sup> See E/5237 and Add.1 and 2.

forts, with a view to reaching new heights during the twenty-fifth anniversary year of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and during the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

3. *Requests* the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to take account of the reports received from non-governmental organizations in its deliberations.

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**1783 (LIV). Role of non-governmental organizations in the programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Mindful* of the deliberations of the Commission on Human Rights, at its twenty-ninth session, on the activities of non-governmental organizations to combat racism and racial discrimination,<sup>95</sup>

*Recognizing* the importance of defining and formulating at the earliest possible time the role of non-governmental organizations in the programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,

*Requests* the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to draw up appropriate recommendations regarding the role of non-governmental organizations in the programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, during its meetings at the fifty-fifth session of the Economic and Social Council, and to submit them to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session through the Economic and Social Council at its resumed fifty-fifth session.

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**1784 (LIV). Draft Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 2922 (XXVII) of 15 November 1972,

*Having considered* the draft Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid,<sup>96</sup>

1. *Approves* the draft Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid;

2. *Recommends* that the General Assembly, at its twenty-eighth session, should consider and approve the draft Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid.

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**1785 (LIV). Draft principles relating to equality in the administration of justice**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recommends* to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

<sup>95</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/5265)*, paras. 51-56.

<sup>96</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 6 (E/5265), chap. XX, resolution 16 (XXIX), annex.

*"The General Assembly,*

*"Noting* Commission on Human Rights resolution 5 (XXIX) of 20 March 1973<sup>97</sup> and Economic and Social Council resolution 1785 (LIV) of 18 May 1973,

*"Considering* that the comments received from Governments<sup>98</sup> pursuant to Commission on Human Rights resolution 8 (XXVIII) show the diversity of approach and the variety of issues faced by Governments in relation to the draft principles relating to equality in the administration of justice<sup>99</sup> set out in resolution 3 (XXIII) of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,

"1. *Expresses its deep appreciation* to the Special Rapporteur, Mr. Abu Rannat, for his study;<sup>100</sup>

"2. *Calls upon* Member States to give due consideration, in formulating legislation and taking other measures affecting equality in the administration of justice, to the above-mentioned draft principles, which may be regarded as setting forth valuable norms, with a view to arriving at an elaboration of an appropriate international declaration or instrument."

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**1786 (LIV). Study of discrimination in the matter of political rights and draft general principles on freedom and non-discrimination in the matter of political rights**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Noting* Commission on Human Rights resolution 6 (XXIX) of 20 March 1973,<sup>101</sup>

*Considering* that the *Study of Discrimination in the Matter of Political Rights*<sup>102</sup> and the draft general principles on freedom and non-discrimination in the matter of political rights, prepared by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities and annexed thereto, have been the subject of preliminary consideration and have been sent to the States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies and to non-governmental organizations in consultative status, for comments and observations,

*Considering* that the Special Rapporteur, Mr. Hernán Santa Cruz, has introduced his study to the Commission on Human Rights and made a statement thereon,

1. *Expresses its warm appreciation* to the Special Rapporteur for his study;

2. *Expresses its appreciation also* to the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities;

3. *Draws the attention* of Governments, international and regional intergovernmental organizations,

<sup>97</sup> *Ibid.*, chap. XX.

<sup>98</sup> See E/CN.4/1112 and Add.1-8.

<sup>99</sup> See E/CN.4/1077.

<sup>100</sup> *Study of Equality in the Administration of Justice* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.71.XIV.3).

<sup>101</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/5265)*, chap. XX.

<sup>102</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No. 63.XIV.2.

non-governmental organizations and other institutions and bodies concerned to the draft general principles on freedom and non-discrimination in the matter of political rights, and expresses the hope that they will take them into account, together with the relevant provisions of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,<sup>103</sup> when considering the question of discrimination in the matter of political rights;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the draft general principles to the attention of the States parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights at their first meeting, with a view to their transmission to the human rights committee to be established under that Covenant;

5. *Decides* that the Commission on Human Rights should retain the question of the realization of political rights on its agenda.

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**1787 (LIV). Study of discrimination against persons born out of wedlock and draft general principles on equality and non-discrimination in respect of such persons**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Noting* Commission on Human Rights resolution 7 (XXIX) of 20 March 1973,<sup>104</sup>

*Considering* that the *Study of Discrimination against Persons Born out of Wedlock*<sup>105</sup> and the draft general principles on equality and non-discrimination in respect of such persons, drawn up by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities and annexed thereto, which are dealt with in the above-mentioned resolution, cover many matters which are under consideration by the Commission for Social Development and the Commission on the Status of Women,

1. *Expresses* its warm appreciation to the Special Rapporteur, Mr. Voitto Saario, for his study;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to Governments, specialized agencies, regional intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status, for their comments and observations, the draft general principles on equality and non-discrimination in respect of persons born out of wedlock;

3. *Invites* the Commission for Social Development and the Commission on the Status of Women to consider, as appropriate, the *Study of Discrimination against Persons Born out of Wedlock* and the draft general principles relating thereto, in the light of the comments received by the Secretary-General under paragraph 2 above;

4. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to consider the question again at its thirty-first session.

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<sup>103</sup> General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.  
<sup>104</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/5265)*, chap. XX.  
<sup>105</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No. E.68.XIV.3.

**1788 (LIV). Study of discrimination in respect of the right of everyone to leave any country, including his own, and to return to his country, and draft principles on freedom and non-discrimination in respect of that right**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1694 (LII) of 2 June 1972, *Noting* Commission on Human Rights resolution 12 (XXIX) of 23 March 1973,<sup>106</sup>

*Affirming* the importance of the rights mentioned in article 13 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the enjoyment of which is essential,

1. *Expresses* its warm appreciation to the Special Rapporteur, Mr. José D. Ingles, for his *Study of Discrimination in Respect of the Right of Everyone to Leave any Country, Including his Own, and to Return to his Country*,<sup>107</sup>

2. *Affirms* the need for Governments, with respect to the enjoyment of the right of everyone to leave any country, including his own, and to return to his country, to bear in mind the relevant resolutions of the United Nations, the provisions of article 13 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and other relevant provisions of the Declaration, the provisions of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights<sup>108</sup> and the Charter of the United Nations;

3. *Draws the attention* of Governments, international and regional intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and other institutions and bodies concerned to the draft principles on freedom and non-discrimination in respect of the right of everyone to leave any country, including his own, and to return to his country,<sup>109</sup> adopted by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities in its resolution 2 (XV), and expresses the hope that they will take into account the relevant provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, as well as the relevant United Nations decisions and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, when considering legislation or regulations dealing with the question of freedom and non-discrimination in respect of the right of everyone to leave any country, including his own, and to return to his country;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the draft principles to the attention of the States parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights at their first meeting, with a view to their transmission to the human rights committee to be established under that Covenant;

5. *Decides* that the Commission on Human Rights should retain on its agenda the question of the right of everyone to leave any country, including his own, and to return to his country, and to consider it at three-year intervals coinciding with its discussion of the periodic reports on civil and political rights.

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<sup>106</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/5265)*, chap. XX.

<sup>107</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No. 64.XIV.2.

<sup>108</sup> See General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.  
<sup>109</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No. 64.XIV.2, annex VI.

**1789 (LIV). Exploitation of labour through illicit and clandestine trafficking**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling its resolution 1706 (LIII) of 28 July 1972 and General Assembly resolution 2920 (XXVII) of 15 November 1972,

Recalling the provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which proclaim that everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in the Declaration, without distinction of any kind,

Considering that effective action to prevent exploitation of the victims of illegal trafficking in labour requires comprehensive measures designed to enhance the protection of human rights in respect of foreign workers,

1. Urges once again States to ratify the relevant conventions of the International Labour Organisation, in particular the Convention concerning Migration for Employment (Revised 1949),<sup>110</sup> and to conclude, as appropriate, bilateral agreements relating to migration for employment;

2. Welcomes the valuable work being undertaken by the International Labour Organisation to strengthen the international machinery for the protection of migrant workers and the decision of its Governing Body to place this matter on the agenda of the fifty-ninth session of the International Labour Conference, and expresses the hope that the Conference will take action leading to the adoption of measures which will have the effect of affording adequate protection to all migrant and other foreign workers and will reduce the opportunities for labour to be exploited by illicit or clandestine trafficking;

3. Requests the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to consider this question as matter of priority at its twenty-sixth session, in the light of United Nations instruments in the field of human rights, and to recommend what further measures may be necessary for the protection, without distinction, of the human rights of foreign workers, taking into account the discussion of this question in the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on Human Rights;

4. Requests the Commission on the Status of Women to examine the question of the exploitation of the victims of clandestine traffic in labour, especially young women, taking into account in this connexion the discussion in the Commission on Human Rights,<sup>111</sup> and to report to the Economic and Social Council;

5. Requests Member States to submit to the Secretary-General such material, studies and suggestions as they deem relevant, for transmission to the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities and the Commission on the Status of Women at their next sessions, with reference to paragraphs 3 and 4 above;

6. Requests the Commission on Human Rights to consider this question as a matter of priority at its thirtieth session.

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<sup>110</sup> See *Conventions and Recommendations, 1919-1966* (International Labour Office, Geneva, 1966), Convention No. 97, p. 743.

<sup>111</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/5265), chap. V.*

**1790 (LIV). Question of international legal protection of the human rights of individuals who are not citizens of the country in which they live**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Reaffirming the principles of the sovereign equality of States and of non-interference in domestic affairs,

Emphasizing that non-citizens must observe the laws in force in the States in which they reside, and particularly must refrain from activities prejudicial to the political and economic interests of these States,

Recalling the provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which proclaim that everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in the Declaration, without distinction of any kind,

Noting, however, that in practice States often make certain distinctions between their own nationals and others,

Noting further that, while these distinctions are provided for in certain international instruments in the field of human rights, no general examination has been made by the United Nations of the extent to which such instruments are applicable to individuals who are not citizens of the State in which they live,

1. Requests the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to consider as a matter of priority, at its twenty-sixth session the problem of the applicability of existing international provisions for the protection of human rights to individuals who are not citizens of the country in which they live, to consider what measures in the field of human rights, including the possibility of a declaration, would be desirable, and to submit appropriate recommendations to the Commission on Human Rights at its thirtieth session;

2. Requests the Commission on Human Rights to consider this question as a matter of priority at its thirtieth session on the basis of the report of the Sub-Commission at its twenty-sixth session;

3. Urges States, pending the adoption of further measures in this field, to accord the highest practicable level of protection to all individuals who are not their citizens but who are nevertheless under their jurisdiction;

4. Calls upon all States to respect the right of individuals to communicate with duly appointed consular officials sent by the State of which they are nationals and, as appropriate, to have access to them, in accordance with the relevant rules of international law;

5. Decides to consider this question at its fifty-sixth session.

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**1791 (LIV). Question of the punishment of war criminals and of persons who have committed crimes against humanity**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling General Assembly resolution 2583 (XXIV) of 15 December 1969, in which the Assembly drew attention to the special need for international action in order to ensure the prosecution and punishment

of persons guilty of war crimes and crimes against humanity,

*Recalling also* General Assembly resolution 3020 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972, in which the Assembly expressed the conviction that the effective punishment of war crimes and crimes against humanity is an important element in preventing such crimes and putting an end to them, as well as in ensuring better protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms and promoting co-operation between peoples and international peace and security,

1. *Endorses* the draft principles of international co-operation in the detection, arrest, extradition and punishment of persons guilty of war crimes and crimes against humanity;

2. *Endorses* the inclusion in the agenda of the thirty-first session of the Commission on Human Rights of the question of the punishment of war criminals and of persons who have committed crimes against humanity;

3. *Recommends* that the General Assembly should, at its twenty-eighth session, consider the draft principles of international co-operation in the detection, arrest, extradition and punishment of persons guilty of war crimes and crimes against humanity, and that it should adopt the following draft resolution:

*"The General Assembly,*

*"Recalling* its resolutions 2583 (XXIV) of 15 December 1969, 2712 (XXV) of 15 December 1970, 2840 (XXVI) of 18 December 1971 and 3020 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972,

*"Taking into account* the special need for international action in order to ensure the prosecution and punishment of persons guilty of war crimes and crimes against humanity,

*"Having considered* the draft principles of international co-operation in the detection, arrest, extradition and punishment of persons guilty of war crimes and crimes against humanity,

*"Declares* that the United Nations, in pursuance of the principles and purposes set forth in its Charter concerning the promotion of co-operation between peoples and the maintenance of international peace and security, proclaims the following principles of international co-operation in the detection, arrest, extradition and punishment of persons guilty of war crimes and crimes against humanity:

"1 War crimes and crimes against humanity, whenever or wherever they are committed, shall be subject to investigation and the persons against whom there is evidence that they have committed such crimes shall be subject to tracing, arrest, trial and, if found guilty, to punishment.

"2. States shall co-operate with each other on a bilateral and multilateral basis with a view to halting and preventing war crimes and crimes against humanity, and shall take the domestic and international measures necessary for that purpose.

"3. States shall assist each other in detecting, arresting and bringing to trial persons suspected of having committed such crimes and, if they are found guilty, in punishing them.

"4. Persons against whom there is evidence that they have committed war crimes and crimes against

humanity shall be subject to trial and, if found guilty, to punishment, as a general rule in the countries in which they committed those crimes. In that connexion, States shall co-operate on questions of extraditing such persons.

"5. States shall co-operate with each other in the collection of information and evidence which would help to bring to trial the persons indicated in paragraph 4, and shall exchange such information.

"6. In accordance with article 1 of the Declaration on Territorial Asylum of 14 December 1967, States shall not grant asylum to any person with respect to whom there are serious reasons for considering that he has committed a crime against peace, a war crime or a crime against humanity.<sup>112</sup>

"7. States shall not take any legislative or other measures which may be prejudicial to the international obligations they have assumed in regard to the detection, arrest, extradition and punishment of persons guilty of war crimes and crimes against humanity.

"8. In co-operating with a view to the detection, arrest and extradition of persons against whom there is evidence that they have committed war crimes and crimes against humanity and, if found guilty, their punishment, States shall act in conformity with the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and of the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations."<sup>113</sup>

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**1792 (LIV). Question of the realization of the economic, social and cultural rights contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and in the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and study of special problems relating to human rights in developing countries**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Noting* Commission on Human Rights resolution 14 (XXIX) of 30 March 1973<sup>114</sup> and, in particular, Council resolution 1689 (LII) of 2 June 1972,

*Considering* that the study by the Special Rapporteur on the question of the realization of economic, social and cultural rights<sup>115</sup> requires careful consideration by the States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies before the Commission on Human Rights can make a thorough examination of it.

*Considering* that the replies to the requests which the Council made to each regional economic commission and to the Committee on Review and Appraisal and the Committee for Development Planning under paragraphs 3 and 4 of Council resolution 1689 (LII) are not likely to be available to the Commission on Human Rights until its thirtieth session at least,

*Bearing in mind* General Assembly resolution 421 E (V) of 4 December 1950, which states that, when

<sup>112</sup> See General Assembly resolution 2312 (XXII).

<sup>113</sup> See General Assembly resolution 2625 (XXV), annex.

<sup>114</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/5265)*, chap. XX.

<sup>115</sup> E/CN.4/1108 and Add.1-9.

deprived of economic, social and cultural rights, man does not represent the human person whom the Universal Declaration of Human Rights regards as the ideal of the free man,

Considering that the economic and social situation of developing countries has not improved sufficiently, thereby gravely impeding the full realization of economic, social and cultural rights and requiring, in conjunction with the efforts and programmes of interested States, improved international co-operation,

1. *Takes note with warm appreciation* of the study made by the Special Rapporteur, Mr. Manouchehr Ganji;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to forward the Special Rapporteur's study to States Members of the United Nations, members of the specialized agencies, and States parties to the Statute of the International Court of Justice for their comments and observations, to be received by 1 November 1973 in order that they may be submitted in time for consideration, together with further recommendations of the Special Rapporteur, by the Commission on Human Rights at its thirtieth session;

3. *Authorizes* the Special Rapporteur to carry out further consultations, as he deems necessary, with the bodies of the United Nations concerned, the specialized agencies and appropriate regional intergovernmental organizations;

4. *Requests* the Special Rapporteur to complete his study, taking into consideration comments and observations by Governments, specialized agencies and intergovernmental organizations, as well as the views expressed at the twenty-ninth session of the Commission on Human Rights, and to report to the Commission at its thirtieth session;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the Special Rapporteur with appropriate assistance;

6. *Further requests* the specialized agencies, the regional economic commissions and the bodies of the United Nations concerned, as well as other intergovernmental organizations, to provide the Special Rapporteur with the appropriate assistance needed for the successful accomplishment of his task;

7. *Recommends* that priority consideration be accorded to this question by the Commission on Human Rights at its thirtieth session, with a view to the Commission's taking final action on the report.

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### **1793 (LIV). Yearbook on Human Rights**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 275 C (X) of 17 February 1950, 303 H (XI) of 9 August 1950, 683 D (XXVI) of 21 July 1958 and 826 D (XXXII) of 27 July 1961,

*Further recalling* its resolution 1693 (LII) of 2 June 1972, in which the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Periodic Reports of the Commission on Human Rights was directed to examine the effectiveness of the present system of collecting and disseminating information about the realization of human rights, giving particular attention to the *Yearbook on Human Rights* and its relation to periodic reports on human rights,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Periodic Reports on its special session;<sup>116</sup>

2. *Decides* henceforth to issue the *Yearbook on Human Rights* every two years, beginning with the *Yearbook* for 1973-1974;

3. *Further decides* that the *Yearbook on Human Rights* should comprise three sections, as follows:

(a) A section on national developments during the period, relating to human rights as defined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and containing concise narrative accounts by Governments of legislative and other developments, arranged under subject headings;

(b) A section on Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories compiled in accordance with Council resolution 275 C (X) and arranged in the same way as the section on national developments;

(c) A section on international developments containing material on international agreements and a brief account of United Nations activities in the field of human rights during the period;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to request Governments to submit:

(a) Concise accounts, in narrative form, of national developments during the period under review, arranged under subject headings;

(b) Texts of laws, court decisions and other relevant documentation, which would be retained for reference purposes and referred to in foot-notes to the narrative account, but which would not be reproduced;

5. *Further requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To urge Governments to submit their contribution to the *Yearbook* within the time-limit set and in one of the official languages of the United Nations;

(b) To consult with those Governments which have not submitted contributions within the time-limit about the possibility of reproducing relevant material he has received from them in response to other requests for information on human rights topics;

(c) To urge Governments to appoint correspondents as envisaged in Council resolution 303 H (XI);

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consider ways of making the *Yearbook on Human Rights* widely known;

7. *Requests* the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Periodic Reports to keep under review suggestions for improving the *Yearbook on Human Rights*, including the possibility of a topical section containing more detailed information concerning developments with respect to rights covered by the current cycle of periodic reports.

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### **1794 (LIV). Preparation of an international code of police ethics**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1694 (LII) of 2 June 1972,

<sup>116</sup> E/CN.4/1104.



Noting the decision of the Commission on Human Rights<sup>117</sup> to defer consideration of its agenda items concerning crime prevention and control and the question of an international code of police ethics from the twenty-ninth to the thirtieth session,

Noting further that the Commission on Human Rights has been unable for many years to consider the agenda item on an international code of police ethics,

Mindful of the need to ensure proper co-ordination of those aspects of the United Nations work on crime prevention and control which are of interest both to the Commission on Human Rights and the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control.

1. Invites the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control to consider the possibility of including in its work programme the question of preparing an international code of police ethics and to transmit its recommendations to the Commission on Human Rights, at an appropriate future session, of the desirability, scope and possible content of an international code of police ethics;

2. Requests the Commission on Human Rights to consider the question of the preparation of an international code of police ethics, at an appropriate future session, on the basis of the recommendations of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control.

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#### 1795 (LIV). Report of the Commission on Human Rights

*The Economic and Social Council*

Takes note of the report of the Commission on Human Rights on its twenty-ninth session.<sup>118</sup>

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#### 1796 (LIV). Question of the absence and gross infringements of trade union rights

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling its resolutions 1216 (XLII) of 1 June 1967, 1302 (XLIV) of 28 May 1968, 1412 (XLVI) of 6 June 1969, 1509 (XLVIII) of 28 May 1970 and 1599 (L) of 21 May 1971,

Having examined the report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts of the Commission on Human Rights<sup>119</sup> prepared in accordance with Council resolution 1599 (L),

Gravely concerned at the absence and gross infringements of trade union rights in Namibia, Southern Rhodesia and the African Territories under Portuguese domination,

1. Expresses its appreciation for the work done by the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts and takes note of its conclusions and recommendations;

<sup>117</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/5265)*, chap. XX.

<sup>118</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 6 (E/5265).

<sup>119</sup> E/5245.

### I. NAMIBIA

2. *Strongly condemns* the detention without trial of striking African workers in Ovamboland and their forcible return to the reserves, and calls for their immediate and unconditional release;

3. *Notes with concern* the continued absence of a trade union system in Namibia;

4. *Requests* the International Labour Organisation to study ways and means by which the trade union rights for the people of Namibia should be ensured;

### II. SOUTHERN RHODESIA

5. *Condemns* the existence of the so-called transit camps for recruitment of forced labour, the practice of segregation and reservation in employment between black and white workers and the importation of white immigrant workers into Southern Rhodesia to perform jobs that could be done by the people of Zimbabwe;

6. *Also condemns* the discriminatory treatment of the African workers in Southern Rhodesia causing increasing unemployment among African workers;

7. *Notes with deep concern* the gradual withdrawal of the limited trade union rights in Southern Rhodesia;

8. *Requests* the International Labour Organisation to continue to study and review the conditions of work of black labour in Southern Rhodesia;

### III. AFRICAN TERRITORIES UNDER PORTUGUESE DOMINATION

9. *Notes with deep concern* the existence of a form of forced labour and the discriminatory hierarchy of labour codes in Angola and Mozambique;

10. *Condemns* the existence of transit centres and other similar camps for the African workers, as well as the conditions prevailing in these camps;

11. *Recommends* that, as the objectives of the various conventions of the International Labour Organisation have not been fully attained, that Organisation should consider all possible means for strengthening the implementation by Portugal of the conventions to which it is a party;

12. *Requests* the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts to continue to monitor the system of recruitment of African workers, as well as the disparities in wages between black and white workers in South Africa, Namibia, Southern Rhodesia and the African Territories under Portuguese domination, and to report to the Economic and Social Council not later than at its fifty-eighth session;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution and the report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts to the attention of the Governments of Member States, the Special Committee on *Apartheid*, the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, the United Nations Council for Namibia, the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and the Security Council;

14. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the present resolution and the report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts to the General Assembly.

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## Decisions

### Draft programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

(Item 18)

At its 1858th meeting, on 18 May 1973, the Council decided to submit to the General Assembly, at its twenty-eighth session, the draft programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination set out in Commission of Human Rights resolution 1 (XXIX).<sup>120</sup>

### Further studies on racial discrimination

(Item 18)

At its 1858th meeting, on 18 May 1973, the Council decided to request the Special Rapporteur of the study entitled *Racial Discrimination*<sup>121</sup> to update that study with special emphasis on discrimination based on colour, taking into account the opinions and views expressed in the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities at its twenty-fifth session, in the Commission on Human Rights at its twenty-ninth session, and in the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-fourth session, so that the updated study might be considered by the Sub-Commission at its twenty-eighth session.

### Report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts

(Item 18)

At its 1858th meeting, on 18 May 1973, the Council decided:

(a) To request the Secretary-General, in consultation with the relevant organs of the United Nations, to explore ways and means of providing assistance to the victims of the situation referred to in Commission of Human Rights resolution 19 (XXIX),<sup>120</sup> particularly the political prisoners and members of their families;

(b) To call upon the Secretary-General and the United Nations Council for Namibia to take into consideration the conclusions and recommendations of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts on Namibia<sup>122</sup> in their activities relating to Namibia;

(c) To invite the General Assembly to bring to the notice of the Security Council the reported aerial bombardment of and use of poisonous chemical substances in the liberated areas by the Government of Portugal;<sup>123</sup>

(d) To recommend that arrangements be made to provide adequate and sufficient financial resources and staff for the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts to carry out its mandate;

(e) To invite the Secretary-General to give wide publicity to the report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts;<sup>124</sup>

(f) To remind the Special Committee on *Apartheid* and the International Law Commission to expedite their comments and suggestions on the study of the

*Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts concerning the question of *apartheid* from the point of view of international penal law.<sup>125</sup>

### Teaching of human rights in universities and development of an independent scientific discipline of human rights

(Item 18)

At its 1858th meeting, on 18 May 1973, the Council took note of the fact that the Commission on Human Rights in its resolution 17 (XXIX),<sup>120</sup> favours the establishment of a centre for teaching and research in the field of human rights within the framework of the United Nations University established under General Assembly resolution 2951 (XXVII) of 11 December 1972.

### Periodicity of the sessions of the Commission on Human Rights and its subsidiary bodies

(Item 18)

At its 1858th meeting, on 18 May 1973, the Council took note of Commission of Human Rights resolution 20 (XXIX)<sup>120</sup> concerning the periodicity of the sessions of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies.

### Rationalization and improvement of the system of periodic reports on human rights

(Item 18)

At its 1858th meeting, on 18 May 1973, the Council endorsed the general recommendations and the recommendations concerning periodic reports on human rights, contained in the report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Periodic Reports on its special session,<sup>126</sup> the texts of which are set out in the annex hereunder.

## ANNEX

### A. General recommendations

(1) The present system of gathering and disseminating information on human rights, in particular through the periodic reports and the *Yearbook on Human Rights*, should be maintained with appropriate improvements.

(2) Governments should be requested to submit their reports and contributions within the time-limit set by the Secretary-General.

(3) Governments should be requested to submit such reports and contributions in one of the official languages of the United Nations.

(4) Further consideration should be given to the possibility of establishing a closer relationship between the periodic reports system and the *Yearbook on Human Rights*.

### B. Recommendations concerning periodic reports on human rights

(5) The present system of periodic reports should be maintained.

(6) The Committee did not concur with the changes in recommendation 10 of the Joint Inspection Unit<sup>127</sup> and recommends that:

(a) Periodic reports should continue to be published in full in four languages;

<sup>120</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/5265)*, chap. XX.

<sup>121</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No. E.71.XIV.2.

<sup>122</sup> E/CN.4/1111, chap. VI, sect. B.

<sup>123</sup> *Ibid.*, sect. D. (100).

<sup>124</sup> E/CN.4/1111.

<sup>125</sup> E/CN.4/1075 and Corr.1.

<sup>126</sup> See E/CN.4/1104, para. 27 A and B.

<sup>127</sup> See A/8319 and Corr.1, part A, sect. IX.

(b) The present analytical summaries prepared by the Secretariat should continue to be reproduced in four languages;

(c) The subject and country indexes should also be continued.

(7) The Commission on Human Rights and its *Ad Hoc* Committee on Periodic Reports should keep under continuing review the possibility of refining and improving the present system of periodic reports.

### Periodic reports on human rights (Item 18)

At its 1858th meeting, on 18 May 1973, the Council decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the importance of the periodic reports system and to invite the Assembly to urge States Members of the

United Nations and members of the specialized agencies to co-operate fully in submitting reports under that system.

### Human rights (Item 18)

At its 1858th meeting, on 18 May 1973, the Council, having taken note of the letter dated 4 May 1973 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General,<sup>128</sup> rejected the contents of the letter and the baseless attacks on the members of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts as well as the Commission on Human Rights.

<sup>128</sup> E/5325.

## RATIONALIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL

### 1767 (LIV). Ratification of the amendment to Article 61 of the Charter of the United Nations

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling its resolution 1621 A (LI) of 30 July 1971 on the enlargement of the membership of the Economic and Social Council,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 2847 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971 on the enlargement of the Economic and Social Council,

Aware that early ratification by Member States of the amendment to Article 61 of the Charter of the United Nations, enlarging the membership of the Economic and Social Council to fifty-four, would facilitate the implementation of procedural and structural reform measures for the rationalization of the work of the Council,

Noting that, in spite of the length of time that has elapsed, many Member States have not yet ratified the amendment to Article 61 of the Charter,

1. Urges all Member States which have not yet done so, particularly the permanent members of the Security Council, to ratify the amendment at an early date, pursuant to paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 2847 (XXVI), with a view to making the amendment effective before the convening of the twenty-eighth session of the General Assembly, if possible;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to inform the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-fifth session of the progress made in implementing paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 2847 (XXVI).

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### 1768 (LIV). Rationalization of the work of the Council

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Conscious of its responsibilities under the Charter of the United Nations as the central forum for discussion and policy recommendations on issues relevant to the world economic and social situation and for the promotion of human rights,

*Reaffirming* the need for the renewed commitment of all Member States, regardless of their level of development or their social or economic systems, to worldwide co-operation within the framework of the United Nations in order to bring about the necessary fundamental improvement in the world economic and social order, thereby creating a more just and rational world economic and social order for the benefit of all peoples and nations,

*Considering* that, within the relevant provisions of the Charter, the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade<sup>129</sup>—especially when complemented by the inclusion after due consideration, as appropriate, by the Economic and Social Council or the General Assembly, of emerging concepts such as collective economic security, the relationship between environment and development and new methods and norms of international co-operation and in the light of the new politico-economic developments which have taken place since its adoption—provides a comprehensive body of principles to guide the policies and programmes of all the institutions of the United Nations system and its Member States in their activities related to economic and social co-operation,

*Convinced* that both short-term and long-term measures for the reorganization and reorientation of its own activities and its subsidiary organs are required to strengthen the role of the United Nations in international economic and social co-operation and, in particular during the Second United Nations Development Decade, to secure the implementation of the goals and policy measures of the International Development Strategy,

*Having considered* the report of its Working Group on Rationalization,<sup>130</sup>

1. *Decides* that henceforth the Council shall so orient its deliberations as to focus attention on major issues and emerging developments on which action is necessary to bring about more equitable and harmonious economic and social relationships, in particular through the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations

<sup>129</sup> General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV).

<sup>130</sup> E/5259.

Development Decade in a dynamic way. It shall, for this purpose, and in full accord with its functions under the Charter, make policy recommendations to Governments of Member States and establish adequate policy guidelines and directives for the activities of the United Nations system;

2. *Decides* to this end, that the Council shall in alternate years concentrate its attention on: (a) the review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy, in particular during the summer session; and (b) other areas which require policy guidance and action;

3. *Decides further* that the Council shall annually discharge its continuing responsibilities under the Charter, especially in the consideration of programming and co-ordination matters and human rights, in the assessment of the world economic and social situation, as well as in the performance of those tasks resulting from decisions of competent organs of the United Nations;

#### I. REVIEW AND APPRAISAL

4. *Reaffirms* that the process of the review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy shall provide the opportunity to examine, in the comprehensive and interdisciplinary manner required, the progress made in the implementation of the goals and policy measures contained in the Strategy, and to reach broad conclusions therefrom which could provide the necessary dynamism to international co-operation in the economic and social field;

5. *Decides* that, to that effect, the review and appraisal shall be undertaken by each organ which has responsibility in a particular field or sector of the International Development Strategy, that each organ shall examine all the relevant information and (a) assess the progress made in implementing the goals and policy measures in its field of competence, (b) identify the reasons for any shortfall, (c) recommend measures designed to overcome the obstacles to progress, including new goals and policy measures as required. The results of all sectoral or regional reviews shall be transmitted to the Committee on Review and Appraisal, in accordance with the relevant decisions on this matter. The Committee for Development Planning, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2801 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971, shall submit its expert comments to the Committee on Review and Appraisal, on the basis of all the data and information available to it from the sectoral and regional reviews, concentrating on the interdisciplinary sectors where more than one body has responsibility. The Committee on Review and Appraisal shall (i) examine the obstacles and reasons for shortfalls identified in the various sectoral and regional reviews, and (ii) on their basis as well as on its own conclusions, recommend the measures to overcome the obstacles and shortfalls, including new or revised goals and policy measures as required. In submitting these recommendations the Committee on Review and Appraisal should not, normally, reopen discussions of the policy measures and goals which have been agreed upon in the sectoral body concerned. It shall, however, submit its suggestions to harmonize any apparent conflict in the conclusions and/or recommendations of the sectoral reviews. The report of the Committee on Review and Appraisal shall be considered by the Council, together with the result of all the sectoral and regional reviews.

The Council, in its deliberations, shall concentrate on the recommendations made to it by its Committee on Review and Appraisal and those contained in the sectoral and regional reviews and attempt to reach agreement on the measures required to implement the Strategy's provisions, as well as such new goals and policy measures as it feels necessary. The conclusions and recommendations of the Council shall be transmitted to the General Assembly, which will finally decide on these and revise the International Development Strategy accordingly, as required;

6. *Decides* that the Council, in order to ensure the support of all countries and peoples for the objectives and activities of the United Nations in the field of development, shall continue to take all appropriate action to keep world public opinion increasingly informed of the implementation of the goals and policy measures of the International Development Strategy, in particular through the activities of the Office of Public Information and the Centre for Economic and Social Information and the information services of the United Nations organs concerned;

#### II. THE COUNCIL'S FUNCTIONS IN THE ALTERNATE YEAR

7. *Decides* that in the alternate year the Council shall concentrate on the examination of problems and areas of present or potential significance for development and international co-operation including, in particular, new problems or concepts of a global or interdisciplinary nature which require adequate conceptualization, political action or proper co-ordination of operational implementation. Such problems and areas shall include those identified during the course of the review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy or suggested by (i) Member States, (ii) the General Assembly, (iii) other United Nations organs and sectoral or regional bodies, or (iv) the Secretary-General. In these years, the Council shall also carry out a comprehensive policy review of operational activities throughout the United Nations system;

#### III. THE COUNCIL'S CONTINUING FUNCTIONS

##### A. *Special sessions*

8. *Recalls* that the Council may be convened at any time in special session under the provisions of Article 72, paragraph 2, of the Charter and in accordance with rules 4 and 5 of its rules of procedure;

##### B. *Co-ordination and programming*

9. *Decides* that the Council organ delegated the functions of programming and co-ordination shall:

(a) Examine and co-ordinate the programme objectives submitted by the Council's subsidiary bodies, in the light of the system of medium-term planning and programme budgeting;

(b) Consider, on a sector-by-sector 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;

(c) Make recommendations for the adoption of the programmes of the United Nations, taking into account

the relevant policy decisions and the need to avoid overlapping and duplication;

(d) Recommend guidelines for the agencies of the United Nations system on their programmes and activities, taking into account their respective functions and responsibilities and the need for coherence and co-ordination throughout the system;

10. *Requests* the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, within the limits of its competence, in order to enable effective review of programmes of inter-organizational interest and to synthesize and harmonize programmes on a system-wide basis, to extend the prior consultation procedure to the medium-term plans of the United Nations and the specialized agencies, utilizing, as appropriate, the technique of programme budgeting;

### C. Human rights

11. *Reaffirms* that the Council, in order to fulfil its responsibilities under Articles 55 and 56 of the Charter to promote universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms, shall consider the reports of its functional bodies responsible in the field of human rights and, on that basis, it shall (a) make appropriate recommendations to the General Assembly in this field, and (b) examine and approve the work programmes of the United Nations in the field of human rights;

## IV. STRUCTURAL CHANGES

12. *Decides* that a review of the terms of reference of its subsidiary bodies should be undertaken, and that this review should be made on the basis of an assessment and reorientation of their role, particularly in the implementation of the International Development Strategy, taking due account of the responsibilities of the other organs and agencies of the United Nations system. The autonomous organizations, regional economic commissions and specialized agencies are also requested, where necessary, to undertake a similar review of their subsidiary bodies;

## V. THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY

13. *Decides* that, in view of the profound changes in world-wide economic co-operation within the United Nations system which have taken place since the conclusion of the present agreements between the United Nations and the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, the Council shall review the existing agreements with a view to strengthening the coherence of the system and its capacity to fulfil, in particular, the objectives of the International Development Strategy in an effective and co-ordinated manner. The Secretary-General is requested for this purpose to submit to the Council, at its fifty-seventh session, a descriptive and analytical report on the past and present relationship between the United Nations and the specialized agencies, in particular in the operational field and on aspects of the relationship between the United Nations and the International Atomic Energy Agency, within the competence of the Council as set forth in the Charter. The executive heads of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic

Energy Agency are also invited to present their views on this matter to the Council, through the Secretary-General;

## VI. THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED NATIONS

14. *Decides*, in view of the need for the Department of Economic and Social Affairs to have the structural, managerial and technical means to support the Secretary-General in carrying out the functions required of him in the economic and social field by the Council, to invite the Secretary-General to submit his views and recommendations for the further restructuring of the Department as early as possible for the Council's consideration and appropriate recommendations for final decision by the General Assembly;

## VII. THE TASK AND DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

15. *Requests* its President, in consultation with the other officers and the Secretary-General, to initiate, as and when required, consultations with Member States and the executive heads of the organizations of the United Nations system, both during and before its regular and special sessions, for the purpose of preparing those sessions and their agendas and, in general, of facilitating the task of the Council in the light of the consultations referred to above;

## VIII. CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

16. *Decides* that the calendar of conferences shall be so arranged that:

(a) The Council's body responsible for co-ordination, the Committee for Development Planning, the Commission on Human Rights and its Sub-Commission and the regional economic commissions meet every year unless any of these organs decide or have decided otherwise with the concurrence of the Council;

(b) All other subsidiary and expert or advisory bodies meet biennially, unless the Council decides otherwise, and their meetings be so timed as to ensure the submission of their reports in good time for the relevant sessions of the Council and, where appropriate, to the Committee on Review and Appraisal, and spaced so as not to overlap or follow too closely upon each other and so as to ensure that their programme objectives are fully reflected in the work programme and budget to be submitted biennially to the Council;

17. *Requests* other organizations and agencies to ensure that the meetings of their review and appraisal bodies are so timed as to make the results available in time for the over-all review and appraisal of the progress achieved within the framework of the International Development Strategy;

## IX. LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION

18. *Considers* that the desired strengthening of the central role of the Council in the United Nations system of economic, social and humanitarian activities could be assisted if Member States were represented at the highest possible political, diplomatic or expert level, including, when appropriate, the ministerial level.

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**1769 (LIV). Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Conscious of the important work already performed by the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development and of the importance of the provision of expert advice in the field of science and technology to the Council, and particularly its Committee on Science and Technology for Development,

Recognizing that the unique and essential contribution of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development is to provide a pool of specialized scientific advice not otherwise available to the Council,

Desirous of further strengthening the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development to assist it to meet increasing demands from the Council and its Committee on Science and Technology for Development,

Recognizing the difficulty of ensuring that the full range of scientific disciplines are adequately represented in a single formally constituted body,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to seek the views of States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations concerned, on ways in which the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development can be strengthened, including the desirability and feasibility of the establishment of sessional sub-committees of the Advisory Committee on specific topics and the further possibility of extending and making more flexible the membership of the Advisory Committee with a view to increasing the expertise available for discussion of specific topics, especially those referred to it by the Committee on Science and Technology for Development, at meetings of the Advisory Committee;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to report on the conclusions of his consultations together with his own analysis of the situation and his own recommendations to the Committee on Science and Technology for Development at its second session.

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18 May 1973*

**1770 (LIV). Measures to improve the documentation of the Council**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling its resolutions 1623 (LI) and 1624 (LI) of 30 July 1971,

Further recalling the decision taken at its 1837th meeting, during its fifty-third session, relating to the submission of documentation,

Concerned at the late submission of many of the documents relating to items in the agenda of its fifty-fourth session,

1. Decides, without prejudice to rule 17 of its rules of procedure, that, except in the case of reports of subsidiary and other bodies on meetings which have concluded twelve weeks or less before the opening of the session of the Council, items on the Council's agenda shall be automatically postponed to the following ses-

sion when the documentation called for has not been made available to members of the Council six weeks before the opening of the session;

2. Decides that, before any resolution or decision involving the preparation of documentation for submission by specific dates is adopted by the Council or any of its subsidiary bodies, the Secretary-General shall indicate to that body whether he will be able to comply with the deadline; in cases where the General Assembly has requested the Secretary-General to submit a report to the Council, the Secretary-General shall inform the Council at its organizational meetings when he will be able to submit the required documentation; should the Secretary-General subsequently find that he is unable to submit documentation by the date specified, he shall immediately so inform the members of the body concerned, giving the reasons; he shall, nevertheless, make every effort to complete and submit the documentation in question and shall inform the members of the body concerned of the date on which it will be submitted;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to take early measures to improve the present record in the production of documents for the Council and its subsidiary bodies;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to take steps to ensure that documents submitted to the Council, its subsidiary bodies and functional commissions conform strictly to the provisions of paragraph 8 of Council resolution 1623 (LI).

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18 May 1973*

**1771 (LIV). Joint meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Bearing in mind the importance of ensuring the highest possible degree of co-ordination between the activities of the organs of the United Nations system,

Desirous of ensuring that this co-ordination should be as effective as possible at all levels,

1. Recommends that the formal group dialogue which characterizes the existing annual meetings between the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination should develop into a more active working discussion of questions currently on the agenda of the Council, particularly those with system-wide implications and those where problems of co-ordination between the agencies and organs of the United Nations system have arisen or appear likely to arise in the future;

2. Invites the agencies and organizations of the United Nations system to participate more actively at the appropriate level both in the discussions of the Council and also of its subsidiary bodies, bearing in mind particularly the need for the contributions of the agencies to the policy-determining discussions of the Council and its subsidiary bodies to be both action oriented and made at a sufficiently early stage in the policy elaboration process;

3. Decides to review the progress made in the implementation of this resolution at its fifty-eighth session.

*1858th plenary meeting  
18 May 1973*

## Decision

### Report of the Working Group on Rationalization (Item 19)

At its 1858th meeting, on 18 May 1973, the Council decided:

(a) That its subsidiary bodies, with the exception of the regional economic commissions, may not create either standing or *ad hoc* inter-sessional subsidiary bodies without prior approval by the Council;

(b) To consider at its fifty-sixth session the entire question of the inter-relationship of the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Science and Technology for Development, and to request the Secretary-General to report to the Council at its fifty-sixth session, after consultations with Member States on all aspects of the present relationship between the two Committees and to recommend possible solutions to problems of overlapping and duplication;

(c) To defer to its fifty-sixth session consideration of the revised draft decision submitted by the United States of America<sup>131</sup> and of the revised draft resolution submitted by Denmark, Japan, Kenya, the Netherlands and Pakistan.<sup>132</sup>

<sup>131</sup> E/AC.24/L.451/Rev.3.

<sup>132</sup> E/AC.24/L.455/Rev.1.

## SPECIAL QUESTIONS

### 1733 (LIV). Measures to be taken following the earthquake in Nicaragua

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Considering* that Managua, the capital of the Republic of Nicaragua, has recently suffered the effects of an earthquake which has caused much loss of human life and property, serious harm to the country's economy and damage to administrative centres, resulting in a substantial reduction in the State's normal ability to face the consequences of the disaster,

*Taking into account* that in past years the territory of Nicaragua has been afflicted by various natural disasters the consequences of which, in addition to having been met almost entirely with Nicaragua's own resources, have even further aggravated the effects of the most recent disaster,

*Bearing in mind* that assistance offered to a Member State which has suffered a disaster of such magnitude is in accordance with the concept of international solidarity embodied in the Charter of the United Nations,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 2435 (XXIII) of 19 December 1968, 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971 and 2959 (XXVII) of 12 December 1972, on assistance in cases of natural disaster,

1. *Expresses its deep sympathy* to the people and Government of Nicaragua for the loss of human life and devastation caused by the recent natural disaster;

2. *Notes with appreciation* the measures already taken by the Secretary-General and the Office of the Disaster Relief Co-ordinator to ensure the speediest and most effective emergency aid for the victims in Nicaragua;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, the Office of the Disaster Relief Co-ordinator and the specialized agencies concerned to continue their efforts to that end;

4. *Welcomes* the initiative taken by the Economic Commission for Latin America to convene an extraordinary session of its Committee of the Whole to

examine measures for international co-operation to be taken by the organizations of the United Nations system, in particular by the Commission, in order to assist the Government of Nicaragua;

5. *Requests* the international credit institutions to give urgent and sympathetic consideration to emergency measures in connexion with any request that Nicaragua might make for loans and credits for the task of reconstruction, and to ensure that such loans and credits are of the greatest possible magnitude and granted on the most favourable terms;

6. *Invites* the countries and institutions that are creditors of Nicaragua to take into account the grave emergency which it has suffered and the demands created by rehabilitation, in relation to restructuring its external debt, if the Government of Nicaragua should so request;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and the Administrator of that Programme, the specialized agencies and the organizations and programmes concerned, particularly the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the International Monetary Fund and the Economic Commission for Latin America, and also the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Health Organization, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, the World Food Programme and the International Labour Organisation, to devote the largest possible volume of financial, technical and other resources, within their respective programmes, in co-operation with the Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, to meeting assistance requests from the Government of Nicaragua relating to the planning and implementation of reconstruction work contemplated in its initial emergency programmes and subsequent rehabilitation programmes;

8. *Conveys its desire* that the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme should consider favourably, within its competence, requests for assistance that the Government of Nicaragua might submit in connexion with its special medium-term and long-term rehabilitation programmes;

9. *Requests* the Governments of States members of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Development Association to ask their directors in the Bank and the Association to give particular attention, if necessary, to Nicaragua's need for funds to finance its programmes of rehabilitation and reconstruction and to study the possibility of special machinery which would permit the total financing and effective execution of projects relating to those programmes;

10. *Invites* the agencies and institutions in question to give special attention to the serious situation in Nicaragua and to that country's need for assistance, bearing in mind the principle that problems of reconstruction and rehabilitation are inseparable from problems of economic and social development.

*1848th plenary meeting  
8 January 1973*

#### **1736 (LIV). Measures to be taken following the floods in Tunisia**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Considering* that certain areas of Tunisia have recently suffered the effects of floods which caused great loss of human life and material losses and caused serious damage to the economy of the country,

*Bearing in mind* that it is in conformity with the principle of international solidarity enunciated in the Charter of the United Nations to render assistance to Members of the United Nations who are the victims of major natural disasters,

*Recalling* the General Assembly and Economic and Social Council resolutions on assistance in cases of disaster, particularly Assembly resolutions 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971 and 2959 (XXVII) of 12 December 1972,

1. *Expresses its deep sympathy* to the people and Government of Tunisia for the loss of human life and the ravages caused by the recent natural disasters;

2. *Notes with appreciation* the general expression of friendship and solidarity as well as the assistance in relief operations provided by several countries and international organizations, which has helped Tunisia to repair the loss caused by the floods;

3. *Notes with appreciation* the measures taken by the Disaster Relief Co-ordinator to ensure that the most prompt and effective assistance is provided to the Tunisian Government for the devastated areas;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and the Administrator of the Programme, the specialized agencies and the organizations and programmes concerned, particularly the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the International Monetary Fund and the Economic Commission for Africa, as well as the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Health Organization, the International Atomic

Energy Agency, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund, the World Food Programme and the International Labour Organisation, to provide all possible assistance, within their respective programmes, in liaison with the Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, to meeting requests for assistance made by the Government of Tunisia relating to the reconstruction work contemplated in its initial emergency programme;

5. *Conveys its desire* that the Governing Council and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme should, within their competence, urgently consider and respond expeditiously to requests for assistance that the Government of Tunisia might submit in connexion with its special medium-term and long-term rehabilitation programmes.

*1853rd plenary meeting  
27 April 1973*

#### **1738 (LIV). International co-operation between municipalities**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Noting with appreciation* the report of the Secretary-General entitled "International co-operation between municipalities",<sup>133</sup>

1. *Expresses its support* for international co-operation between municipalities;

2. *Invites* organizations in the United Nations system to continue, as and when requested, to include in their programmes measures to promote municipal development, especially in developing countries, as well as measures for the promotion of international co-operation between the municipalities of the developing and developed countries;

3. *Recommends* that organizations in the United Nations system should continue collaborating with the non-governmental organizations concerned in fostering intermunicipal co-operation.

*1854th plenary meeting  
4 May 1973*

#### **1739 (LIV). Improvement of the contribution of non-governmental organizations to the implementation of the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1580 (L) of 20 May 1971 in which it requested the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to submit recommendations on ways and means of improving the contribution of non-governmental organizations to the implementation of the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,<sup>134</sup>

*Mindful* of the significant role that could be played by non-governmental organizations in the implementation of the International Development Strategy,

<sup>133</sup> E/5244.

<sup>134</sup> General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV).



1. *Approves* the recommendations contained in paragraphs 14 to 22 of the report of the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations<sup>135</sup> regarding, *inter alia*, co-ordination and liaison within the United Nations Secretariat and the United Nations system and the emphasis on developing relations at the regional and national levels, including field-level activities and mobilization of public opinion and political will, in favour of United Nations efforts;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take appropriate action as outlined in paragraphs 15 to 17 of the report and notes that a progress report will be submitted to the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations at its meeting during the fifty-fifth session of the Economic and Social Council and a full report at the next regular session of the Council Committee;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take immediate action regarding subparagraph 4 of paragraph 16 of the report which calls for arrangements to be made for the Economic and Social Council, through the Committee on Review and Appraisal, to receive the substantive contributions which certain non-governmental organizations can make to the development process;

4. *Invites* the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and other bodies in the United Nations system to co-operate fully with the Secretary-General in the exploration called for in the report so that definite progress may be reported by him, as requested in paragraph 17 of the report;

5. *Invites* the Governing Council and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to take account in their activities of the relevant recommendations on field-level operations and to submit appropriate information to the Economic and Social Council as soon as feasible;

6. *Commends* to Governments the desirability of taking into account the practical contributions as well as the experiences and expertise of their national non-governmental organizations, when drawing up their country programmes for economic and social development and their project proposals for United Nations system assistance;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution and the report of the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to the attention of Governments and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, and requests the aforementioned to give all possible assistance to the Secretary-General in his study of the subject.

*1854th plenary meeting  
4 May 1973*

**1740 (LIV). Contribution of non-governmental organizations to the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1651 (LI) of 29 October 1971 in which it requested the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to explore ways of associating non-governmental organizations more

<sup>135</sup> E/5257 and Add.1.

fully with the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

*Having examined* the report of the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations,<sup>136</sup>

1. *Approves* the recommendations contained in paragraph 25 of the report;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to study this question on the lines indicated in paragraph 25 of the report and notes that a progress report will be submitted to the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations at its meeting during the fifty-fifth session of the Economic and Social Council and a full report at the next regular session of the Council Committee;

3. *Invites* non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and other non-governmental organizations especially concerned to co-operate with the Secretary-General in this important exploration;

4. *Notes with satisfaction* the collaboration between 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 the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations in this endeavour and recommends a strengthening of this collaboration;

5. *Requests* the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to remain seized of this question and to continue to explore ways of engaging non-governmental organizations actively in the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and to report as appropriate to the Economic and Social Council.

*1854th plenary meeting  
4 May 1973*

**1741 (LIV). Assistance to southern Sudanese returnees and displaced persons**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1655 (LII) of 1 June 1972 and General Assembly resolution 2958 (XXVII) of 12 December 1972,

*Having considered* the progress report<sup>136</sup> prepared by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees pursuant to Council resolution 1705 (LIII) of 27 July 1972, and the statement<sup>137</sup> made on behalf of the High Commissioner,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the continuing efforts of the Government of the Sudan to achieve a peaceful and lasting settlement in the southern part of the country;

2. *Commends* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for the efficient manner in which he has been co-ordinating the relief, resettlement and rehabilitation operations in Southern Sudan;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those organizations within the United Nations system, non-governmental organizations, and individual Governments which responded to the appeals of the Secretary-General and the High Commissioner for Refugees for providing

<sup>136</sup> E/5261.

<sup>137</sup> See E/AC.24/SR.470.



assistance to southern Sudanese returnees and displaced persons in an effective and helpful manner;

4. *Reaffirms* its resolutions 1655 (LII) and 1705 (LIII) in which, *inter alia*, it urged the international community to render the maximum possible assistance to the Government of the Sudan in this endeavour;

5. *Requests* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to report again on this relief, rehabilitation and resettlement effort to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-fifth session.

*1854th plenary meeting  
4 May 1973*

#### **1759 (LIV). Aid to the Sudano-Sahelian populations threatened with famine**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly and Economic and Social Council resolutions concerning assistance in cases of natural disaster, and, in particular, Assembly resolutions 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971 and 2959 (XXVII) of 12 December 1972,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 2462 (XXIII) of 20 December 1968 on multilateral food aid,

*Noting with concern* the persistence of deficits in food production in the Sudano-Sahelian countries of Africa as a result of the severe drought which has struck them in recent years,

*Taking into account* the information provided in this respect by the Special Representative of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations for the Sahelian Question to the effect that, in some regions in those countries, unless emergency measures are taken, the situation will cause irreparable losses, especially in human life,

*Taking into account* the considerable efforts made by the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations with the donor countries, who have already been informed of the situation, with regard to the need for additional urgent measures to strengthen action already begun by the Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Food Programme to avert the disaster,

*Aware* of the opportunity offered to it for averting the disaster,

1. *Expresses its profound sympathy* to the populations and Governments of the Sudano-Sahelian region threatened with famine, and assures them that it will do everything possible within its field of competence to avoid a disaster;

2. *Notes* that, in the immediate future, the emergency measures will consist of the supply of additional food-stuffs, vaccines, means of transport for provisions, seeds, fertilizers and agricultural and hydraulic equipment;

3. *Appeals* to States Members of the United Nations and to international organizations to assist in the speedy application of the emergency measures advocated by the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and requests the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization and other bodies concerned to keep the Secretary-General informed of progress in this respect;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to call upon all elements of the United Nations system to respond to the immediate needs of the affected nations in co-operation with and taking into account the measures recommended by the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;

5. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General to organize as soon as possible—in collaboration with the organizations of the United Nations system, in particular the United Nations Development Programme, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the International Monetary Fund and the Economic Commission for Africa, as well as the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Health Organization, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, the World Food Programme and the International Labour Organisation, each within the framework of its terms of reference—the necessary assistance action in order to respond to the requests of the Governments of this region with regard to their medium-term and long-term needs;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council, at its fifty-fifth session, on the development of the situation.

*1857th plenary meeting  
18 May 1973*

### **Decisions**

#### **Non-governmental Organizations (Item 14)**

At its 1854th meeting, on 4 May 1973, the Council decided:

(a) To reclassify the following non-governmental organizations from category II to category I:  
International Planned Parenthood Federation  
International Student Movement for the United Nations;

(b) To maintain on the Roster the Mutual Assistance of the Latin American Government Oil Companies;

(c) To place in Category II or on the Roster the following non-governmental organizations which have newly applied for consultative status:

#### **CATEGORY II**

Afro-Asian Peoples' Solidarity Organization  
Association for the Study of the World Refugee Problem  
European Association of National Productivity Centres  
Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers  
International Association of Educators for World Peace

International Association of French-speaking Parliamentarians  
International Council of Environmental Law  
Organization for International Economic Relations  
OXFAM  
Socialist International  
The Federation of Arab Economists  
The Foundation for the Peoples of the South Pacific, Inc.  
United Kingdom Standing Conference on the Second United Nations Development Decade  
War Resisters International  
World Conference of Religion for Peace

ROSTER

Christian Peace Conference  
Congress of Racial Equality  
Ex-Volunteers International  
Institute of International Container Lessors  
International Inner Wheel  
International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics  
International Solar Energy Society  
International Union of Tenants  
Latin American Association of Finance Development Institutions  
SERVAS International  
World Association for Christian Communication

At the same meeting, the Council took note of the report of its Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations.<sup>138</sup>

**Report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination  
(Item 25)**

At its 1858th meeting, on 18 May 1973, the Council:  
(a) Took note of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on its thirteenth session;<sup>139</sup>

(b) Decided that the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination should not begin its fourteenth session before 29 May 1973 and that the agenda of the fourteenth session would include only the item entitled "Work programme and budget for 1974-1975 and the medium-term plan, 1974-1977";

(c) Decided that the Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination should consult with the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the most appropriate time for the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination to meet in the near future, taking into account the Advisory Committee's own time-table for its examination of the Secretary-General's work programme and budget for 1974-1975 and the medium-term plan for 1974-1977.

<sup>138</sup> E/5257 and Add.1.

<sup>139</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 7 (E/5273)*.

## OTHER DECISIONS

### Election of officers of the Council for 1973

(Item 1\*)

At its 1847th meeting, on 8 January 1973, the Council elected Mr. Sergio Armando Frazão (Brazil) President of the Council for 1973. At the same meeting, the Council also elected the following three Vice-Presidents: Mr. Edouard Ghorra (Lebanon), Mr. Blaise Rabetafika (Madagascar) and Mr. John V. Scott (New Zealand).

At its 1848th meeting, on 8 January 1973, the Council, on the recommendation of the President, decided that Mr. Ghorra would be Chairman of the Co-ordination Committee, Mr. Rabetafika Chairman of the Social Committee and Mr. Scott Chairman of the Economic Committee.

### Actions arising out of decisions of the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session

(Item 6\*)

At its 1849th meeting, on 10 January 1973, the Council revised and approved the recommendations made by the Secretary-General in section A of his note on actions arising out of decisions taken by the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session<sup>140</sup> regarding transmittal of relevant General Assembly resolutions to the subsidiary bodies concerned and, in some instances, consideration of the matters referred to those bodies at specific sessions of the Council. The Council also decided:

(a) To instruct its functional commissions and standing committees, to state their programme objectives so that the Secretary-General can examine and elaborate the most effective and economical means of achieving the objectives in question and make appropriate recommendations in the biennial programme and budget and the medium-term plan;

(b) To request the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination to examine at its thirteenth session those parts of the Secretary-General's 1974-1975 biennial work programme and budget and the 1974-1977 medium-term plan which relate to economic, social and human rights activities and to transmit its comments and recommendations thereon to the Council at its fifty-fourth session;

(c) To instruct the Working Group on Rationalization to review the existing legislative machinery and procedures with the aim of submitting recommendations for enabling the Council to discharge effectively its responsibilities arising from the introduction of the new form of presentation of the United Nations budget and a biennial budget cycle.

At the same meeting the Council took note of the contents of section B of the note of the Secretary-

General and requested the Secretariat to take them into account when preparing the provisional agenda for the fifty-fourth and fifty-fifth sessions.

The Council also took note of section C of the same note.

### Basic programme of work of the Council in 1973 and consideration of the provisional agenda for the fifty-fourth session

(Item 7\*)

At its 1850th meeting, on 10 January 1973, the Council approved the provisional agenda for its fifty-fourth session and the list of items for its fifty-fifth session appearing in the draft programme of work prepared by the Secretary-General,<sup>141</sup> after deciding:

(a) To include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session items entitled "Population: (a) United Nations Fund for Population Activities; (b) Report of the Population Commission on its second special session", and "United Nations/IMCO Conference on International Container Traffic";

(b) To include the item entitled "The impact of multinational corporations on the development process and on international relations" in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session, instead of the fifty-fifth session;

(c) To reword item 17 of the list of items for the fifty-fourth session to read: "Assistance to southern Sudanese returnees and displaced persons";

(d) To delete the proposed inclusion of an item on collective economic security in the list of items for its fifty-fifth session, and to revise item 3 of that list to read: "Second United Nations Development Decade: review and appraisal of progress in implementing the International Development Strategy, including a further discussion of collective economic security";

(e) To reword item 12 of the list of items for the fifty-fifth session to read: "Science and technology: (a) Report of the Committee on Science and Technology for Development; (b) The role of modern science and technology in the development of nations";

(f) To defer to its fifty-sixth session consideration of the report to be submitted by the Secretary-General under Council resolution 1630 (LI) on the refinancing of short-term export credits granted by developing countries;

and taking into account the decisions adopted at its 1849th meeting regarding actions arising out of decisions taken by the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session.

\* Agenda item of the organizational meetings.

<sup>140</sup> E/L.1525 and Corr.1.

<sup>141</sup> E/L.1520 and Corr.1.

## Organization of work of the fifty-fourth session

(Item 7\*)

At its 1850th meeting, on 10 January 1973, the Council took note of the tentative organization of work of the fifty-fourth session proposed by the Secretary-General<sup>142</sup> on the understanding that a more definitive paper on the subject would be prepared by the President in consultation with the other officers in the light of the comments made earlier in the meeting. The Council further decided to convene its Co-ordination Committee at the fifty-fourth session a few days after the reopening of the session.

## The provisional agenda for, and duration of, the fifty-fifth session

(Item 30)

At its 1858th meeting, on 18 May 1973, the Council:

(a) Approved the provisional agenda for the fifty-fifth session<sup>143</sup> and decided to include an additional item entitled "The impact of multinational corporations on the development process and on international relations";

(b) Decided that the fifty-fifth session will be held from 4 July to 10 August 1973;<sup>144</sup>

(c) Decided to invite the Director-General of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade to participate in the general debate of the fifty-fifth session of the Council in conformity with Council resolution 1724 (LIII).

## Appointment to fill a vacancy in the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development

(Item 26)

At its 1856th meeting, on 17 May 1973, the Council, on the nomination of the Secretary-General,<sup>145</sup> appointed Mr. Bruce H. Billings, a member of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development to fill the unexpired term of Mr. J. G. Harrar, who had resigned. Mr. Billings will serve until 31 December 1974.

## Confirmation of members of functional commissions of the Council

(Item 4\*)

At its 1850th meeting, on 10 January 1973, the Council confirmed the appointment of the following representatives, nominated by their Governments, as members of functional commissions of the Council:

### STATISTICAL COMMISSION

Mrs. Lelia B. de Cervetto (Argentina)  
Mr. Jean Ripert (France)  
Mr. István Huszár (Hungary)  
Mr. N. T. Mathew (India)  
Mr. Kinichiro Saito (Japan)

\* Agenda item of the organizational meetings.

<sup>142</sup> E/L.1532.

<sup>143</sup> E/L.1544 and Add.1.

<sup>144</sup> E/L.1548 and Add.1.

<sup>145</sup> E/5278.

Mr. Stanislaw Kuzinski (Poland)  
Mr. Ingvar Ohlsson (Sweden)  
Mr. C. A. Moser (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)  
Mr. Pedro Luis Venegas Borges (Venezuela)

### POPULATION COMMISSION

Mr. Victor Hugo Morgan (Costa Rica)  
Mr. Mogens Boserup (Denmark)  
Mr. Gamal Askar (Egypt)  
Mrs. Virginia-Viorica Russ (Romania)  
Mr. Juvenal Renzaho (Rwanda)  
Mr. Halúk Cillov (Turkey)

### COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Herbert Pindur (Austria)  
Mr. Robert Naah (Cameroon)  
Mr. Vicente Sánchez (Chile)  
Mr. Carlos Martínez-Simahan (Colombia)  
Mr. Josef Šiktanc (Czechoslovakia)  
Mr. Jawad Mohammed Ghali (Iraq)  
Mr. Ian James Donald MacKay (New Zealand)  
Mrs. Winifred Ayodele McEwen (Nigeria)  
Mr. Prachoom Chomchai (Thailand)  
Mr. Mohamed Beyrakdar (Tunisia)  
Mr. Arnold Nikolaevich Shlepakov (Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic)  
Mr. Albert Russell Garness Prosser (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

### COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Mr. Luben Pentchev (Bulgaria)  
Mr. Georgi Nikolaevich Stankevich (Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic)  
Mr. Armando Oscar Pacheco (Dominican Republic)  
Mr. José R. Martínez-Cobo (Ecuador)  
Mr. Hussein Khallaf (Egypt)  
Mr. E. Kofi Sekyiamah (Ghana)  
Princess Ashraf Pahlavi (Iran)  
Mr. Edouard Ghorra (Lebanon)  
Mr. Th. C. van Boven (Netherlands)  
Mr. Juan José Morales-Marenco (Nicaragua)  
Mr. Niaz A. Naik (Pakistan)  
Mr. Kéba M'baye (Senegal)  
Mr. Rachid Driss (Tunisia)  
Mr. Suat Bilge (Turkey)  
Mr. V. S. Safronchuk (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)  
Sir Keith Unwin (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)  
Mr. C. S. M. Mselle (United Republic of Tanzania)  
Mr. Philip E. Hoffman (United States of America)

### COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Mrs. Ana María Zaafferer de Goyeneche (Argentina)  
Mrs. Christiane M. J. M. Fabri (Belgium)  
Mrs. Wu Tsien (China)  
Miss Lilia Sánchez (Colombia)

Mrs. Elli Krispi-Nicoletopoulou (Greece)  
 Mrs. Sophie Maka (Guinea)  
 Mrs. Hanna Bokor (Hungary)  
 Mrs. Homa Rouhi (Iran)  
 Mrs. Selwa Aqrawi (Iraq)  
 Mrs. Amelia Borge de Sotomayor (Nicaragua)  
 Mrs. Sekela Kaninda (Zaire)

HUNGARY, JAPAN, KENYA, NETHERLANDS, PHILIPPINES, TUNISIA, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

**Election of members of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund**

**(Item 3\*)**

At its 1850th meeting, on 10 January 1973, the Council elected 10 members of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund for a period of three years beginning on 1 August 1973.

The composition of the Executive Board for the period 1 August 1973 to 31 July 1974 will be as follows:

	<i>Term of office 31 December 31 July</i>
Algeria	1974
Bulgaria	1975
Canada	1974
Central African Republic	1976
Chile	1975
Congo	1975
Egypt	1976
France	1976
Germany, Federal Republic of	1974
India	1974
Indonesia	1975
Italy	1976
Japan	1976
Nigeria	1975
Norway	1974
Pakistan	1974
Peru	1976
Philippines	1975
Poland	1976
Romania	1974
Rwanda	1976
Sweden	1975
Switzerland	1975
Thailand	1974
Turkey	1975
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1976
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1975
United States of America	1976
Uruguay	1974
Venezuela	1974

**Confirmation of six members on the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development**

**(Item 17)**

At its 1855th meeting, on 16 May 1973, the Council confirmed the nomination, by the Commission for Social Development, of the following six members on the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, for a term of office of four years beginning on 2 July 1973:

Mr. Jacques Delors (France)  
 Mr. Gunnar Karl Myrdal (Sweden)  
 Mr. Khaleeq Ahmed Naqvi (India)  
 Mr. H. M. A. Onitiri (Nigeria)  
 Mr. Berislav Sefer (Yugoslavia)  
 Mrs. Eleanor Bernert Sheldon (United States of America)

At the same meeting, the Council decided to postpone to the fifty-fifth session confirmation of one member to be nominated by the Commission for Social Development.

**Election of 27 additional members of the sessional committees of the Council**

**(Item 3\*)**

At its 1847th meeting, on 8 January 1973, the Council elected the following 27 States to serve as members of the enlarged sessional committees of the Council for the year 1973, effective as of the date of election: ARGENTINA, BARBADOS, BELGIUM, CANADA, COLOMBIA, DENMARK, EGYPT, GHANA, GUINEA, INDIA, INDONESIA, ITALY, KENYA, PAKISTAN, PERU, PHILIPPINES, ROMANIA, SENEGAL, SRI LANKA, SUDAN, SWEDEN, TUNISIA, TURKEY, UKRAINIAN SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC, VENEZUELA, YEMEN and YUGOSLAVIA.

**Election of the 13 members of the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations**

**(Items 3\* and 26)**

At its 1848th meeting, on 8 January 1973, the Council decided to suspend that part of rule 82 of the rules of procedure which stipulates that the members of the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations shall be members of the Council, in order to permit the additional members of the sessional committees also to serve on that Committee.

At its 1850th and 1856th meetings, on 10 January and 17 May 1973, the Council elected the following States members of its Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to serve for one year following their election: BARBADOS, BOLIVIA, FRANCE, GHANA,

**Election of two members of the Committee on Natural Resources**

**(Items 3\* and 26)**

At its 1850th meeting, on 10 January 1973, the Council elected ICELAND, a member of the Committee on Natural Resources for a term of office of two years beginning on 1 January 1973.

At its 1856th meeting, on 17 May 1973, the Council decided to postpone to the fifty-fifth session the election of one member from Western European and other States, for a term of office effective as of the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1976.

**Election of members of the Committee on Science and Technology for Development**

**(Items 3\* and 26)**

At its 1850th meeting, on 10 January 1973 the Council elected IRAN, JORDAN and the SYRIAN

\* Agenda item of the organizational meetings.

ARAB REPUBLIC to serve as members of the Committee on Science and Technology for Development for a term of office of three years beginning 1 January 1973.

At its 1856th meeting, on 17 May 1973, the Council held elections to fill the seats falling vacant in the Committee on Science and Technology for Development at the end of 1973.

The composition of the Committee for 1974 will be as follows:<sup>146</sup>

	<i>Term of office expires on 31 December</i>
Argentina	1976
Belgium	1976
Brazil	1974
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	1974
Canada	1975
Chile	1976
Colombia	1975
Czechoslovakia	1974
Democratic Yemen	1975
Egypt	1974
France	1974
Guatemala	1974
India	1974
Indonesia	1974
Iran	1975
Italy	1974
Jamaica	1976
Japan	1976
Jordan	1975
Kenya	1974
Madagascar	1976
Mongolia	1975
Netherlands	1975
New Zealand	1975
Pakistan	1974
Peru	1974
Philippines	1975
Poland	1974
Romania	1974
Sierra Leone	1976
Spain	1975
Sri Lanka	1975
Sweden	1976
Syrian Arab Republic	1975
Tunisia	1974
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1976
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1974
United Republic of Tanzania	1976
United States of America	1974
Uruguay	1974
Venezuela	1976
Yugoslavia	1976
Zaire	1976

**Election of the members of the Committee on Review and Appraisal  
(Items 3\* and 26)**

At its 1850th meeting, on 10 January 1973, the Council elected EGYPT, IRAQ, LEBANON and YEMEN members of the Committee on Review and Appraisal for a term of office ending on 31 December 1973.

\* Agenda item of the organizational meetings.

<sup>146</sup> At its 1856th meeting, on 17 May 1973, the Council decided to postpone to the fifty-fifth session the election of two members from African States, one member from Latin American States and two members from Western European and other States, for a term of office of three years beginning on 1 January 1974. It also postponed the election of five members from African States and one member from Western European and other States, for a term of office effective as of the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1975.

At its 1856th meeting, on 17 May 1973, the Council held elections to fill the seats falling vacant in the Committee on Review and Appraisal at the end of 1973.

The composition of the Committee for 1974 will be as follows:<sup>147</sup>

	<i>Term of office expires on 31 December</i>
Argentina	1975
Austria	1977
Belgium	1977
Bolivia	1977
Brazil	1975
Canada	1977
Chile	1975
Colombia	1977
Czechoslovakia	1975
Egypt	1977
France	1977
Ghana	1975
Guatemala	1977
Honduras	1977
Hungary	1975
India	1975
Indonesia	1975
Italy	1975
Japan	1975
Madagascar	1977
Malaysia	1977
Mauritania	1975
Mexico	1975
Netherlands	1977
Norway	1975
Pakistan	1975
Peru	1975
Philippines	1975
Poland	1975
Senegal	1975
Spain	1975
Sri Lanka	1975
Sweden	1975
Tunisia	1975
Turkey	1975
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republics	1975
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1975
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1977
United States of America	1975
Venezuela	1977
Yugoslavia	1975
Zaire	1977

**Election of members of the Committee on Candidatures for election to the International Narcotics Control Board**

**(Item 3\*)**

At its 1848th meeting, on 8 January 1973, the Council decided to establish a Committee on Candidatures for election to the International Narcotics Control Board.

At its 1850th meeting, on 10 January 1973, the Council decided that the Committee would be composed of 13 members and elected the following States, members of the Council or members of the sessional

<sup>147</sup> At its 1856th meeting, on 17 May 1973, the Council decided to postpone to the fifty-fifth session the election of two members from African States, four members from Asian States and one member from Western European and other States, for a term of office of four years beginning on 1 January 1974. It also postponed the election of five members from African States for a term of office effective as of the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1973.

committees, as members of the Committee on Candidatures for election to the International Narcotics Control Board: CANADA, CHILE, EGYPT, FRANCE, HUNGARY, INDIA, ITALY, JAPAN, SWEDEN, TURKEY, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

**Election of members of the functional commissions of the Council**

**(Item 26)**

At its 1856th meeting, on 17 May 1973, the Council held elections to fill the seats falling vacant at the end of 1973 in the functional commissions.

The term of office of the members elected to the Commission on Human Rights is three years while the term of office of the members elected to the Statistical Commission, the Population Commission and the Commission on Narcotic Drugs is four years.

In 1974, the composition of the Statistical Commission, the Population Commission, the Commission on Human Rights and the Commission on Narcotic Drugs will be as follows:

**STATISTICAL COMMISSION**

	<i>Term of office expires on 31 December</i>
Argentina	1975
Brazil	1976
Canada	1977
Czechoslovakia	1975
France	1976
Gabon	1977
Ghana	1975
Hungary	1976
India	1975
Japan	1976
Kenya	1975
Malaysia	1975
New Zealand	1977
Sierra Leone	1977
Spain	1975
Sri Lanka	1976
Sweden	1976
Tunisia	1977
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic	1975
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1977
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1976
United States of America	1977
Uruguay	1976
Venezuela	1977

**POPULATION COMMISSION**

	<i>Term of office expires on 31 December</i>
Brazil	1976
Costa Rica	1976
Denmark	1976
Ecuador	1977
Egypt	1975
France	1975
Ghana	1975
India	1977
Indonesia	1975
Japan	1977
Mauritania	1977
Morocco	1975
Netherlands	1976
Niger	1976
Panama	1977

	<i>Term of office expires on 31 December</i>
Peru	1975
Philippines	1975
Romania	1976
Rwanda	1976
Sweden	1975
Thailand	1976
Tunisia	1977
Turkey	1976
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic	1975
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1977
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1977
United States of America	1977

**COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS<sup>148</sup>**

	<i>Term of office expires on 31 December</i>
Austria	1976
Bulgaria	1975
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	1974
Chile	1974
Cyprus	1976
Dominican Republic	1975
Ecuador	1974
Egypt	1974
France	1976
Ghana	1975
India	1976
Iran	1974
Iraq	1975
Italy	1974
Lebanon	1976
Netherlands	1975
Nicaragua	1975
Nigeria	1974
Norway	1974
Pakistan	1976
Panama	1976
Romania	1974
Senegal	1974
Sierra Leone	1976
Tunisia	1975
Turkey	1975
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1976
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1975
United Republic of Tanzania	1976
United States of America	1974
Zaire	1975

**COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS**

	<i>Term of office expires on 31 December</i>
Argentina	1975
Australia	1977
Brazil	1977
Canada	1975
Chile	1977
Egypt	1977
France	1975
Germany, Federal Republic of	1975
Hungary	1975
India	1975
Indonesia	1977
Iran	1977
Jamaica	1977
Japan	1977
Kenya	1975

<sup>148</sup> One seat remains to be filled at the fifty-fifth session from Latin American States, for a term of office of three years beginning on 1 January 1974.

	<i>Term of office expires on 31 December</i>
Mexico	1977
Morocco	1977
Nigeria	1975
Pakistan	1975
Peru	1975
Romania	1977
Sweden	1975
Switzerland	1975
Thailand	1975
Togo	1977
Turkey	1977
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1977
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1977
United States of America	1975
Yugoslavia	1975

**Election of members of the Committee on Housing,  
Building and Planning  
(Item 26)**

At its 1856th meeting, on 17 May 1973, the Council held elections to fill the seats falling vacant in the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning at the end of 1973. The term of office is four years.

The composition of the Committee for 1974 will be as follows:

	<i>Term of office expires on 31 December</i>
Austria	1975
Brazil	1977
Bulgaria	1977
Cameroon	1975
Canada	1977
Czechoslovakia	1976
Egypt	1976
Finland	1977
France	1975
Gabon	1977
Guatemala	1976
India	1975
Indonesia	1976
Iran	1976
Iraq	1977
Morocco	1977
Nigeria	1975
Panama	1975
Spain	1976
Thailand	1977
Togo	1976
Trinidad and Tobago	1975
Uganda	1976
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1975
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1975
United States of America	1976
Venezuela	1977

**Election of members of the Governing Council of  
the United Nations Development Programme  
(Item 26)**

At its 1856th meeting, on 17 May 1973, the Council elected 16 members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme for a term of office of three years beginning on 1 January 1974.

The composition of the Governing Council for 1974 will be as follows:

	<i>Term of office expires on 31 December</i>
Austria	1975
Belgium	1976
Brazil	1976
Bulgaria	1974
Canada	1976
Central African Republic	1976
Chad	1976
Chile	1975
Cuba	1975
Denmark	1975
Ecuador	1974
Ethiopia	1974
Finland	1974
France	1976
Germany, Federal Republic of	1974
Ghana	1976
Hungary	1976
India	1975
Iran	1975
Iraq	1974
Italy	1975
Jamaica	1975
Japan	1975
Kuwait	1976
Lebanon	1974
Lesotho	1976
Malaysia	1975
Morocco	1975
Netherlands	1974
New Zealand	1976
Nigeria	1974
Norway	1976
Pakistan	1976
Philippines	1976
Poland	1974
Somalia	1976
Sudan	1975
Sweden	1976
Switzerland	1974
Togo	1975
Trinidad and Tobago	1974
Turkey	1974
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1975
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1975
United States of America	1975
Upper Volta	1974
Uruguay	1974
Yugoslavia	1974

**Election of members of the United Nations/FAO  
Intergovernmental Committee of the World  
Food Programme  
(Item 26)**

At its 1856th meeting, on 17 May 1973, the Council elected the following four States members of the United Nations/FAO Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Programme for a term of office of three years beginning 1 January 1974: CHILE, IRELAND, MALAWI and UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND.

The composition of the Intergovernmental Committee for 1974 will be as follows:<sup>149</sup>

	<i>Term of office expires on 31 December</i>
Argentina <sup>a</sup>	1975
Canada <sup>a</sup>	1974

<sup>a</sup> Member elected by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

<sup>149</sup>The four remaining seats are to be filled by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization at its autumn 1973 session.



	<i>Term of office expires on 31 December</i>
Chile	1976
Denmark	1974
Hungary	1974
India <sup>a</sup>	1974
Indonesia <sup>a</sup>	1975
Ireland	1976
Japan	1975
Malawi	1976
Netherlands <sup>a</sup>	1975
Norway	1975
Pakistan	1975
Sudan	1975
Togo	1974
Trinidad and Tobago <sup>a</sup>	1974
Tunisia <sup>a</sup>	1975
Turkey	1974
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1976
United States of America <sup>a</sup>	1974

**Election of 11 members of the International  
Narcotics Control Board  
(Item 26)**

At its 1856th meeting, on 17 May 1973, the Council elected the following 11 members of the International Narcotics Control Board for a term of office of three years beginning on 2 March 1974:

- Mr. D. P. Anand (India)
- Mr. Michel A. Attisso (Togo)
- Mr. Nikolai K. Barkov (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)
- Mr. Ross A. Chapman (Canada)
- Dr. R. de la Fuente Muñiz Ramón (Mexico)
- Mr. Sükrü Kaymakçalan (Turkey)
- Sir Frederick Mason (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)
- Dr. Victorio V. Olguín (Argentina)
- Mr. Martin R. Pollner (United States of America)
- Mr. Paul Reuter (France)
- Mr. Tsutomu Shimomura (Japan)

**Election of members of the Working Group on the preparation of a new draft instrument or instruments of international law to eliminate discrimination against women, established under resolution 5 (XXIV) of the Commission on the Status of Women**

**(Item 26)**

At its 1856th meeting, on 17 May 1973, the Council decided to enlarge the membership of the Working Group to 16 members.

At the same meeting, the Council elected the following States from among the members in 1974 of the Commission on the Status of Women to serve as members of the Working Group:<sup>150</sup> CANADA, CHILE, COLOMBIA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, FINLAND, LIBERIA, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

<sup>150</sup> Seven members remain to be elected at the fifty-fifth session: three from African States, three from Asian States and one from Socialist States of Eastern Europe.

**Election of members of the Committee for  
Programme and Co-ordination**

**(Item 26)**

At its 1856th meeting, on 17 May 1973, the Council held elections to fill the seats falling vacant in the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at the end of 1973. The term of office is three years.

The composition of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination for 1974 will be as follows:<sup>151</sup>

	<i>Term of office expires on 31 December</i>
Argentina	1976
Belgium	1975
Brazil	1974
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	1975
Denmark	1975
France	1976
Guyana	1975
Haiti	1976
Hungary	1975
India	1974
Indonesia	1974
Japan	1974
Kenya	1974
Pakistan	1975
Togo	1976
Uganda	1974
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1976
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1975
United Republic of Tanzania	1974
United States of America	1976

**Increase in the seating capacity of the Economic  
and Social Council Chamber**

At its 1858th meeting, on 18 May 1973, the Council:

(a) Decided to request the officers of the Council, together with the representatives of China, Poland, Sweden and the United States of America, to enter into consultations with the Secretary-General concerning the arrangements to increase the seating capacity of the Council Chamber, bearing in mind the need to ensure: (i) that the design of the Chamber will befit the dignity and importance of the Council; (ii) that all members of the Council are provided with at least two advisers' seats; (iii) that an adequate number of seats are provided for observers from States non-members of the Council, taking into account the need to provide appropriate accommodation for representatives of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, and non-governmental organizations, as well as for the press and the public; (iv) that the Council can count on all the necessary modern facilities, including a voting machine, for the performance of its functions. The possibility of enlarging the seating capacity of the Council Chamber to accommodate the Second Committee of the General Assembly should also be examined;

(b) Requested the President of the Council to report to the Council at its fifty-fifth session on the results of such consultations.

<sup>151</sup> One seat remains to be filled at the fifty-fifth session from African States, for a term of office of three years beginning on 1 January 1974.

## CHECK LIST OF RESOLUTIONS

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1740 (LIV)	Contribution of non-governmental organizations to the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples	14	4 May 1973	36
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1744 (LIV)	Transport of dangerous goods	24 (b)	4 May 1973	3
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1750 (LIV)	Convening of a United Nations Conference for an international convention on adoption law	17	16 May 1973	7
1751 (LIV)	The aged and social security	17	16 May 1973	7
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1753 (LIV)	Special measures in favour of the least developed among the developing countries	3	16 May 1973	9
1754 (LIV)	Special measures in favour of the least developed among the developing countries	3	16 May 1973	10
1755 (LIV)	Special measures related to the particular needs of the land-locked developing countries	4	16 May 1973	10
1756 (LIV)	Study on regional structures	20	16 May 1973	11
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1765 (LIV)	Tax treaties between developed and developing countries	6 (c)	18 May 1973	18
1766 (LIV)	Implementation of Security Council resolution 329 (1973) concerning the question of economic assistance to Zambia	28	18 May 1973	18
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1777 (LIV)	Co-ordination of activities of international organs and organizations in the struggle against the abuse of drugs	16 (a)	18 May 1973	19
1778 (LIV)	Periodicity of sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs	16 (a)	18 May 1973	20
1779 (LIV)	Report of the International Narcotics Control Board	16 (b)	18 May 1973	20
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1784 (LIV)	Draft Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of <i>Apartheid</i>	18	18 May 1973	23
1785 (LIV)	Draft principles relating to equality in the administration of justice	18	18 May 1973	23
1786 (LIV)	Study of discrimination in the matter of political rights and draft general principles on freedom and non-discrimination in the matter of political rights	18	18 May 1973	23
1787 (LIV)	Study of discrimination against persons born out of wedlock and draft general principles on equality and non-discrimination in respect of such persons	18	18 May 1973	24
1788 (LIV)	Study of discrimination in respect of the right of everyone to leave any country, including his own, and to return to his country, and draft principles on freedom and non-discrimination in respect of that right	18	18 May 1973	24
1789 (LIV)	Exploitation of labour through illicit and clandestine trafficking	18	18 May 1973	25
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1793 (LIV)	Yearbook on Human Rights	18	18 May 1973	27
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