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7. Export promotion \*\*
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\* Item considered without reference to a sessional committee.

\*\* Item considered by the Economic Committee.

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\*\*\*\* Item considered by the Special Economic Committee.



## RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL DURING ITS SIXTY-FIRST SESSION

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

#### RESOLUTIONS

##### 2009 (LXI). Declaration of Abidjan

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Meeting for the first time in Africa, from 30 June to 9 July 1976, at the invitation of the Government of the Republic of Ivory Coast,

1. *Welcomes* the important statement of His Excellency the President of the Republic of Ivory Coast before the Council at the opening meeting of its sixty-first session, in which he eloquently analysed problems of developing countries in general and those of Africa in particular:

2. *Remains mindful* of the fundamental purposes of the United Nations, as laid down in the Charter of the United Nations, in particular the maintenance of international peace and security through, *inter alia*, effective collective measures for the prevention and removal of threats to peace and for the suppression of acts of aggression or other breaches of the peace, the development of friendly relations among nations based on respect for the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples and the achievement of international co-operation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character;

3. *Welcomes* the emergence to independence of States—the majority of which are in Africa—as a result of their struggle for self-determination and national liberation;

4. *Calls* for the speedy elimination of all forms of colonialism, neo-colonialism, foreign aggression and occupation, alien domination, racial discrimination and *apartheid* from the African continent and from wherever they exist and affirms that this should continue to receive very high priority among the major preoccupations of the international community;

5. *Determines* that there is an imperative need to eliminate injustice and inequality which afflict vast sections of humanity and to accelerate the development of developing countries;

6. *Urges* all countries and international organizations to give added impetus to the efforts of the international

community towards the achievement of the goals, targets and objectives of the development of developing countries through individual or collective action, taking fully into account the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order (General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974), as well as the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States (General Assembly resolution 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974), the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade (General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970) and General Assembly resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation;

7. *Further urges* all countries and international organizations to pursue with the maximum sense of urgency the implementation of agreements reached within the United Nations system, including those reached at the fourth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and in other international conferences and fora, the search for further agreements and the widening of the existing ones where appropriate, bearing in mind the need to conduct negotiations and, where agreed, preparatory meetings for this purpose, so as to provide concrete solutions to the problems of developing countries;

8. *Reaffirms* the need to implement special measures or specific action adopted in favour of the most seriously affected, least developed, land-locked, and island developing countries;

9. *Expresses its concern* over the critical nature of the problems of development in Africa, reflected by the large number of African countries identified as least developed or most seriously affected countries, and urges developed countries, developing countries which are in a position to do so and the appropriate organs of the United Nations system to increase assistance to these countries;

10. *Affirms* the need to increase substantially the level of food production in developing countries, particularly those in Africa, and to extend adequate assistance to them for this purpose;

11. *Urges* all nations to display the necessary political will and place adequate resources at the disposal of the United Nations, in order to enable it to fulfil its role in the economic and social fields;

12. *Finally declares* that:

The objective of eliminating injustice and inequality and of achieving international co-operation for the promotion of economic progress and better standards of life, as well as social advancement and the encouragement of respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction, has yet to be achieved in large areas of the world; to this end, the Council declares its adherence to the principles of national independence, sovereignty, and self-reliance and its faith in co-operation, dialogue and negotiation between developed and developing countries, based on a real political will to promote an equitable and just system of international economic relations in conformity with the principles of the United Nations Charter.

*2020th plenary meeting  
9 July 1976*

#### **2010 (LXI). Expression of thanks to the Government and people of Ivory Coast**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Meeting* for the first time on the continent of Africa,

*Conscious* of its responsibilities under the Charter of the United Nations,

*Convinced* that its historic meeting at Abidjan has given new impetus to fulfil those responsibilities,

1. *Expresses its profound appreciation* to His Excellency the President of the Republic of Ivory Coast and to the Government of the Republic of Ivory Coast for making this meeting possible;

2. *Requests* the President of the Economic and Social Council to convey an expression of its deep gratitude to the people of the Republic of Ivory Coast, and in particular to those responsible for the excellent arrangements for the meeting, for the generous hospitality and warm welcome accorded to the Council on every side.

*2021st plenary meeting  
9 July 1976*

#### **2011 (LXI). Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 3454 (XXX) of 9 December 1975 and earlier resolutions of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly relating to the activities of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,

*Reaffirming* the eminently humanitarian character of the activities of the High Commissioner for the benefit of refugees and displaced persons,

*Recognizing* the importance of the essential humanitarian tasks undertaken by his Office in the context of man-made disasters, in addition to its original functions,

*Noting* the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees<sup>1</sup> and the oral statement made by him to the Council at its sixty-first session<sup>2</sup> on various aspects of his humanitarian activities,

1. *Commends* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for his efforts on behalf of refugees and displaced persons, victims of man-made disasters, requiring urgent humanitarian assistance;

2. *Requests* the High Commissioner to continue his activities, in co-operation with Governments, United Nations bodies, appropriate intergovernmental organizations and voluntary agencies, for alleviating the suffering of all those of concern to his Office and for promoting permanent and speedy solutions to their problems through the provision of urgently required relief assistance, voluntary repatriation and assistance in their rehabilitation, integration or resettlement;

3. *Calls* upon the international community to continue and to strengthen further its support for the humanitarian activities of the High Commissioner;

4. *Transmits* the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session.

*2028th plenary meeting  
2 August 1976*

#### **2012 (LXI). Assistance to Zambia**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* 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, and resolution 253 (1968) of 29 May 1968 imposing mandatory sanctions against Southern Rhodesia,

*Commending* the decision of the Government of Zambia in 1968 to implement progressively United Nations mandatory sanctions against Southern Rhodesia in accordance with Security Council resolution 253 (1968), culminating in the closure of the border with Southern Rhodesia in 1973,

*Appreciating* the very substantial sacrifices made by the Government and the people of Zambia in terms of the opportunities forgone for the economic and social development of the country since the unilateral declaration of independence by Southern Rhodesia in November 1965,

*Recalling* Security Council resolution 277 (1970) of 18 March 1970 requesting *inter alia* Member States and

<sup>1</sup> E/5853 and Corr.1; for the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 2 (A/31/12)*.

<sup>2</sup> See E/SR.2017.



the United Nations system to increase their assistance to Zambia as a matter of priority,

*Recalling further* Security Council resolution 329 (1973) of 10 March 1973, appealing to all States for immediate technical, financial and material assistance to Zambia to enable it to enhance its capacity to implement fully the mandatory sanctions policy and requesting the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the appropriate organizations of the United Nations system, to organize with immediate effect all forms of financial, technical and material assistance to enable Zambia to carry out its policy of economic independence from the racist régime of Southern Rhodesia,

*Appreciating* the assistance received until now from certain Member States and the United Nations system,

*Noting with satisfaction* the measures taken so far by the Secretary-General to organize an effective programme of international assistance to Zambia,

*Having heard* the statement made on behalf of the Secretary-General and that of the representative of Zambia,<sup>3</sup>

*Noting that:*

(a) The real cost to Zambia includes not only the direct cost of applying sanctions and the cost of the contingency measures necessitated by them, but also heavy recurrent expenditure, and the diversion of limited financial and human resources from the country's national development,

(b) The direct cost to Zambia of applying sanctions is estimated at approximately US\$650 million over the past ten years, of which approximately \$450 million has been incurred during the period 1973-1976,

(c) The Government of Zambia has already undertaken a number of longer-term development projects designed to counter the adverse effects of sanctions,

(d) The Government of Zambia wishes to continue the programme of co-operation between Zambia and the United Nations until the end of 1977,

*Bearing in mind* the provisions of Articles 49 and 50 of the Charter of the United Nations,

*Recognizing* that Zambia is confronted with special economic problems arising from the implementation of the measures decided upon in Security Council resolution 253 (1968), and especially in the context of the increasing momentum and pressure of political developments in southern Africa,

1. *Strongly endorses* the appeal of the Security Council to the international community to provide financial, technical and material assistance to Zambia;

2. *Calls* upon all Member States to continue to provide Zambia with ample and appropriate assistance, bilaterally and multilaterally, whenever possible in the form of grants, to enable Zambia to bear the great cost arising from the implementation of sanctions and to carry out its normal development programme;

3. *Requests* the United Nations and all its organizations and specialized agencies to make every effort to assist Zambia;

4. *Requests* the United Nations Special Fund to give special consideration to the needs of Zambia;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue the programme of co-operation between Zambia and the United Nations until the end of 1977;

6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to keep the situation under constant review, to hold consultations, as appropriate, with representatives of Governments of all interested Member States, regional organizations, intergovernmental agencies, regional and international financial institutions, and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, and to report thereon to the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-third session.

2029th plenary meeting  
3 August 1976

## 2020 (LXI). Assistance to Mozambique

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* Security Council resolutions on the question of Southern Rhodesia, in particular resolution 232 (1966) of 16 September 1966, declaring that the situation in Southern Rhodesia constituted a threat to international peace and security, and resolution 253 (1968) of 29 May 1968, imposing mandatory sanctions against Southern Rhodesia,

*Commending* the decision of the Government of Mozambique to implement mandatory sanctions against Southern Rhodesia in accordance with Security Council resolution 253 (1968),

*Appreciating* the very substantial sacrifices made by the Government and the people of Mozambique as a consequence of the closure of the border with Southern Rhodesia,

*Recalling* Security Council resolution 386 (1976) of 17 March 1976, appealing to all States to provide immediate technical, financial and material assistance to Mozambique and requesting the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the appropriate organizations of the United Nations system, to organize with immediate effect all forms of financial, technical and material assistance to enable Mozambique to carry out its policy of economic independence from the racist régime of Southern Rhodesia and enhance its capacity to implement fully the United Nations mandatory sanctions,

*Recalling* Economic and Social Council resolution 1987 (LX) of 11 May 1976, strongly endorsing the appeal of the Security Council to the international community to provide immediate financial, technical and material assistance to Mozambique,

*Taking note* of the report by the Secretary-General on assistance to Mozambique,<sup>4</sup>

<sup>3</sup> See E/SR.2028 and E/5867.

<sup>4</sup> E/5872/Rev.1.

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the measures taken by the Secretary-General to organize an effective programme of international assistance to Mozambique;

2. *Expresses appreciation* for the assistance so far provided to Mozambique by Member States and the United Nations system;

3. *Takes careful note* of the fact that the assistance received to date falls short of the amount required by Mozambique to deal with the special economic problems arising from the implementation of the measures decided upon in Security Council resolution 253 (1968);

4. *Calls* upon all Member States to respond generously to the appeal of the Security Council and to provide assistance, bilaterally and multilaterally, whenever possible in the form of grants, to enable Mozambique to bear the great cost arising from the implementation of sanctions and to carry out its normal development programme;

5. *Requests* the United Nations and all its organizations and specialized agencies to continue their efforts to assist Mozambique;

6. *Requests* the United Nations Special Fund to give special and favourable consideration to the needs of Mozambique;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the continuation of an effective programme of financial, material and technical assistance for Mozambique during 1977, and to continue close co-operation with the Government of Mozambique in the mobilization of the necessary resources;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that appropriate financial and budgetary arrangements are made to continue the mobilization of resources, and to co-ordinate the international programme of assistance to Mozambique;

9. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to arrange for the review mentioned in his report<sup>5</sup> to be given the widest circulation as soon as it is completed;

10. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to keep the situation under constant review, to hold regular consultative meetings with representatives of Governments of all interested Member States, regional organizations, intergovernmental agencies, regional and international financial institutions, and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, and to report to the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-third session.

2030th plenary meeting  
3 August 1976

#### **2043 (LXI). Strengthening of the regional commissions for regional and interregional co-operation**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its many resolutions, as well as those of the General Assembly, on the decentralization of economic and social activities and the strengthening of the

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 25.

regional commissions, including General Assembly resolutions 1709 (XVI) of 19 December 1961 and 1823 (XVII) of 18 December 1962 and Council resolutions 793 (XXX) of 3 August 1960, 1442 (XLVII) of 31 July 1969, 1756 (LIV) of 16 May 1973, 1896 (LVII) of 1 August 1974 and 1952 (LIX) of 23 July 1975,

*Noting* that slow but steady progress has been made in the decentralization of operational activities through the arrangements made between the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Secretary-General for the regional commissions to be executing agencies for sub-regional, regional and inter-regional projects under the conditions indicated in Council resolutions 1896 (LVII) and 1952 (LIX),

*Noting with appreciation* the reports, and the comments thereon, of the Joint Inspection Unit on the regional structures of the United Nations system<sup>6</sup> and on the decentralization of United Nations economic, social and related activities and the strengthening of the regional commissions<sup>7</sup> and the report of the Secretary-General on regional structures of the United Nations system,<sup>8</sup>

*Noting further* the preliminary proposals under discussion in the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Restructuring of the Economic and Social Sectors of the United Nations System in its consideration in particular of structures for regional and interregional co-operation,

*Noting* that the regional commissions have been adapting their work programmes and activities, in particular, to conform to the decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its sixth and seventh special sessions and to the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States contained in Assembly resolution 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974,

*Recognizing*, without prejudice to the special needs and conditions of each region, that the regional commissions, with their experience in promoting regional and sub-regional co-operation, are the appropriate institutions within the United Nations to act as centres for the formulation, co-ordination and implementation of programmes for the promotion of interregional co-operation also, especially with respect to the programme of economic co-operation among developing countries in their respective regions,

*Appreciating* that, as indicated in the report of the Secretary-General on the meetings of the executive secretaries of the regional commissions,<sup>9</sup> efforts are being made to co-ordinate the activities of the commissions in this field, as well as those of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and of such United Nations bodies as the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Environment Programme, and those of all the specialized agencies;

<sup>6</sup> E/5727 and Add.1 and 2.

<sup>7</sup> E/5607 and Corr.1 and E/5607/Add.1 and 2.

<sup>8</sup> E/5801.

<sup>9</sup> E/5835 and Corr.1 and E/5835/Add.1.

1. *Reaffirms*, in conformity with Council resolution 1756 (LIV), that the regional commissions should be enabled fully to play their role as the main general economic and social development centres within the United Nations system for their respective regions and calls upon all the organizations and agencies in the system to work closely with the regional commissions to achieve the over-all economic and social development objectives at the regional level;

2. *Affirms*, without prejudice to the special needs and conditions of each region and to the outcome of the work of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Restructuring of the Economic and Social Sectors of the United Nations System, and having regard to General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970, especially section III of the annex thereto, that the regional commissions should, as defined in paragraphs 469 and 470 of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the regional structures of the United Nations system,<sup>10</sup> exercise team leadership and responsibility for inter-sectoral co-ordination and co-operation at the regional level, with the active support of the United Nations Development Programme and of regional offices;

3. *Requests* the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Restructuring of the Economic and Social Sectors of the United Nations System, without prejudice to the special needs and conditions of each region and to the outcome of the work of the *Ad Hoc* Committee, to consider, *inter alia*, the following options:

(a) The designation of the regional commissions as team leaders with responsibilities for the co-operation and co-ordination of inter-sectoral programmes at the regional level;

(b) The designation, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV) and Council resolution 1896 (LVII), of the regional commissions as executing agencies of the United Nations Development Programme for future United Nations inter-sectoral sub-regional, regional and interregional projects and the inclusion of the commissions in the list of executing agencies for the implementation of such projects;

(c) The delegation in full to the regional commissions of the executing agency functions for existing inter-sectoral sub-regional and regional operational activities of the United Nations, in accordance with Council resolutions 1896 (LVII) and 1952 (LIX);

(d) The organization by the executive secretaries of the regional commissions, on a regular basis, of meetings, with a view to improving the co-ordination of the economic and social activities of the United Nations system in their respective regions;

(e) Arrangements for ensuring that regional views are duly reflected in the debates in the Second Committee of the General Assembly;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make adequate provisions in order to enable the regional commissions to continue to carry out their activities effectively, and

to consider arranging for the executive secretaries of these commissions to be present during the consideration of the budgets for their respective commissions;

5. *Recommends*, without prejudice to the special needs and conditions of each region, that the executive heads of such global organizations as the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Environment Programme and of the specialized agencies should intensify their co-operation with the secretariats of the regional commissions, with a view to making them centres for the formulation, co-ordination and implementation of programmes for the promotion of co-operation among States members of the respective commissions;

6. *Requests* the regional commissions concerned to work out a programme of work and priorities for their respective regions in the field of co-operation among developing countries, bearing in mind the Conference on Economic Co-operation Among Developing Countries to be held at Mexico City in September 1976 and the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation Among Developing Countries to be held in Argentina in 1977;

7. *Requests further* the Secretary-General to submit to the Council for consideration at its sixty-third session, taking into account the financial implications involved, proposals for strengthening, where necessary, the secretariats of the regional commissions to enable them to promote effectively co-operation among developing countries at the regional and interregional levels.

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**2044 (LXI). Inclusion of Maldives in the geographical scope of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and admission of Maldives as a member of the Commission**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the application for membership in the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific submitted by the Government of the Republic of Maldives,<sup>11</sup>

1. *Decides* to include Maldives in the geographical scope of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and to admit it to membership of the Commission;

2. *Further decides* to amend paragraphs 2 and 3 of the terms of reference of the Commission<sup>12</sup> accordingly.

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5 August 1976

<sup>11</sup> E/5858.

<sup>12</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 9 (E/5786), annex III.*

<sup>10</sup> E/5727.

## DECISIONS

**158 (LXI).** Position paper of the Group of 77 submitted in the context of the agenda item entitled "General discussion of international economic and social policy, including regional and sectoral developments"

At its 2020th meeting, on 9 July 1976, the Council decided to annex to its annual report to the General Assembly<sup>13</sup> the position paper of the Group of 77 submitted in the context of the agenda item entitled "General discussion of international economic and social policy, including regional and sectoral developments".<sup>14</sup>

**159 (LXI).** Decision of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme relating to the coherence of the United Nations development system

At its 2020th meeting, on 9 July 1976, the Council decided to bring to the attention of the specialized agencies the decision relating to the coherence of the United Nations development system, adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its twenty-second session,<sup>15</sup> with the request that it be circulated at the next session of their legislative bodies, as appropriate.

**160 (LXI).** United Nations University

At its 2025th meeting, on 23 July 1976, the Council took note of the report of the Council of the United Nations University<sup>16</sup> and decided to transmit it to the General Assembly for consideration at its thirty-first session.

**183 (LXI).** Annual report of the Economic Commission for Europe

At its 2032nd meeting, on 5 August 1976, the Council decided:

(a) To take note of the report of the Economic Commission for Europe for the period 25 April 1975 to 9 April 1976,<sup>17</sup> of the views expressed during the discussions in the Commission and of the resolutions and other decisions adopted by the Commission at its thirty-first session, contained in parts III and IV of that report;

(b) To endorse the programmes of work and priorities contained in parts V and VI of the report.

<sup>13</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/31/3)*, annex IV.

<sup>14</sup> E/L.1728/Rev.1 and Corr.1.

<sup>15</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 2A (E/5846)*, para. 158.

<sup>16</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 31 (A/31/31)*.

<sup>17</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 8 (E/5781)*.

**184 (LXI).** Annual report of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

At its 2032nd meeting, on 5 August 1976, the Council decided:

(a) To take note of the report of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific for the period 8 March 1975 to 2 April 1976<sup>18</sup> and of the recommendations and resolutions contained in chapters II and III of that report;

(b) To endorse the programme of work and priorities contained in chapter IV of the report;

(c) To amend paragraphs 2 and 4 of the Commission's terms of reference<sup>19</sup> by replacing the term "Gilbert and Ellice Islands" by the term "Gilbert Islands" and by adding "Tuvalu"<sup>20</sup> to the list of associate members of the Commission.

**185 (LXI).** Annual report of the Economic Commission for Latin America

At its 2032nd meeting, on 5 August 1976, the Council took note of the report of the Economic Commission for Latin America for the period 7 May 1975 to 6 May 1976.<sup>21</sup>

**186 (LXI).** Annual report of the Economic Commission for Africa

At its 2032nd meeting, on 5 August 1976, the Council decided:

(a) To take note of the report of the Economic Commission for Africa for the period 1 March 1975 to 29 February 1976;<sup>22</sup>

(b) To amend paragraph 5 of the Commission's terms of reference<sup>23</sup> by adding the names of the following States as members of the Commission: Botswana, Cape Verde, the Comoros, Equatorial Guinea, the Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, São Tomé and Príncipe, Swaziland and Zambia.

**187 (LXI).** Annual report of the Economic Commission for Western Asia

At its 2032nd meeting, on 5 August 1976, the Council decided:

<sup>18</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 9 (E/5786).

<sup>19</sup> *Ibid.*, annex III.

<sup>20</sup> New name of the former Ellice Islands.

<sup>21</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 10 (E/5784)*.

<sup>22</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 11 (E/5783).

<sup>23</sup> *Ibid.*, annex III.

(a) To take note of the report of the Economic Commission for Western Asia on its third session,<sup>24</sup> and of the resolutions contained in chapter III of that report;

(b) To endorse the amendments to the Commission's programme of work and priorities for 1976-1977 and to the draft 1978-1981 medium-term plan, contained in chapter IV of the report.

#### **188 (LXI). Report on the meetings of the Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions**

At its 2032nd meeting, on 5 August 1976, the Council took note of the annual report of the Secretary-General on the meetings of the Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions.<sup>25</sup>

#### **189 (LXI). Calendar of conferences and meetings**

At its 2032nd meeting, on 5 August 1976, the Council decided to approve the following changes in the calendar of conferences and meetings for the remainder of 1976 and for 1977:<sup>26</sup>

(a) A session of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development to be held at Geneva from 22 November to 3 December 1976;

(b) A special session of the Committee on Science and Technology for Development to be held at United Nations Headquarters from 17 to 28 January 1977;

(c) Meetings of *Ad Hoc* Working Groups II and III of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development, each of five days' duration, in 1977, one meeting at Geneva, and one in New York, to be held on dates to be determined; the three-day meeting of *Ad Hoc* Working Group I, scheduled at Geneva in 1977, to be of five days' duration;

(d) Meetings of regional groups of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development for the countries members of the Economic Commission for Africa, the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and the Economic Commission for Western Asia, of three days' duration each in 1977, to be held at the headquarters of the regional commissions concerned, on dates to be determined;

(e) The resumed second session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations to be held for one day during the second half of 1976;

<sup>24</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 12 (E/5785)*.

<sup>25</sup> E/5835 and Corr.1 and E/5835/Add.1.

<sup>26</sup> For the 1977 calendar of conferences and meetings, see the report of the Council to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session (*Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/31/3)*), annex III.

(f) The Intergovernmental Working Group of the Whole on the Code of Conduct for Transnational Corporations to meet at United Nations Headquarters on the undermentioned dates in 1977:

- (i) 10 to 14 January;
- (ii) 22 February to 4 March;
- (iii) 29 August to 2 September;

(g) The third session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations to be convened from 25 April to 6 May 1977 (instead of from 17 to 27 February) at United Nations Headquarters;

(h) The meetings of the Working Groups of the Committee for Development Planning to be held at the places and on the dates specified below:

- (i) Working Group I on Progress and Prospects in South and East Asia, at Bangkok from 1 to 5 November 1976;
- (ii) Working Group II on Progress and Prospects in Latin America and the Caribbean, at Santiago de Chile from 22 to 26 November 1976;
- (iii) Working Group III on Progress and Prospects in Africa, at Addis Ababa from 13 to 17 December 1976;

(i) The meetings of these three Working Groups of the Committee for Development Planning already scheduled for 1977 to be held on dates to be determined;

(j) The seventeenth session of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination to be convened from 9 May to 3 June 1977 (instead of 21 March to 1 April) at United Nations Headquarters;

(k) The date of the one-day meeting preceding the seventeenth session of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination to be left open and to be decided in the light of the over-all calendar of meetings in 1977;

(l) The Eighth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Far East, originally scheduled at Jakarta from 13 to 27 October 1976, to be held at the headquarters of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific from 17 to 28 January 1977;

(m) The meeting of *Ad Hoc* Working Group III of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development, which is to deal with energy questions, to be held at Vienna from 11 to 16 October 1976 (instead of at United Nations Headquarters from 27 September to 1 October);

(n) The United Nations Water Conference to be held at Mar del Plata, Argentina, from 14 to 25 March 1977 (instead of from 7 to 18 March), and consequentially the fifth session of the Committee on Natural Resources to be held from 16 to 27 May 1977 (instead of from 28 March to 8 April) at United Nations Headquarters;

(o) The *Ad Hoc* Intergovernmental Working Group on Corrupt Practices established under Council resolution 2041 (LXI) to hold its first meeting at United Nations Headquarters from 11 to 15 October 1976 and

to hold two further meetings, also at Headquarters, each of two weeks' duration, during the first five months of 1977, on dates to be determined in the light of the over-all calendar of meetings in 1977.

**190 (LXI). Participation of an intergovernmental organization in the work of the Council**

At its 2032nd meeting, on 5 August 1976, the Council decided, in accordance with the recommendation of the Bureau of the Council<sup>27</sup> after an examination of an application<sup>28</sup> for designation by the Council in accordance with rule 79 of the rules of procedure, received from the Agence de coopération culturelle et technique, to designate this organization to participate on an *ad hoc* basis in the deliberations of the Council on questions within the scope of the activities of the organization.

<sup>27</sup> See E/5856.

<sup>28</sup> *Ibid.*, annex.

**191 (LXI). Programme budget implications of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Council during its sixtieth and sixty-first sessions**

At its 2032nd meeting, on 5 August 1976, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General containing the summary of programme budget implications of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council during its sixtieth and sixty-first sessions.<sup>29</sup>

**192 (LXI). Report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on expenditures of the United Nations system in relation to programmes**

At its 2032nd meeting, on 5 August 1976, the Council took note of the report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on expenditures of the United Nations system in relation to programmes.<sup>30</sup>

<sup>29</sup> E/5888.

<sup>30</sup> E/5851.

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

**RESOLUTIONS**

**2013 (LXI). Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its fourth session**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the work of its fourth session<sup>31</sup> and the recommendations contained therein, including those submitted by the Governing Council in its capacity as the intergovernmental preparatory body for the United Nations Conference on Desertification, pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 3337 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974 entitled "International co-operation to combat desertification" and 3511 (XXX) of 15 December 1975 entitled "United Nations Conference on Desertification",

*Having further considered* the need to ensure a co-ordinated approach by those responsible for implementing the strategies contained in the environment programme as adopted by the Governing Council,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its fourth session and also notes the statements made

thereon by its Executive Director at the sixty-first session of the Economic and Social Council;<sup>32</sup>

2. *Invites* the General Assembly to approve the recommendations contained in that report, and in particular those relating to the United Nations Conference on Desertification contained in paragraphs 5 to 8 of decision 73 (IV) of the Governing Council;

3. *Invites* the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 3 of decision 55 (IV) of the Governing Council, which deals with the preparations for the United Nations Water Conference;

4. *Further invites* the attention of the General Assembly to paragraphs 1 and 2 of section III of decision 47 (IV) of the Governing Council, in which that Council expresses the belief that the environment should be a major consideration in international discussions on development;

5. *Further invites* the General Assembly to take into consideration the comments of the Governing Council contained in chapter VI of its report, on the report of the Secretary-General on criteria governing multilateral financing of housing and human settlements<sup>33</sup> and the related note by the Executive Director;<sup>34</sup>

<sup>31</sup> UNEP/GC/85 and Corr.1-3; transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbols E/5836 and Corr.1 and 2 and E/5836/Add.1. For the final text of the report of the Governing Council, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/31/25)*.

<sup>32</sup> See E/AC.6/SR.762 and E/AC.6/SR.765.

<sup>33</sup> A/10225.

<sup>34</sup> UNEP/GC/78.

6. *Also invites* the attention of the General Assembly to decision 76 B (IV) of the Governing Council, which *inter alia* appeals to Governments which have not pledged contributions to the Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme to do so generously within their capacities and urges Governments which have announced pledges to pay their pledges fully and promptly.

2030th plenary meeting  
3 August 1976

#### **2014 (LXI). Strengthening of United Nations information services in the natural resources field**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Reaffirming* the principle of the permanent sovereignty of each State over its natural resources,

*Recognizing* the increased need for the strengthening of the voluntary exchange of information on natural resources, and affirming the role of the United Nations as a clearing house for such information,

1. *Takes note* of the proposals submitted by the Secretary-General in his report concerning the gradual strengthening of United Nations information services in the natural resources field;<sup>35</sup>

2. *Recommends* that the information in question should cover trends in the demand for and the supply, consumption and reserves of natural resources, drawing upon the work carried out within and outside the United Nations system, and should include economic data concerning the processing and transportation of natural resources and the structure and operations of industries in natural resources sectors;

3. *Further recommends* that the General Assembly should give due consideration to the provision of the financial resources necessary for giving effect to these proposals, taking due account of the work in progress of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Restructuring of the Economic and Social Sectors of the United Nations System;

4. *Urges* donor countries, particularly developed countries, to consider making contributions in support of the strengthening of United Nations information services in the natural resources field.

2030th plenary meeting  
3 August 1976

#### **2027 (LXI). Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, by which it adopted and solemnly proclaimed the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,

<sup>35</sup> E/5807 and Corr.1.

*Recalling also* General Assembly resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975, by which it stressed that the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, contained in Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, as well as the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, laid down the foundations of the new international economic order,

*Recalling further* General Assembly resolution 3486 (XXX) of 12 December 1975, by which it entrusted the Economic and Social Council with the task of reviewing the implementation of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, with a view to preparing adequately its systematic and comprehensive consideration by the Assembly,

*Bearing in mind* its mandate to define the policy framework and co-ordinate the activities of all organizations, institutions and subsidiary bodies within the United Nations system for the implementation of the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order,

*Taking note* of resolution 90 (IV) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development of 30 May 1976, by which, *inter alia*, the Conference requested the Trade and Development Board to establish at its sixteenth session an appropriate mechanism for the purposes envisaged in section IX of General Assembly resolution 3202 (S-VI), article 34 of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, paragraph 6 of Assembly resolution 3486 (XXX), paragraph 2 of Assembly resolution 3506 (XXX) of 15 December 1975 and paragraph 2 of Council resolution 1911 (LVII) of 2 August 1974,

1. *Affirms* its determination to carry out its mandate fully and effectively;

2. *Invites* all States to co-operate fully in the discharge of its mandate;

3. *Requests* all specialized agencies and international organizations of the United Nations system to co-operate fully and effectively in implementing its mandate;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a report on the progress achieved in the implementation by Governments of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States and to submit the report to the Council at its sixty-third session, in order to facilitate the review that the General Assembly, under a separate agenda item, will conduct at its thirty-second session in accordance with paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 3486 (XXX);

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report to the Council at its sixty-third session on the activities conducted in connexion with the dissemination of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, in fulfilment of the mandate contained in paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 3486 (XXX);

6. *Requests* the Trade and Development Board to report to the Economic and Social Council at its resumed sixty-first session on the progress achieved towards the establishment of the appropriate mechanism referred to

in paragraph 3 (a) of section II of resolution 90 (IV) of the United Conference on Trade and Development;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consolidate in a single document the reports of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the regional commissions on the progress achieved in the implementation of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States in their respective fields of competence, and to submit it to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-third session.

2031st plenary meeting  
4 August 1976

## 2028 (LXI). United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1897 (LVII) of 1 August 1974 on the question of convening a United Nations conference on science and technology, in which it, *inter alia*, emphasized the necessity for a conference and recognized that the new needs in the field of science and technology made it imperative for the United Nations to expand international co-operation in the field of science and technology on the basis of principles designed to adjust the scientific and technological relationships among States in a manner compatible with the special requirements and interests of developing countries,

*Recalling further* that in the same resolution it was also recognized that the conference should be oriented towards the elaboration of methods of action, and affirming that it should make recommendations for concrete action at the national, regional and global levels,

*Taking note* of the report of the Intergovernmental Working Group of the Committee on Science and Technology for Development,<sup>36</sup>

*Stressing* that there is a need for the expression of political will to enable all parties to implement the recommended measures,

*Bearing in mind* the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order (General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974) and the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States (General Assembly resolution 3281 (XXIX) of 14 December 1974),

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation, in particular paragraph 7 of section III thereof,

*Considering* that a substantial contribution could be made by science and technology to the process of econ-

omic and social development through concerted action at the international level,

1. *Recommends* to the General Assembly that it decide at its thirty-first session to convene the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development during 1979 in time for the General Assembly to take action in the light of the results of the Conference at its thirty-fourth session;

2. *Also recommends* that the main objectives of the Conference should be:

(a) To adopt concrete decisions on ways and means of applying science and technology in establishing a new international economic order, as a strategy aimed at economic and social development within a time frame;

(b) To strengthen the technological capacity of developing countries so as to enable them to apply science and technology to their own development;

(c) To adopt effective means for the utilization of scientific and technological potentials in the solution of problems of development of national, regional and global significance, especially for the benefit of developing countries;

(d) To provide instruments of co-operation to developing countries in the utilization of science and technology for solving socio-economic problems that cannot be solved by individual action, in accordance with national priorities;

3. *Further recommends* that the Conference should be within the following framework:

### I. Agenda

1. Science and technology for development:

(a) The choice and transfer of technology for development;

(b) Elimination of obstacles to the better utilization of knowledge and capabilities in science and technology for the development of all countries, particularly for their use in developing countries;

(c) Methods of integrating science and technology in economic and social development;

(d) New science and technology for overcoming obstacles to development

2. Institutional arrangements and new forms of international co-operation in the application of science and technology:

(a) The building up and expansion of institutional systems in developing countries for science and technology;

(b) Research and development in the industrialized countries in regard to problems of importance to developing countries;

(c) Mechanisms for the exchange of scientific and technological information and experiences significant to development;

(d) The strengthening of international co-operation among all countries and the design of concrete new forms of international co-operation in the fields of science and technology for development;

(e) The promotion of co-operation among developing countries and the role of developed countries in such co-operation

3. Utilization of the existing United Nations system and other international organizations;

Utilization of the existing United Nations system and other international organizations to implement the objectives set out above in a co-ordinated and integrated manner

<sup>36</sup> E/C.8/28.



4. Science and technology for the future:

Debate on the basis of the report of a panel of experts to be convened on this subject

II. Preparatory period

1. The preparatory period for the Conference should be an integrated and fundamental component of the Conference itself, through preliminary national and regional analysis of relevant socio-economic problems which may be solved with the help of science and technology.

2. The detailed content of the agenda will be determined by the Preparatory Committee, taking into account the deliberations at the national, regional and interregional levels.

3. A limited number of subject areas will be selected with a view to providing important matters for analysis and discussion of the issues listed in the agenda, on the basis of national priorities, through the preparatory process in accordance with the criteria set forth below; the subject areas should:

(a) Be few, with a minimum of five;

(b) Be defined as problem areas with economic and social implications that may be solved by utilizing science and technology;

(c) Require an integrated and interdisciplinary approach and an interagency approach;

(d) Have clear relevance to problems of development in all countries, especially developing countries, and emerge from national priorities through regional consensus;

(e) Be clearly delineated and limited in scope.

4. The preparatory work should ensure that adequate data and practical analyses shall be made available by means of a thorough study by Member States.

4. *Requests* the Committee on Science and Technology for Development to act as the Preparatory Committee for the Conference, open to the participation of all interested States, and to organize its work in such a way as to ensure the continuity of its preparatory role between its sessions;

5. *Requests* that a Secretary-General be appointed at the earliest possible time to head a secretariat of the Conference, to be composed of the Office for Science and Technology, which should be strengthened in such a way as to reflect fully the fundamental requirements of development, and of competent personnel from the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and other bodies and organizations of the United Nations system; competent bodies and organizations of the United Nations system should, for the purposes of the Conference, be prepared to depute high-level specialists to the secretariat of the Conference, in order to give substantive support to the Secretary-General of the Conference in the preparatory work for the Conference and to constitute links between those bodies and organizations and the Secretary-General of the Conference;

6. *Invites* the Secretary-General to request the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to promote, through its Sub-Committee on Science and Technology, close and permanent contact with the Secretary-General of the Conference;

7. *Requests* that, for the preparatory work leading to the Conference, the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development should advise, on request, the Secretary-General of the Conference and the Preparatory Committee on matters pertaining to the Conference, and assist and collaborate, at the request of the Secretary-General of the Conference, in the preparation of the Conference at the regional level;

8. *Recommends* that:

(a) In accordance with the objectives of the Conference, the preparatory process at the national level should take fully into account the necessity that, in accordance with the national development efforts, the scientific and technological content of the agenda should be integrated with its economic and social content;

(b) The science and technology units of the regional commissions should be strengthened, so that they may participate actively in the preparation and organization of the regional meetings to be held prior to the Conference;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the Committee on Science and Technology for Development to report on the progress of their respective preparatory work;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the Conference to seek the co-operation of intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council which may be in a position to contribute constructively to the preparation of the Conference;

11. *Invites* Governments to participate fully in the preparation of the Conference.

2031st plenary meeting  
4 August 1976

**2029 (LXI). Quantification of scientific and technological activities related to development**

*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, and in particular paragraphs 61 to 63 thereof, which state that serious consideration shall be given at the time of the first biennial review and appraisal to the question of setting targets in the area of science and technology,

*Recalling also* Council resolutions 1718 (LIII) of 28 July 1972 and 1822 (LV) of 10 August 1973, which, *inter alia*, direct the Committee on Science and Technology for Development to recommend goals and targets for the achievement of the policy measures contained in the International Development Strategy and to examine the criteria and definitions for the classification of various scientific and technological activities under the three targets suggested for inclusion in the Strategy,

*Reiterating* the provisions of section III, paragraph 2, of General Assembly resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975, which states that developed countries

should significantly expand their assistance to developing countries for direct support to their science and technology programmes, as well as increase substantially the proportion of their research and development devoted to specific problems of primary interest to developing countries, and in the creation of suitable indigenous technology, in accordance with feasible targets to be agreed upon,

1. *Reaffirms* the importance of establishing feasible targets for the expansion of assistance for promoting and strengthening the scientific research and technological capacities of developing countries in accordance with the relevant paragraphs of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade;

2. *Reaffirms also* the provision contained in its resolution 1901 (LVII) of 1 August 1974, in which it recommended that Governments should continue their efforts to establish data systems for scientific and technological activities or further to refine existing systems; this should provide the basis for the establishment of feasible targets in the revised International Development Strategy;

3. *Requests* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, in collaboration with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and other competent organizations of the United Nations system, to complete as a matter of urgency the report called for in Economic and Social Council resolution 1901 (LVII) in time for the revision of the International Development Strategy by the General Assembly at its thirty-first session, and in time for its review by Governments;

4. *Recommends* that the revised International Development Strategy should include:

(a) A feasible target to be agreed upon for aid for direct support by developed countries of science and technology in developing countries during the remainder of the Second United Nations Development Decade;

(b) A feasible target to be agreed upon, within the research and development programmes of developed countries, for assistance in seeking solutions to specific problems of interest to developing countries, which have a bearing on the expansion and modernization of the economies of developing countries; on the basis of the decision adopted by the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session under agenda item 50,<sup>37</sup> the targets mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) above and in the present sub-paragraph should be set taking into account the report requested in paragraph 3 above;

5. *Requests* the Committee on Science and Technology for Development to continue to keep under review the quantification of scientific and technological activities related to development.

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<sup>37</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 31 (A/9631), p. 79.*

## **2030 (LXI). World programme of development research and application of science and technology to solve the special problems of the arid areas**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Guided by* General Assembly resolution 3168 (XXVIII) of 17 December 1973 and Council resolution 1826 (LV) of 10 August 1973 and 1898 (LVII) of 12 August 1974,

*Bearing in mind* General Assembly resolution 3511 (XXX) of 15 December 1975 on the United Nations Conference on Desertification, and Council decision 137 (ORG-76), in paragraph 4 (b) of which it referred to the Committee on Science and Technology for Development paragraph 3 of resolution 3511 (XXX), in which the Assembly requested the Committee on Science and Technology for Development, with the assistance of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development, to include in its programme of work on arid areas proposals to close the gaps in scientific knowledge and technologies concerning desertification,

*Considering that:*

(a) The problems raised by the obstacles to the development of arid areas are of an urgent character for a large number of developing countries,

(b) The solution of these problems requires a sustained and integrated development research effort,

(c) This approach requires the firm co-operation of the organizations of the United Nations system and of all other competent and interested international, regional and national organizations,

(d) The preparation of a world programme of development research and application of science and technology to solve the special problems of the arid areas constitutes a world-wide and interdisciplinary experiment, on the basis of which the Committee on Science and Technology for Development could determine and improve its practice in the context of economic and social development and of the transfer of technologies from developed to developing countries,

1. *Takes note* of chapter II of the report of the Intergovernmental Working Group of the Committee on Science and Technology for Development,<sup>38</sup> relating to the first report of the *ad hoc* Interagency Task Force on the arid areas,<sup>39</sup> and of the comments of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development in its twelfth report;<sup>40</sup>

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take, as a matter of urgency, the necessary measures to ensure that the *ad hoc* Interagency Task Force shall proceed with its work in accordance with the recommendations contained in paragraph 12 of the report of the Intergovernmental Working Group, and in particular, shall make proposals in response to paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 3511 (XXX);

<sup>38</sup> E/C.8/28.

<sup>39</sup> E/C.8/WG.1/3.

<sup>40</sup> E/C.8/30 and Corr.1.

3. *Requests* the *ad hoc* Interagency Task Force to call, in this connexion, on the knowledge of experts from all countries which have already acquired experience of the problems raised by the obstacles to the development of the arid areas, including countries suffering from the consequences of aridity;

4. *Also requests* the *ad hoc* Interagency Task Force:

(a) To report on its work to:

(i) The Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme acting as the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Desertification, and the other bodies concerned with the preparation of that Conference;

(ii) The Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development, so that the Committee may take it into account when reviewing the *World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development*; <sup>41</sup>

(b) To take into account the information and recommendations resulting from the United Nations Conference on Desertification and the preparations for it;

(c) To report to the Committee on Science and Technology for Development at its fourth session, with a view to enabling it to pursue the preparation of the world programme of development research and application of science and technology to solve the special problems of the arid areas.

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### 2031 (LXI). Research and development in non-conventional sources of energy

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Bearing in mind* General Assembly resolution 3201 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, in which the Assembly stressed the need to give the developing countries access to the achievements of modern science and technology and to promote the transfer of technology and the creation of indigenous technology,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975, on development and international economic co-operation, in which the Assembly called upon the developed countries to increase substantially the proportion of their research and development devoted to specific problems of primary interest to developing countries, and in the creation of suitable indigenous technology,

*Recognizing* the valuable work in the field of new sources of energy being undertaken by the Committee on Natural Resources,

*Stressing* the need to continue and to strengthen on-going co-operation among the relevant bodies of the Council,

*Taking into account* the recommendations adopted by the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development at its twenty-first session, contained in its twelfth report, <sup>42</sup>

1. *Commends* the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development for its comments regarding non-conventional sources of energy; <sup>43</sup>

2. *Requests* the Committee on Science and Technology for Development, with the assistance of the Advisory Committee, to keep the topic of research and development in non-conventional sources of energy on its agenda, with a view to submitting proposals for action for the benefit of developing countries;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, with the assistance of the Advisory Committee, to prepare and submit to the Committee on Science and Technology for Development, at its session in 1978, surveys of on-going research and development activities in the field of non-conventional sources of energy, making full use of existing and on-going surveys, with a view to identifying gaps in the present activities of energy research and development within and outside the United Nations system;

4. *Recommends* that the Advisory Committee, in close liaison with other competent bodies and organizations of the United Nations system, establish a working group of experts from developing and developed countries to assist the Secretary-General in preparing the above-mentioned surveys and to recommend new research and development activities in this field;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, with the advice of the Advisory Committee and other competent bodies and organizations of the United Nations system, to call upon the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Environment Programme to be responsive to requests from Member States for feasibility studies and pilot projects on the application of non-conventional energy techniques for developing countries, and particularly for arid, semi-arid and other suitable areas, and to keep the *ad hoc* Interagency Task Force on the arid areas informed of relevant activities;

6. *Calls* upon Member States and the organizations of the United Nations system concerned, in formulating their research and development programmes in the field of solar, wind and biological energy, to take into account particularly the needs of developing countries, and especially the development of appropriate sources of energy for rural and remote areas, villages or small towns;

7. *Requests* the competent bodies and organizations of the United Nations system, in particular the regional

<sup>41</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No. E.71.II.A.18 (as reprinted in 1973).

<sup>42</sup> See E/C.8/30 and Corr.1, chap. VII.

<sup>43</sup> Solar, wind and biological sources of energy.

commissions, with the co-operation of Member States, to arrange for seminars and exhibitions to be held on research and development in non-conventional sources of energy;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to call upon Member States to provide fellowships for intensive and practical training for the benefit of scientists and engineers from developing countries in the field of research and development in non-conventional sources of energy.

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### **2032 (LXI). Human rights and scientific and technological development**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1897 (LVII) of 1 August 1974 and General Assembly resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975,

*Recalling also* General Assembly resolution 3509 (XXX) of 15 December 1975 on the Tripartite World Conference on Employment, Income Distribution, Social Progress and the International Division of Labour,

*Considering* recommendation No. 150 of 23 June 1975 concerning vocational guidance and vocational training in the development of human resources, and resolution V of 24 June 1975 concerning future action of the International Labour Organization in the field of working conditions and environment,<sup>44</sup> adopted by the International Labour Conference at its sixtieth session,

*Noting* that questions related to the choice and transfer of technologies were discussed at the Tripartite World Conference on Employment, Income Distribution, Social Progress and the International Division of Labour, held at Geneva in June 1976,

*Convinced* that the question of the choice and transfer of technologies has an important impact in the field of labour,

*Calls* upon the International Labour Organisation, taking fully into account the development priorities of the developing countries, to reinforce its activities in the fields of the choice and transfer of technologies, in particular as regards standard-setting, dissemination of information and technical co-operation relating to the employment, training and upgrading of workers, including the provision of training courses for workers displaced as a result of technological innovations, and the improvement of working conditions and environment.

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### **2033 (LXI). Report of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having received* the twelfth report of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development,<sup>45</sup> transmitted through the Committee on Science and Technology for Development,

*Recognizing* that the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development performs advisory functions for the Economic and Social Council and its Committee on Science and Technology for Development in respect of the specific questions which they refer to it,

*Considering* that this advisory work must be of a continuing nature, particularly in the next few years when the Advisory Committee has to undertake the consideration of numerous questions connected with the preparations for the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the twelfth report of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development;

2. *Decides* that the Advisory Committee, and its regional and working groups, should be exempt from the obligation to adhere to the biennial cycle of meetings endorsed by the Council in its resolution 1768 (LIV) of 18 May 1973, during the preparatory period for and for the purposes of the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development;

3. *Agrees* that this decision shall be reviewed after the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development in the light of the recommendations of the Conference;

4. *Considers* that, following Council resolution 1715 (LIII) of 28 July 1972, under paragraph 4 of which the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development refers its reports to the Committee on Science and Technology for Development, the Advisory Committee, in cases of urgency, especially during the preparatory period for the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development, may report to the Economic and Social Council through the officers of the Committee on Science and Technology for Development;

5. *Recommends* to the Secretary-General that he bear in mind, when presenting the list of candidates for the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development in 1977, the desirability of increasing the participation of developing countries from all regions;

6. *Requests* the Advisory Committee to provide all possible advisory services and co-operation in the preparations for the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development.

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<sup>44</sup> See International Labour Office, *Resolutions adopted by the International Labour Conference at its 60th session (Geneva, 1975)*.

<sup>45</sup> E/C.8/30 and Corr.1.

**2034 (LXI). Strengthening of the technological capacity of developing countries**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, in particular section IV of the Programme of Action,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 on the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, in particular articles 9, 13 and 22 of the Charter,

Reaffirming section III of General Assembly resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation in the field of science and technology,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 3507 (XXX) of 15 December 1975 on institutional arrangements in the field of the transfer of technology,

Welcoming resolution 87 (IV) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development of 30 May 1976, entitled "Strengthening the technological capacity of developing countries",<sup>46</sup> which affirms *inter alia* that national technological capacity is a corner-stone of economic development,

Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the Director-General of the World Intellectual Property Organization, the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the executive heads of other United Nations agencies and bodies concerned, as well as all countries referred to in Conference resolution 87 (IV):

(a) To proceed with the immediate implementation of Conference resolution 87 (IV), in the light of its consideration by the General Assembly at its thirty-first session;

(b) To render immediately in a co-ordinated manner operational and technical assistance to developing countries towards the establishment or strengthening of national, subregional, regional and interregional centres for the development and transfer of technology.

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**2035 (LXI). The preparatory period for the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling its resolution 1897 (LVII) of 1 August 1974 on the question of convening a United Nations conference on science and technology,

<sup>46</sup> See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Fourth Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (to be issued as a United Nations publication), part one.

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3507 (XXX) of 15 December 1975 on institutional arrangements in the field of the transfer of technology,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international co-operation, in particular paragraph 7 of section III thereof,

Recalling resolution 87 (IV) entitled "Strengthening the technological capacity of developing countries", adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on 30 May 1976,<sup>47</sup> especially paragraph 26 thereof,

Recalling further resolutions 88 (IV) on industrial property and 89 (IV) entitled "International code of conduct on transfer of technology", also adopted by the Conference on 30 May 1976,<sup>48</sup>

Bearing in mind Economic and Social Council resolution 2028 (LXI) of 4 August 1976 on the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development, in particular section II of paragraph 3 of that resolution, which emphasizes the importance and function of the preparatory period at the national and regional levels,

1. Requests the Secretary-General, in the light of paragraph 1 of resolution C of the Committee on Science and Technology for Development adopted at its third session<sup>49</sup> and relating to the preparation of national papers for the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development, to give attention to the following *inter alia*:

(a) A general description of the national views, programmes and policies relating to the development of science and technology pertaining particularly to the items on the agenda proposed for that Conference, reproduced in section I of paragraph 3 of Council resolution 2028 (LXI);

(b) Proposals and suggestions concerning different forms of bilateral and multilateral co-operation, with a view to improving present scientific and technological potentials, in accordance with each country's priorities or programmes and policy objectives, with the object of defining the role of Member States and the United Nations system in implementing action-oriented programmes;

(c) The selection, from among the sub-items of the proposed agenda, of specific examples illustrating the different approaches to the applications of science and technology for dealing with the subject areas;

(d) The function of the Secretary-General of the Conference of providing, on specific request and to the extent possible, technical support for the preparation of national papers;

2. Requests the Secretary-General of the Conference to prepare as a matter of urgency a programme of

<sup>47</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>48</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>49</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-first session, Supplement No. 3 (E/5777)*, para. 211.

work for the various stages of the preparatory period for the Conference, for consideration by the Preparatory Committee at its first meeting;

3. *Requests* the Preparatory Committee for the Conference at its first meeting to:

(a) Establish the guidelines for the preparation of national papers;

(b) Finalize the detailed programme of work for the preparatory period for the Conference;

4. *Requests* the Preparatory Committee for the Conference to prepare at the earliest possible date the final provisional agenda, taking into account the results of the preparatory work done at the national, regional and interregional levels;

5. *Recommends* that the Secretary-General of the Conference include in the programme of work plans for the seminars, travelling seminars and specialized task forces, which should be organized, with the participation as appropriate of the United Nations bodies concerned, so as to supplement the national efforts with the aim of the full mobilization and participation of national inputs;

6. *Recommends further* that, before the regional and interregional meetings, the Secretary-General of the Conference, in conjunction with the United Nations specialized agencies and organizations, should co-operate fully in the establishment of seminars, travelling seminars and task forces in subject areas of interest at the regional and interregional levels, such co-operation to involve in particular the regional commissions, as well as regional intergovernmental organizations;

7. *Invites* non-governmental specialized bodies and experts at the national, regional and interregional levels to support these activities whenever this is deemed beneficial and necessary;

8. *Recommends* that, in order to ensure an appropriate composition of the secretariat of the Conference, the selection of the personnel to be seconded from the various parts of the United Nations system should be carried out by mutual agreement between the Secretary-General of the Conference and the executive heads of the organizations concerned, taking into account paragraph 5 of Economic and Social Council resolution 2028 (LXI);

9. *Recommends further* that adequate provision should be made in the Conference budget for these arrangements, particularly as they apply to developing countries;

10. *Further calls* on the governing bodies of the various organizations concerned to make the necessary provision to enable their organizations to participate to the fullest extent possible in the work of the Conference;

11. *Urges* the Secretary-General to appoint the Secretary-General of the Conference as soon as possible.

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## **2036 (LXI). Application of computer science and technology to development**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having in mind* resolution B on the application of computer science and technology to development, adopted by the Committee on Science and Technology for Development at its third session,<sup>50</sup>

*Having examined* the interim report of the Secretary-General on the application of computer science and technology,<sup>51</sup> expressing the hope that a final report will be submitted to the Council at its sixty-third session,

1. *Endorses* in general resolution B adopted by the Committee on Science and Technology for Development at its third session;

2. *Points out* that, in order to assume the primary responsibility for the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report submitted by the Secretary-General to that Committee,<sup>52</sup> the organizations of the United Nations system and the Intergovernmental Bureau for Informatics should be ready to submit to their legislative bodies programme and budget proposals covering the financial implications of each of the recommendations with which they propose to associate themselves;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit the report of the *ad hoc* working group referred to in paragraph 2 of his interim report, together with the views of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development and the comments of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, to the Committee on Science and Technology for the Development at its fourth session, and, through that Committee, to the Council at its sixty-fifth session.

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## **2040 (LXI). Regional support for national efforts to improve human settlements**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Considering* that solutions to human settlements problems around the world are urgently required,

*Bearing in mind* the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order contained in General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, and the importance for the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade of improving human settlements around the world as a major component in improving the quality of life,

*Noting* that the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements was convened at Vancouver from 31 May to 11 June 1976:

<sup>50</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>51</sup> E/5840.

<sup>52</sup> E/C.8/37.

(a) To stimulate innovation, serve as a means for the exchange of experience, and ensure the widest possible dissemination of new ideas and technologies in the field of human settlements,

(b) To formulate and make recommendations for an international programme in this field which will assist Governments,

(c) To stimulate interest in developing appropriate financial systems and institutions for human settlements among those making financial resources available and those in a position to use such resources,

Considering that the most appropriate and effective action for dealing with human settlements problems is action at the national level, but that national action will require assistance and co-operation between and among all States,

1. Takes note of the report of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements;<sup>53</sup>

2. Expresses its gratitude to the Government and people of Canada for making possible the holding of the Conference and for their generous hospitality;

3. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General of the Conference for the effective preparation and organization of the Conference;

4. Calls upon the United Nations regional commissions, and urges all other international organizations within and outside the United Nations system, to take intensified and sustained action in support of national efforts to improve human settlements;

5. Recommends to the General Assembly that the Secretary-General of the United Nations be requested to convene, within the framework of the regional commissions, regional meetings to establish guidelines for the co-ordination, within each region, of action to be taken in order to deal with human settlements, and to report to the General Assembly on the results of their deliberations;

6. Recommends that the General Assembly, in considering the report of the Conference, give special attention to the recommendations for international co-operation,<sup>54</sup> taking note of the opinions expressed on this matter at the sixty-first session of the Economic and Social Council.

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#### **2041 (LXI). Corrupt practices, particularly illicit payments, in international commercial transactions**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3514 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, which, *inter alia*, condemned all corrupt practices, including bribery, by transnational and other corporations, their intermediaries and others

<sup>53</sup> A/CONF.70/15; transmitted to the Economic and Social Council by a note of the Secretary-General (E/5868). See *Report of Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.7).

<sup>54</sup> *Ibid.*, chap. III.

involved, in violation of the laws and regulations of the host countries, reaffirmed the right of any State to adopt legislation and to investigate and take appropriate legal action, in accordance with its national laws and regulations, against transnational and other corporations, their intermediaries and others involved, for such corrupt practices, and called upon all Governments to exchange information and upon home Governments to co-operate with Governments of the host countries to prevent corrupt practices, including bribery,

Noting the decision of the Commission on Transnational Corporations contained in paragraph 37 of its report on its second session,<sup>55</sup>

1. *Decides* :

(a) To establish an *Ad Hoc* Intergovernmental Working Group to conduct an examination of the problem of corrupt practices, in particular bribery, in international commercial transactions by transnational and other corporations, their intermediaries and others involved, to elaborate in detail the scope and contents of an international agreement to prevent and eliminate illicit payments, in whatever form, in connexion with international commercial transactions as defined by the Working Group, and to report to the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-third session, including in its report such other relevant proposals and options as it may decide to submit;

(b) That the *Ad Hoc* Intergovernmental Working Group shall be composed of 18 members selected by the Council on the basis of equitable geographical distribution;

(c) That the *Ad Hoc* Intergovernmental Working Group shall meet in 1976 and as necessary in 1977, the sessions to be of sufficient duration to permit the completion of its task;

2. *Requests* United Nations agencies and bodies, especially the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law and the Information and Research Centre on Transnational Corporations, to render such assistance to the *Ad Hoc* Intergovernmental Working Group as it may request;

3. *Reaffirms* that the formulation of a code of conduct by the Commission on Transnational Corporations should be given the highest priority and that the consideration and action of the Council in the matter of corrupt practices, particularly illicit payments, shall in no way interfere with or delay that priority;

4. *Decides further* that the report to be submitted by the *Ad Hoc* Intergovernmental Working Group to the Council at its sixty-third session containing the results of its work, pursuant to paragraph 1 (a) above, should be in a form that will enable the Council, if it so decides, to transmit its concrete recommendation or recommendations to the General Assembly for final action.

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<sup>55</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 5 (E/5782).*

## DECISIONS

### 161 (LXI). Export promotion

At its 2030th meeting, on 3 August 1976, the Council decided:

(a) To take note of the report of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT prepared pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1819 (LV);<sup>56</sup>

(b) To endorse the recommendations contained in that report;

(c) That the report of the Secretary-General called for in Council resolutions 1362 (XLV) of 2 August 1968 and 1464 (XLVII) of 28 October 1969 need no longer be submitted to the Council on a biennial basis, unless otherwise decided;

(d) To maintain cognizance of the subject of export promotion, with a view to considering the matter for over-all co-ordination purposes whenever the circumstances so warrant.

### 162 (LXI). Suggestions for pilot projects on the practical application of a unified approach to development analysis and planning

At its 2030th meeting, on 3 August 1976, the Council decided:

(a) To take note of the report of the Secretary-General on suggestions for pilot projects on the practical application of a unified approach to development analysis and planning;<sup>57</sup>

(b) To recommend that the pilot projects described in the report, before being implemented, should, as appropriate, be reformulated in the light of the views expressed at the Council's sixty-first session, in particular the view that the application of the unified approach should take full account of national plans and priorities;

(c) To recommend further that in the reformulated pilot projects particular attention should be given to the implementation of recommendations in General Assembly resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation which call for the application of a unified approach to development analysis and planning, taking into account the special needs of the least developed, land-locked and island developing countries;

(d) To request the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of the present decision to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session, through the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-third session.

<sup>56</sup> ITC/AG (VIII)/43/Rev.1; transmitted to the Economic and Social Council by a note of the Secretariat (E/5828).

<sup>57</sup> E/5791 and Corr.1 and E/5791/Add.1.

### 163 (LXI). Report of the Committee for Development Planning

At its 2030th meeting, on 3 August 1976, the Council:

(a) Took note of the report of the Committee for Development Planning on its twelfth session;<sup>58</sup>

(b) Decided to draw the attention of Governments to the comments and recommendations made by the Committee for Development Planning regarding the transfer of resources to developing countries,<sup>59</sup> and on problems facing countries in the depressed regions of the world,<sup>60</sup> and to the comments made during the Council's deliberations on these subjects at its sixty-first session.

### 169 (LXI). Guidelines for development planners on population-related factors

At its 2031st meeting, on 4 August 1976, the Council took note with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General on guidelines for development planners on population-related factors<sup>61</sup> and decided to transmit it, together with the comments made thereon at its sixty-first session, to the Population Commission for further consideration at its nineteenth session.

### 170 (LXI). Draft provisional agenda for the fourth session of the Committee on Science and Technology for Development

At its 2031st meeting, on 4 August 1976, the Council decided to approve the following draft provisional agenda for the fourth session of the Committee on Science and Technology for Development:<sup>62</sup>

1. Election of officers
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
3. United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development (progress report) [Economic and Social Council resolution 1897 (LVII); General Assembly resolution 3362 (S-VII); draft resolution E/C.8/L.57]
4. Policy and co-ordination questions:
  - (a) Formulation of a harmonized science and technology policy for programmes within the United Nations system (progress report) [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1826 (LV), paras. 7 and 8, and 1715 (LIII)];

<sup>58</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/5793 and E/5793/Add.1.)*

<sup>59</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/5793), paras. 30-66.*

<sup>60</sup> *Ibid.*, paras. 67-92.

<sup>61</sup> E/5780 and Corr.1.

<sup>62</sup> This provisional agenda was transmitted to the Council by the Committee and does not take account of items which will be before this Committee in its capacity as the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development, pursuant to paragraph 4 of Council resolution 2028 (LXI).



- (b) Institutional arrangements for science and technology (progress report) [Economic and Social Council resolution 1905 (LVII)]
5. Implementation of section III of General Assembly resolution 3362 (S-VII)
  6. Quantification of scientific and technological activities related to development [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1901 (LVII) and 2029 (LXI)]
  7. World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development [Economic and Social Council resolution 1900 (LVII)]:
    - (a) Review and appraisal: updating of the World Plan of Action and the regional plans;
    - (b) Science and technology capacity; implementation of research; national science and technology policies;
    - (c) Mobilization of public opinion in relation to the World Plan of Action and the regional plans
  8. Application of science and technology to selected problems of development:
    - (a) The role of an international technological information system in the transfer and assessment of technology and in the indigenous growth of appropriate technologies in developing countries [Economic and Social Council resolution 1902 (LVII); resolution A adopted by the Committee at its third session<sup>63</sup>]
    - (b) Application of computer science and technology to development [Economic and Social Council resolution 1903 (LVII); resolution B adopted by the Committee at its third session<sup>64</sup>];
    - (c) World programme of development research and application of science and technology to solve the special problems of the arid areas [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1898 (LVII) and 2030 (LXI); report of the *ad hoc* Interagency Task Force];
    - (d) Research in non-conventional sources of energy [E/5473,<sup>65</sup> para. 111; Economic and Social Council resolution 2031 (LXI)]
  9. Social and other aspects of science and technology:
    - (a) Outflow of trained personnel from developing to developed countries [Economic and Social Council resolution 1904 (LVII)];
    - (b) Human rights and scientific and technological developments [General Assembly resolution 3268 (XXIX)]
  10. Consideration of the terms of reference of the Committee
  11. Thirteenth report of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development [Economic and Social Council resolution 1715 (LIII), para. 4]
  12. Consideration of the provisional agenda for the fifth session of the Committee [Economic and Social Council resolution 1894 (LVII)]
  13. Adoption of the report of the Committee.

#### **171 (LXI). Establishment of a network for the exchange of technological information**

At its 2031st meeting, on 4 August 1976, the Council took note with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General on the establishment of a network for the exchange of technological information,<sup>66</sup> as a first step

<sup>63</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/5777)*, para. 211.

<sup>64</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>65</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 3.*

<sup>66</sup> E/5839.

in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 3507 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, and decided to transmit the report to the General Assembly for consideration at its thirty-first session.

#### **172 (LXI). Science and technology**

At its 2031st meeting, on 4 August 1976, the Council took note of:

(a) The report of the Committee on Science and Technology for Development on its third session;<sup>67</sup>

(b) The oral report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization on the establishment of an industrial technological information bank;<sup>68</sup>

(c) The interim report of the Secretary-General on the application of computer science and technology.<sup>69</sup>

#### **179 (LXI). Recommendations of the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning**

At its 2032nd meeting, on 5 August 1976, the Council took note of the draft resolutions and recommendations contained in chapter I of the report of the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning on its ninth session,<sup>70</sup> and decided to transmit them, together with the comments made thereon during the Council's sixty-first session, to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session, in connexion with the Assembly's consideration of the report of Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements.<sup>71</sup>

#### **180 (LXI). Report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its second session**

At its 2032nd meeting, on 5 August 1976, the Council decided:

(a) To take note of the report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its second session,<sup>72</sup> and of the related documents submitted by the Secretary-General;<sup>73</sup>

(b) To approve, taking into consideration the views expressed at the Council's sixty-first session, the programme of work on the full range of issues related to transnational corporations recommended by the Commission;

(c) To request Governments to submit to the Secretary-General their views or proposals on a code of conduct for transnational corporations by 30 November 1976.

<sup>67</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/5777 and E/5777/Add.1 and 2).*

<sup>68</sup> See E/AC.6/SR.768.

<sup>69</sup> E/5840.

<sup>70</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 2 (E/5758).*

<sup>71</sup> A/CONF.70/15; transmitted to the Economic and Social Council by a note of the Secretary-General (E/5868).

<sup>72</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 5 (E/5782).*

<sup>73</sup> E/5782/Add.1-3.

**181 (LXI). Measures against corrupt practices of transnational and other corporations, their intermediaries and others involved**

At its 2032nd meeting, on 5 August 1976, the Council took note with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-

General on measures against corrupt practices of transnational and other corporations, their intermediaries and others involved,<sup>74</sup> taking into account the comments made in this connexion during its sixty-first session.

<sup>74</sup> E/5838 and Corr.1 and E/5838/Add.1.

**RESOLUTION AND DECISION ADOPTED ON THE REPORT OF THE SPECIAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE**

**RESOLUTION**

**2042 (LXI). Development and international economic co-operation**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970 on the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, 3201 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing the Declaration on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 on the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation and 3517 (XXX) of 15 December 1975 on the mid-term review and appraisal of progress in the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,

Noting with concern the view of many members of the Council, including the developing countries, that some of the documentation prepared by the United Nations Secretariat, including the *World Economic Survey, 1975*<sup>75</sup> is not fully consistent with the spirit and directives of the General Assembly resolutions on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order,

Taking note of the summary of the data relating to performance under the International Development Strategy,<sup>76</sup> the report of the Committee for Development Planning on its twelfth session,<sup>77</sup> the progress report by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on the response of the United Nations system to General Assembly resolution 3362 (S-VII),<sup>78</sup> and the report of the Secretary-General on his participation in the Conference on International Co-operation,<sup>79</sup>

<sup>75</sup> See E/5790 and Add.1 and E/5827. The *Survey* will be issued as a United Nations publication.

<sup>76</sup> E/5827.

<sup>77</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 6* (E/5793 and E/5793/Add.1).

<sup>78</sup> E/5803/Add.1.

<sup>79</sup> A/31/107 and Corr.1.

Further taking note of the statement by the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the results of the fourth session of the Conference,<sup>80</sup>

1. Expresses deep concern that, during the first half of the Second United Nations Development Decade, there have been serious shortfalls, as elaborated in General Assembly resolution 3517 (XXX), in achieving the goals, objectives and policy measures specified in the International Development Strategy;

2. Expresses deep concern, despite some progress in certain areas, at the slow pace of progress in the implementation of the measures specified in the resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly adopted at its sixth and seventh special sessions and at the limited nature of agreements reached at the fourth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

3. Urges therefore all countries, in particular the developed countries, to continue to press for the achievement of these goals in all sectors, and to agree on concrete and urgent solutions to the pending issues, taking fully into account the relevant decisions and the resolutions of the United Nations on the establishment of the new international economic order;

4. Expresses concern and disappointment, in this context, at the deadlock currently reached in the Conference on International Economic Co-operation, accompanied by the lack of concrete results so far in the Conference;

5. Expresses the hope that the deadlock will be promptly overcome and that rapid progress will be made towards the achievement of concrete results by the end of 1976, and also bears in mind the on-going work on international economic co-operation and development within the United Nations system;

6. Calls upon all countries, in particular the developed countries, to redouble their efforts to implement the International Development Strategy during the remaining time of the Second United Nations Devel-

<sup>80</sup> E/5870.

opment Decade and, in particular, to help to offset the shortfalls recorded during the first half of the Decade;

7. *Urges* the United Nations Secretariat to respond fully to United Nations resolutions and decisions and to ensure that documentation prepared by the Secretariat be fully consistent with the directives of the relevant legislative texts;

8. *Urges* Member States, in view of the magnitude of the task, to take appropriate steps to make the exercise provided for in paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 3517 (XXX) a successful one.

2032nd plenary meeting  
5 August 1976

## DECISION

### **182 (LXI). Report on the Tripartite World Conference on Employment, Income Distribution, Social Progress and the International Division of Labour**

At its 2032nd meeting, on 5 August 1976, the Council decided:

(a) To take note of the progress report by the Director-General of the International Labour Office on the outcome of the Tripartite World Conference on Employment, Income Distribution, Social Progress and the International Division of Labour;<sup>81</sup>

(b) To transmit the report to the General Assembly for consideration at its thirty-first session.

<sup>81</sup> E/5857.

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

### RESOLUTIONS

**2015 (LXI). Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having examined* the report of the Secretary-General,<sup>82</sup> the report of the President of the Economic and Social Council,<sup>83</sup> and the annual report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination for 1975/76,<sup>84</sup> concerning the item entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations",

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and all other resolutions adopted by United Nations bodies on this subject, including in particular

General Assembly resolution 3421 (XXX) of 8 December 1975 and Council resolution 1978 (LIX) of 31 July 1975,

*Taking into account* the findings of the *Ad Hoc* Group established by the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples concerning the Group's consultations with the Governments of Botswana, Ethiopia, Mozambique, the United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia, the General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity and the national liberation movements of Namibia and Zimbabwe,<sup>85</sup>

*Deeply conscious* of the critical need of the peoples who are still living under oppressive colonial and alien domination, in Namibia, in Southern Rhodesia and in other territories, for concrete assistance from the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations in their struggle for liberation from colonial rule and in their efforts to consolidate their national independence,

<sup>82</sup> A/31/65 and Add.1-3.

<sup>83</sup> E/5849.

<sup>84</sup> E/5803, paras. 61-64.

<sup>85</sup> A/AC.109/L.1080.

*Reaffirming* the responsibility of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to take all effective measures, within their respective spheres of competence, to ensure the full and speedy implementation of the Declaration and other relevant resolutions of United Nations bodies, particularly in the provision of moral and material assistance, on a priority basis, to the peoples of the colonial territories and their national liberation movements,

*Gravely concerned* that, although assistance to refugees from the colonial territories in Africa has been rendered, the action taken hitherto by the organizations and agencies concerned in the provision of assistance to the peoples of the territories through their national liberation movements continues to remain inadequate to meet the urgent needs of those peoples,

*Disturbed* by the report that the implementation of some assistance programmes has been cancelled or delayed by the organizations concerned,<sup>88</sup>

*Expressing its appreciation* to the General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity for the continued co-operation and assistance extended by it to the organizations within the United Nations system in connexion with the implementation of the relevant resolutions of the United Nations,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the President of the Economic and Social Council and endorses the observations and suggestions contained therein;

2. *Reaffirms* that the recognition by the General Assembly, the Security Council and other United Nations organs of the legitimacy of the struggle of colonial peoples to exercise their right to self-determination and independence entails, as a corollary, the extension by the United Nations system of organizations of all the necessary moral and material assistance to the peoples of the colonial territories and their national liberation movements;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those specialized agencies and organizations within the United Nations system which have continued to co-operate in varying degrees with the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity in the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and other relevant resolutions of the United Nations, and urges all the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to accelerate the full and speedy implementation of the relevant provisions of those resolutions;

4. *Requests* the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to render or continue to render, as a matter of urgency, increased moral and material assistance to the colonial peoples in Africa struggling for their liberation from colonial rule and, in particular, recommends that the organizations concerned should initiate or broaden contacts and co-operation with these peoples, in consul-

tion with the Organization of African Unity, and should work out and implement concrete programmes for such assistance within the fields of their competence, with the active collaboration of the national liberation movements concerned;

5. *Requests* the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council, to continue to take all necessary measures to withhold any financial, economic, technical or other assistance from the Government of South Africa and the illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia, to discontinue all support to them until they restore to the peoples of Namibia and Zimbabwe their inalienable right to self-determination and independence, and to refrain from taking any action which might imply recognition or support of the illegal domination of the territories by those régimes;

6. *Calls* upon those organizations which have not yet made arrangements enabling representatives of the national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity to participate fully as observers in their proceedings relating to the countries concerned, to do so without delay, including provision for the payment of travel and other related expenses incurred in connexion with the participation of representatives of the national liberation movements in such proceedings;

7. *Requests* all Governments to intensify their efforts in the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system of which they are members to ensure the full and effective implementation of the Declaration and other relevant resolutions of the United Nations and, in that connexion, to accord priority to the provision of adequate resources for the desired programmes of assistance to the peoples in the colonial territories and to their national liberation movements;

8. *Urges* the executive heads of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, with a view to facilitating the implementation of the provisions of paragraph 7 above, to formulate and submit to their respective governing bodies or legislative organs, as a matter of priority and with the active co-operation of the Organization of African Unity, concrete proposals for the full implementation of the relevant United Nations decisions, in particular specific programmes of increased assistance to the peoples in the colonial territories and their national liberation movements;

9. *Further urges* the executive heads of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to take all necessary measures to overcome the shortage of funds resulting in the cancellation or postponement of projects of assistance to the peoples concerned;

10. *Draws the attention* of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to the present resolution and to the discussions on the subject at the sixty-first session of the Council;

<sup>88</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 269.

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

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

*2030th plenary meeting  
3 August 1976*

#### **2016 (LXI). Assistance in cases of natural disaster and other disaster situations**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971, establishing the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, General Assembly resolution 3243 (XXIX) of 29 November 1974 on the strengthening of that Office, and General Assembly resolution 3440 (XXX) of 9 December 1975, which provides *inter alia* for measures to be taken in support of the activities of the Office,

*Recalling in particular* paragraph 2 of resolution 3243 (XXIX), by which the General Assembly decided that the additional costs of providing the strengthened capability of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator should be met by voluntary contributions during the first year and during the biennium 1976-1977, at which time the methods of financing for future periods should be subject to review in the light of experience,

*Noting* paragraph 8 of the report of the Secretary-General concerning the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator,<sup>87</sup> in which he refers to the response of Governments to General Assembly resolution 3243 (XXIX) and to General Assembly resolution 3532 (XXX) of 17 December 1975.

*Aware* that it would be desirable, for planning purposes, that the General Assembly at its thirty-first session should give guidance to the Secretary-General on modalities for the future financing of the activities of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, and of the supplementary oral report on its programme made to the Council at its sixty-first session by the Co-ordinator;<sup>88</sup>

2. *Calls upon* Governments of States Members of the United Nations to give urgent consideration to supporting the trust fund established pursuant to paragraphs 2 and 3 of General Assembly resolution 3243 (XXIX), during the period ending 31 December 1977;

3. *Recommends* that the General Assembly should consider, at its thirty-first session, the most appropriate means for the financing after 31 December 1977 of the Co-ordinator's Office, as strengthened pursuant to

General Assembly resolution 3243 (XXIX), taking into account the views expressed on this subject at the sixty-first session of the Economic and Social Council.

*2030th plenary meeting  
3 August 1976*

#### **2017 (LXI). Secretariat units for international narcotics control**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* that the General Assembly has requested it to examine the programme aspects of the present secretariat arrangements of the International Narcotics Control Board and the Division of Narcotic Drugs, with a view to identifying any duplication and overlapping of activities that might exist, and to consider, within that context, the possibility of streamlining or combining both secretariats in the interest of economy and expeditious administration and management,<sup>89</sup>

*Taking into account* the provisions of article 9, paragraph 2, of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961,<sup>90</sup>

*Having received* the reports and recommendations of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs<sup>91</sup> and of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination<sup>92</sup> on this question,

1. *Reconfirms* that in the present circumstances the administrative arrangements now in force shall continue in effect;

2. *Notes with satisfaction* that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs has decided to continue to monitor the possibility of streamlining the administration of the services concerned, bearing in mind the need for economy and for the most efficient and expeditious management.

*2030th plenary meeting  
3 August 1976*

#### **2018 (LXI). Budgeting and planning for development**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 1633 (LI) of 30 July 1971 and 1977 (LIX) of 30 July 1975,

*Having reviewed* the report of the Secretary-General on the Meeting of the Expert Group on Budgeting and Planning for Development in Developing Countries,<sup>93</sup>

<sup>89</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 34 (A/10034), decision (agenda item 96), para. (f) (ii), p. 143.*

<sup>90</sup> *United Nations, Treaty Series*, vol. 520, p. 204.

<sup>91</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 4 (E/5771)*, paras. 324-340, and chap. XV, resolution 4 (S-IV).

<sup>92</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/31/38)*, para. 189

<sup>93</sup> E/5794.

<sup>87</sup> A/31/88.

<sup>88</sup> See E/AC.24/SR.590.

Considering that the measures required to further strengthen and reorient government institutions and processes concerned with public finance and public enterprises need to be accorded a position of priority to increase the effectiveness of the formulation and implementation of appropriate government development plans and programmes,

Taking note of the findings of the Expert Group on the subject,

1. *Draws the attention* of Member States to the importance of early measures being taken to achieve these purposes, including, as appropriate:

(a) The fostering of institutional arrangements, methodologies and operations for enhancing the effectiveness of budgeting as an instrument of planned national development;

(b) The improvement of accounting and auditing systems and standards in order better to serve the purposes of national planning and policy, and also improvements in managerial accountability and performance evaluation;

(c) The strengthening of the administration of tax systems and major taxes to ensure their efficiency and productivity and their consistency with national planned development;

(d) The enhancement of the financial and managerial performance of public sector enterprises and their contribution to national development goals in general and specific objectives in particular;

(e) The promotion of the adequacy and effectiveness of national financial institutions in their participation in international economic relations and in the mobilization of external and internal financial resources for development;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the relevant organizations within the United Nations system, in particular the United Nations Development Programme:

(a) To formulate specific measures and programme proposals deemed necessary at the international level to assist the developing countries in meeting changing demands on their government budgeting, financial management, financial institutions and public enterprises stemming from new development requirements, and to submit the findings to the Council at its sixty-third session;

(b) To assist developing countries in the training of their personnel in government budgeting, accounting, auditing, tax administration, planning and public enterprise management by the establishment of new or the strengthening of existing national and regional training institutions, by the development of curricula and the organization of pilot training programmes, and by the organization of training courses and seminars for senior officials.

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3 August 1976

## 2019 (LXI). Medium-term plan for the period 1978-1981

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Noting with satisfaction* that the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination has considered in depth the medium-term plan for the period 1978-1981,<sup>94</sup>

*Noting* the intention of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination to continue this in-depth consideration, on a selective basis, in connexion with its consideration of the programme budget for the biennium 1978-1979 and in the context of its review of the medium-term plan for the period 1980-1983,<sup>95</sup>

1. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations arrived at by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and commends them to the attention of the organs and institutions of the United Nations system that are concerned;

2. *Invites* the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination to investigate means of promoting the joint planning of programmes of common interest within the United Nations system and requests the organs and institutions concerned to give their full support in that task;

3. *Expresses its confidence* that the Secretariat will continue to do its utmost to improve the structure of the medium-term plan, taking into consideration the comments and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and of the Council, and requests the Secretary-General, while keeping the existing presentation and range, to prepare as an introduction to the medium-term plan a short statement on the directions that United Nations activities should take in the medium term;

4. *Invites* the General Assembly, in considering the medium-term plan for the period 1978-1981, to take into account the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the debates at the sixty-first session of the Council;

5. *Recommends* the General Assembly to allow the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, whose terms of reference have been broadened by the Council in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 3392 (XXX) of 20 November 1975, sufficient time to enable it to fulfil its task and to ensure that the Committee is given adequate assistance to this end by all organs of the United Nations system.

2030th plenary meeting  
3 August 1976

## 2021 (LXI). United Nations Children's Fund

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its session

<sup>94</sup> See the report of the Committee on the work of its sixteenth session (*Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first session, Supplement No. 38 (A/31/38)*).

<sup>95</sup> *Ibid.*, paras. 44 and 45.

held at United Nations Headquarters from 17 to 28 May 1976,<sup>96</sup>

*Noting with approval* the activities of the Fund,

*Deeply concerned* about the magnitude of the unmet needs of children in developing countries,

*Encouraged* by the practical and effective opportunities offered for improving the situation of children through the expansion of basic services as part of development strategy,

1. *Endorses* a target for the United Nations Children's Fund of \$US200 million in annual revenue from all sources;

2. *Appeals*, with a sense of urgency, to all Governments, especially those of the industrialized countries and other potential contributors, to increase their contributions to the Fund, so that it may rapidly augment its assistance to basic services for children;

3. *Draws attention* to the Pledging Conference for the United Nations Children's Fund, scheduled for 4 November 1976.

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4 August 1976

## **2022 (LXI). Expansion of basic services provided by the United Nations Children's Fund in developing countries**

*The Economic and Social Council.*

*Having considered* the report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund entitled "The expansion of basic services for children in developing countries",<sup>97</sup> prepared pursuant to General Assembly resolution 3408 (XXX) of 28 November 1975,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund for its thoughtful and stimulating report, which should contribute towards a wider discussion, both in developing countries and in the international community, of the strategies and resources required to meet the essential human needs of children and mothers in the unserved and under-served areas of the developing world;

2. *Endorses* the following draft resolution<sup>98</sup> and recommends it to the General Assembly for adoption:

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 3408 (XXX) of 28 November 1975, which, *inter alia*, invited the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund to consider in depth the matter of basic services for children in developing countries,

*Recognizing* that the provision of basic services constitutes an important link in the development process,

*Noting* that the basic services concept represents the extension to a number of developmental activities benefiting children of the same principles as those adopted by the World Health Assembly

<sup>96</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 7 (E/5847).*

<sup>97</sup> E/5848.

<sup>98</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 25.

at its twenty-eighth session held at Geneva from 13 to 30 May 1975, and by the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund at its 1975 session, held in New York from 14 to 30 May 1975, in connexion with the approach to be followed in meeting basic health needs,

*Convinced* that the basic services concept and strategy, while providing guidelines for future action by the United Nations Children's Fund, are equally appropriate for adoption by agencies and authorities concerned with the promotion of programmes for human development in developing countries,

*Stressing* the importance of increased international co-operation in support of basic services as a vital component of social and economic development,

*Believing* that the external assistance required to support these services should be within the capacity of the international community,

1. *Urges* the developing countries to incorporate the basic services concept and approach in their national development plans and strategies;

2. *Urges* the developed countries and others in a position to do so to provide, through bilateral and multilateral channels, including the United Nations Children's Fund, external assistance to supplement the efforts of developing countries in launching or expanding basic services benefiting children;

3. *Urges* the international community to recognize its responsibility for increased co-operative action to promote social and economic development through its support of basic services at the international and the country programming level.

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4 August 1976

## **2023 (LXI). United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 3251 (XXIX) of 4 December 1974 and 3461 (XXX) of 11 December 1975, and other pertinent resolutions of the Assembly,

*Recalling further* the relevant decisions adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its eighteenth,<sup>99</sup> nineteenth,<sup>100</sup> twentieth,<sup>101</sup> twenty-first<sup>102</sup> and twenty-second<sup>103</sup> sessions,

*Taking note with appreciation* of the statement made by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme giving reassurance of Programme support for the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries and of his interest in its success,<sup>104</sup>

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its twenty-second session;

<sup>99</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 2A (E/5543/Rev.1), para. 224.*

<sup>100</sup> *Ibid.*, *Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 2 (E/5646), para. 164.*

<sup>101</sup> *Ibid.*, *Supplement No. 2A (E/5703/Rev.1), para. 332.*

<sup>102</sup> *Ibid.*, *Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 2 (E/5779), para. 302.*

<sup>103</sup> *Ibid.*, *Supplement No. 2A (E/5846), para. 512.*

<sup>104</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 462.

2. *Decides* to recommend to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session that it:

(a) Convene the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries to be held at Buenos Aires, Argentina, from 23 August to 6 September 1977;

(b) Designate the sessional Committee on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries of the Governing Council of the Programme as the Preparatory Committee for the Conference, which should be open to the participation of all members and hold two, and if necessary three, sessions before the Conference;

(c) Request the Secretary-General to convene the first session of the Preparatory Committee of the Conference in January 1977;

(d) Request the Secretary-General and the Administrator of the Programme to consult as to the best means of ensuring the adequate servicing of the Conference, taking into account the experience gained by the United Nations, and especially by the secretariat of the Economic and Social Council, in the organization of world conferences;

(e) Request the Secretary-General to provide the necessary funds under the regular budget of the Organization to cover the costs of providing conference servicing facilities for the meetings of the Preparatory Committee, as well as for the Conference itself, including the provision of facilities for the Conference in the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish languages, so as to ensure the effective organization of such meetings and of the Conference;

(f) Take note of the provisional agenda contained in the report of the Administrator on the organization of the Conference,<sup>105</sup> which should be finalized by the Preparatory Committee at its first session in the light of the comments and suggestions made at the twenty-second session of the Governing Council of the Programme and of the results of the regional intergovernmental meetings held in preparation for the Conference;

(g) Request the Administrator of the Programme to involve the participating and executing agencies in the preparatory process for the Conference, including the preparation of the main documents, and to this end approve the convening of an inter-agency task force within the framework of the Inter-Agency Consultative Board;

(h) Further request the participating and executing agencies and the regional commissions to participate fully in the preparations for the Conference, in close co-operation and co-ordination with the Programme, and to submit reports on their activities for promoting technical co-operation among developing countries to the Preparatory Committee, together with suggestions and recommendations for possible inclusion in the plan of action to be prepared for the Conference;

(i) Call upon the Governments of Member States, in particular those of developing countries, to participate actively in the preparations for the Conference and, to

this end, to designate a co-ordinator or liaison officer at the national level and make other arrangements, as appropriate, in order, *inter alia*, to prepare national documents on their experience and capacity in regard to technical co-operation among developing countries for submission to the Conference; for this latter purpose, the Programme is to prepare standards to facilitate uniformity in the format of the documents;

(j) Request the Secretary-General and the Administrator of the Programme to take all necessary measures to include the question of technical co-operation among developing countries as a main feature in the activities of the Office of Public Information of the United Nations Secretariat and in the regular public information activities of the United Nations Development Programme in 1977, in order to ensure world-wide awareness of and interest in the Conference and its objectives;

(k) Request the Secretary-General to invite all Member States of the United Nations, and organizations of the United Nations system, to participate in the Conference, as well as other participants, as enumerated in General Assembly resolution 3438 (XXX) of 9 December 1975 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1982 (LX) of 19 April 1976.

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## 2024 (LXI). Operational activities for development

### *The Economic and Social Council,*

*Reaffirming* the basic Consensus on the functions and operations of the United Nations development system as contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970, in particular the continued need for a co-ordinated and integrated approach to technical assistance rendered by the system according to the priorities of recipient countries,

*Reaffirming further* that the implementation of multi-lateral technical co-operation is a common endeavour of the entire United Nations system, recognizing the central role of the United Nations Development Programme,

*Taking note with approval* of the reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its twenty-first<sup>106</sup> and twenty-second<sup>107</sup> sessions, and in particular of its decision on the coherence of the United Nations system,<sup>108</sup>

1. *Requests* all international organizations participating in the United Nations development system:

(a) To strengthen their mutual co-ordination, both between headquarters and in recipient countries, with a view to improving the integration of technical assistance at the country level in keeping with the Consensus as contained in the annex to General Assembly resol-

<sup>105</sup> DP/202, para. 9.

<sup>106</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-first session, Supplement No. 2 (E/5779).*

<sup>107</sup> *Ibid., Supplement No. 2A (E/5846).*

<sup>108</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 158.



ution 2688 (XXV), and this, in particular, to enable the resident representative to act as the central co-ordinating authority on behalf of the organizations for the development assistance programmes of the system at the field level, as foreseen in paragraph 63 of the Consensus;

(b) In particular, to take the necessary steps to strengthen their co-operation with the United Nations field office network, including, wherever feasible, joint arrangements on the functioning of technical advisers to the resident representatives, in order to ensure an integrated and interdisciplinary approach to operational activities;

2. *Requests* the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to submit to the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-third session a report on the progress achieved in securing such improved headquarters and field co-ordination, with, if necessary, recommendations thereon;

3. *Reaffirms* the desirability of additional voluntary contributions to the technical assistance programmes of the United Nations development system to be channelled through the Programme as its central funding and co-ordinating body for the benefit of the country programming system;

4. *Invites* all donor countries to assist in the achievement of the dynamic growth of the Programme's activities for 1977-1981, based on the need for an equitable sharing of the total effort required with regard to the level, timeliness and usability of voluntary contributions to the Programme

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#### **2025 (LXI). United Nations Fund for Population Activities**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1763 (LIV) of 18 May 1973 stating the aims and purposes of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities,

*Expressing its satisfaction* with the manner in which the Fund has been operating and the progress achieved to date,

*Welcoming with appreciation* the report of the Executive Director of the Fund entitled "Priorities in the future allocation of the resources of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities",<sup>109</sup>

*Taking note* of the views expressed on this matter at the twenty-second session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme,<sup>110</sup>

1. *Endorses* the following general principles to be applied in making future allocation of resources:

<sup>109</sup> DP/186 and Corr.1.

<sup>110</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 2A (E/5845)* paras. 558-565.

(a) To promote population activities proposed in international strategies, particularly the World Population Plan of Action;<sup>111</sup>

(b) To meet the needs of developing countries which have the most urgent need for assistance in the area of population activities, in view of their population problems;

(c) To respect the sovereign right of each nation to formulate, promote and implement its own population policies;

(d) To promote the recipient countries' self-reliance;

(e) To give special attention to meeting the needs of disadvantaged population groups;

2. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities to apply the criteria for establishing priorities and the other recommendations made in his report, taking into account the decisions made by the Governing Council in this regard,<sup>112</sup> and in close co-operation with the United Nations specialized agencies and the regional commissions concerned, as appropriate.

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#### **2026 (LXI). Assistance to the Palestinian people**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 3210 (XXIX) of 14 October 1974, 3236 (XXIX) and 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974, and Council resolution 1978 (LIX) of 31 July 1975,

1. *Invites* the United Nations Development Programme, the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to intensify, as a matter of urgency and in co-ordination with the Economic Commission for Western Asia, their efforts in identifying the social and economic needs of the Palestinian people;

2. *Requests* these agencies and organizations to consult and co-operate with the Palestine Liberation Organization, the representative of the Palestinian people, with a view to establishing and implementing concrete projects to ensure the improvement of the social and economic conditions of the Palestinian people;

3. *Urges* the heads of the organizations and agencies concerned to formulate and submit to their respective governing and/or legislative bodies proposals for ensuring the implementation of the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 above;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report to the Council at its sixty-third session on the steps taken to implement the provisions of the present resolution.

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<sup>111</sup> E/CONF.60/19 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E/75.XII.3), chap. I.

<sup>112</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 2A (E/5846)*, para. 59<sup>d</sup> (d).

**2037 (LXI). Report of the World Food Council  
on its second session**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling the Universal Declaration on the Eradication of Hunger and Malnutrition and related resolutions of the World Food Conference,<sup>113</sup> General Assembly resolution 3348 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, Assembly resolutions 3601 (S-VI) and 3602 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, and the decisions taken by the Assembly at its seventh special session,

Having considered the report of the World Food Council on its second session,<sup>114</sup> including, as requested by the World Food Council,<sup>115</sup> the draft resolutions submitted by the Group of 77 and reproduced in annex II to that report,

1. Takes note of the report of the World Food Council on its second session;

2. Decides to transmit the report of the World Food Council on its second session to the General Assembly for consideration at its thirty-first session;

3. Requests all Governments and the appropriate bodies and agencies of the United Nations, in conformity with the results of the consideration of the report by the General Assembly at its thirty-first session, to take into account and to implement to the maximum extent possible the agreed recommendations adopted by the World Food Council at its second session;

4. Invites the Secretary-General and the President of the World Food Council to report to the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-third session on the progress achieved in dealing with food problems.

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**2038 (LXI). Co-operation between the African Inter-Ministerial Committee for Food and relevant United Nations organizations and specialized agencies**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling resolution XXII of the World Food Conference<sup>116</sup> concerning the creation of the World Food Council and its relations with regional bodies,

Recalling further paragraph 4 (f) of resolution XXII of the World Food Conference, stating that full co-operation should exist between the World Food Council

<sup>113</sup> E/CONF.65/20 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.II.A.3), chaps. I and II.

<sup>114</sup> WFC/29; transmitted to the Economic and Social Council by a note of the Secretary-General (E/5841). For the final text of the report, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 19 (A/31/19)*.

<sup>115</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 29.

<sup>116</sup> See E/CONF.65/20 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.II.A.3), p. 18.

and regional bodies in formulating and following up policies approved by the Council and that these bodies should be serviced by existing United Nations bodies or bodies of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in the region concerned,

Noting with satisfaction that the Organization of African Unity has established the African Inter-Ministerial Committee for Food, whose functions and mandate in the African region are in line with the objectives of the World Food Council and that the Committee co-operates with the World Food Council,

1. Takes note of the draft resolution submitted to the World Food Council at its second session on the African Inter-Ministerial Committee for Food;<sup>117</sup>

2. Requests all appropriate organizations and specialized agencies of the United Nations working in the field of agriculture, food and nutrition, particularly the Economic Commission for Africa, the United Nations Development Programme, the World Food Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Health Organization and the World Meteorological Organization, to intensify their co-operation with the African Inter-Ministerial Committee for Food;

3. Requests all relevant organizations and specialized agencies of the United Nations working in Africa to service, in co-operation with the Organization of African Unity and the Economic Commission for Africa, the meetings of the African Inter-Ministerial Committee for Food and its three expert committees, namely the Food Security and Programme Committee, the Economic Committee and the Finance Committee, and to take all necessary action to assist them in the performance of their tasks;

4. Invites the Secretary-General to submit a progress report to the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-third session on the implementation of the present resolution and to draw the attention of the World Food Council at its third session to this matter.

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**2039 (LXI). Review of the machinery of the United Nations and of its system for administrative and budgetary control, investigation and co-ordination**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling that, under General Assembly resolution 2924 B (XXVII) of 24 November 1972, the terms of reference of the Joint Inspection Unit are to be reviewed by the General Assembly at its thirty-first session,

<sup>117</sup> See annex III to the report of the World Food Council on its second session (WFC/29), transmitted to the Economic and Social Council by a note of the Secretary-General (E/5841). For the final text of the report, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 19 (A/31/19)*.

*Bearing in mind* the relevant comments of the Secretary-General<sup>118</sup> and of the Joint Inspection Unit,<sup>119</sup>

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 3199 (XXVIII) of 18 December 1973 and 3392 (XXX) of 20 November 1975 on the review of the intergovernmental and expert machinery dealing with the formulation, review and approval of programmes and budgets,

*Bearing in mind* the part of the report of the Working Group on United Nations Programme and Budget Machinery dealing with problems of evaluation<sup>120</sup> and the relevant comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,<sup>121</sup>

*Recalling* the conclusion of the Group of Experts on the Structure of the United Nations System that an essential element of programme budgeting is effective monitoring of programme implementation and appraisal of programme accomplishments,<sup>122</sup>

*Taking into account* other activities of intergovernmental bodies which have recently dealt with questions of administrative and budgetary control, investigation and co-ordination,<sup>123</sup>

*Taking fully into account* the terms of reference of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, as recast in Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) of 14 May 1976, which require the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination to consider and develop evaluation procedures and their use in the improvement of programme design,

*Bearing in mind* the relevant discussion in the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its sixteenth session,<sup>124</sup>

*Expressing the hope* that the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, with additional assistance from the Joint Inspection Unit, can adequately perform the needed task of external evaluation,

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### CONTINUATION AND MANDATE OF THE JOINT INSPECTION UNIT

1. *Recommends* the General Assembly:

(a) To maintain in operation the Joint Inspection Unit, which has played a useful role from its inception;

(b) To establish the mandate of the Joint Inspection Unit, stressing the independence of the Unit and the fact that it is instituted essentially to assist intergovern-

<sup>118</sup> A/31/75/Add.1 and Corr.1.

<sup>119</sup> See A/31/89, chap. 1.

<sup>120</sup> A/10117, paras. 66-74.

<sup>121</sup> A/10499, para. 2.

<sup>122</sup> *A new United Nations Structure for Global Economic Co-operation* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.II.A.7), para. 131.

<sup>123</sup> See A/31/75/Add.2.

<sup>124</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/31/38)*, chap. VI.

mental bodies in assessing the execution of programmes and in defining such reforms as they consider necessary:

(c) To consider adopting the proposals on its mandate made by the Joint Inspection Unit in sections A to F of the annex to its report,<sup>125</sup> which relate, *inter alia*, to:

- (i) The direct responsibility of the Joint Inspection Unit to the General Assembly and the legislative bodies of the other participating organizations;
- (ii) Confirmation of the appointment of Inspectors by the General Assembly;
- (iii) The Inspectors' powers to investigate and make recommendations;
- (iv) The Inspectors' independence;
- (v) The conditions for the preparation of the Unit's work programme;
- (vi) The individual and collective responsibilities of the Inspectors;
- (vii) The types of reports prepared by the Unit and the conditions for the application of approved recommendations;

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### EVALUATION

2. *Takes note* of various studies and exercises in evaluation made within the Secretariat;<sup>126</sup>

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to develop experimental modifications in the existing procedures and techniques of the Secretariat, with a view to achieving effective internal evaluation, and to submit them, together with experimental programme evaluation reports, to the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its seventeenth session, the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-third session and the General Assembly at its thirty-second session;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session a report, together with comments thereon by the Joint Inspection Unit, describing possible changes in the terms of reference of the Joint Inspection Unit which would enable it to assist the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and other appropriate intergovernmental bodies of the United Nations in carrying out their responsibilities for external evaluation;

5. *Recommends* that the General Assembly, at its thirty-first session, taking into account the report of the Secretary-General requested in paragraph 4 above, the relevant discussion in the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its sixteenth session and the report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Restructuring of the Economic and Social Sectors of the United Nations System, consider developing appropriate methods of external evaluation:

<sup>125</sup> A/31/89.

<sup>126</sup> A/10035/Add.1 and *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 6A (A/31/6/Add.1)*.

6. *Further recommends* the General Assembly to consider at its thirty-first session the improvement of the qualitative internal evaluation of the performance of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency as executing agencies and the performance of the United Nations Development Programme in administering operational activities of organizations of the United Nations system, taking into

consideration the recommendations which may be made by the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Restructuring of the Economic and Social Sectors of the United Nations System, in order to enable the Assembly to assess the efficiency of the system.

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## DECISIONS

### **164 (LXI). Borrowing authority of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme**

At its 2031st meeting, on 4 August 1976, the Council decided to recommend to the General Assembly, as a contingency measure, the adoption of the following draft resolution:

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its twenty-second session on the granting of short-term borrowing authority to the United Nations Development Programme,

*Recognizing* the urgent need for the Programme to replenish its Operational Reserve on a funded basis, fully mobilizable at sight or on short notice, to a level sufficient to ensure the financial integrity of the Programme,

*Recognizing* the urgent need for participating Governments to pay promptly outstanding pledges and obligations to the Programme and to co-operate fully in measures undertaken by the Administrator of the Programme in conjunction with the executing agencies to use accumulated currencies,

*Recognizing* that, in the meantime, it may prove necessary to assist the United Nations Development Programme to meet short-term cash requirements arising exclusively out of unavoidable fluctuations between the payment of announced voluntary contributions and the immediate cash requirements of the Programme in any one year which might jeopardize its approved programme,

1. *Authorizes* the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to grant to the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme until the end of 1977, and on a case-by-case basis, authority to borrow monies for the purposes stated above and subject to the conditions and specifications stated below:

(a) In order to borrow, the Administrator shall in each case seek the Governing Council's prior approval at a regular or at a special session;

(b) The sources from which such funds can be borrowed are limited to voluntary-funded trust funds or organizations within the United Nations system, provided that the borrowing of such monies shall in no way adversely affect the operations of the trust funds to which they have been contributed or the speedy implementation of the programmes concerned, and with the agreement, where appropriate, of the executive directors of the voluntary funds, it being understood that borrowings shall, in the first instance, be made from trust funds under the aegis of the Governing Council;

(c) The Governing Council shall only grant a borrowing authority to the Administrator as an exceptional measure after a thorough examination of the financial situation of the Programme on the basis of comprehensive information provided by

the Administrator, after it is satisfied of the need to borrow, and is satisfied also regarding the repayment schedules of the anticipated borrowings; such comprehensive information shall include particulars of the status of assessed programme costs, voluntary contributions, including the status of accumulated currencies and shared programme costs, accounts payable, cash requirements for completing first cycle and initiating second cycle programmes, including allocations to programme and administrative support costs and agency overheads;

(d) Such borrowings shall not be used as a means to raise additional funds for the Programme over and above the pledged voluntary contributions and other approved income for any one year;

(e) Repayments shall be made only from the funds voluntarily contributed to the Programme and shall be effected within 60 days of the borrowing;

(f) If possible, borrowings should be free of interest; if there is a need to pay interest, the rate paid should be the lowest possible rate but in no case higher than that paid by the World Bank for its short-term borrowing, and to the extent possible the interest will be paid from earned interest;

2. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to lend monies to the United Nations Development Programme from appropriate voluntary trust funds in his custody for the purpose and under the conditions specified in paragraph 1 above; however, in all such cases a consensus decision of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme is required.

### **165 (LXI). United Nations Volunteers**

At its 2031st meeting, on 4 August 1976, the Council decided to recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 2659 (XXV) of 7 December 1970 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1966 (LIX) of 30 July 1975,

*Noting* the expanding role of the United Nations Volunteers in the field of domestic development resulting from the decision taken by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme in 1974 to set up a unit within the United Nations Volunteers to deal with the activities in question,

*Aware* that the International Secretariat for Volunteer Service is in the process of being liquidated under the direction of an interim board appointed by the Council of the International Secretariat; and that it has terminated its activities in the field of international volunteer work and domestic development services,

*Noting* that a number of the activities of the International Secretariat have already been taken over, at the request of the interim board, by the United Nations Volunteers,

1. *Requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme:

(a) To further develop and expand the activities of the United Nations Volunteers in the field of domestic development services;

(b) To see to it that the United Nations Volunteers actively promotes the formation of regional advisory groups for domestic development services and subsequently co-operates to the fullest possible extent with such groups;

(c) To ensure that the United Nations Volunteers prepares and publishes relevant material on volunteer and domestic development services activities;

2. *Appeals* to Governments to take into account the growing number and widening scope of the United Nations Volunteers activities and, consequently, to consider contributing, or increasing their contribution, as the case may be, to the Special Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Volunteers.

#### **166 (LXI). Reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme**

At its 2031st meeting, on 4 August 1976, the Council took note with satisfaction of the reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its twenty-first<sup>127</sup> and twenty-second<sup>128</sup> sessions.

#### **167 (LXI). Fourteenth annual report of the United Nations/FAO Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Programme and first report of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes**

At its 2031st meeting, on 4 August 1976, the Council took note of the fourteenth annual report of the United Nations/FAO Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Programme and the first report of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes.<sup>129</sup>

#### **168 (LXI). Reports on technical co-operation among developing countries**

At its 2031st meeting, on 4 August 1976, the Council took note of the reports of the participating and executing agencies of the United Nations development system and of the regional commissions on technical co-operation among developing countries.<sup>130</sup>

#### **173 (LXI). Report on issues relating to world food trade**

At its 2032nd meeting, on 5 August 1976, the Council took note of the report of the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development entitled "Issues relating to world food trade".<sup>131</sup>

<sup>127</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 2* (E/5779).

<sup>128</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 2A (E/5846).

<sup>129</sup> WFP/CFA: 1/21; transmitted to the Economic and Social Council by a note of the Secretary-General (E/5842).

<sup>130</sup> DP/148 and Add.1-5.

<sup>131</sup> Transmitted to the Economic and Social Council by a note of the Secretariat (E/L.1721).

#### **174 (LXI). Statement of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on institutional arrangements relating to nutrition**

At its 2032nd meeting, on 5 August 1976, the Council decided to defer to its sixty-third session the consideration of the statement of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on institutional arrangements relating to nutrition.<sup>132</sup>

#### **175 (LXI). Progress report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on rural development**

At its 2032nd meeting, on 5 August 1976, the Council decided:

(a) To take note of the progress report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on rural development;<sup>133</sup>

(b) To urge the governing bodies of the organizations in the United Nations system to give priority, where appropriate, in their respective work programmes, to rural development, taking into account the considerations set forth in that report and maintaining consistency with national priorities;

(c) To urge the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to proceed with the next phase of joint inter-agency planning and action, taking into account the discussions in the Council at its sixty-first session and the proposals made in the report,<sup>134</sup> submitting reports on the progress of work in this field to the Council at appropriate intervals.

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

At its 2032nd meeting, on 5 August 1976, the Council, having completed the in-depth consideration of the reports of the World Health Organization,<sup>135</sup> the World Meteorological Organization<sup>136</sup> and the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization,<sup>137</sup> took note with satisfaction of those reports, and of the reports of

<sup>132</sup> E/5805.

<sup>133</sup> E/5809.

<sup>134</sup> *Ibid.*, paras. 32-49.

<sup>135</sup> World Health Organization, "Report of the World Health Organization: analytical summary", transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/5830.

<sup>136</sup> World Meteorological Organization, "Analytical summary of the annual report of the World Meteorological Organization for 1975 submitted to the sixty-first session of the Economic and Social Council", transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/5814.

<sup>137</sup> Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization, "Analytical summary of the annual report of the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization 1975/76", transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/5810.

the other specialized agencies<sup>138</sup> and the International Atomic Energy Agency,<sup>139</sup> it also took note of the annual report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination for 1975/76<sup>140</sup> and the second progress report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on the development of the Common Register of Development Activities (CORE).<sup>141</sup>

#### **177 (LXI). Report of the Secretary-General on immediate needs resulting from economic emergency situations**

At its 2032nd meeting, on 5 August 1976, the Council decided to recommend that the General Assembly take note of the report of the Secretary-General on immediate needs resulting from economic emergency situations,<sup>142</sup> and that it invite the Secretary-General to continue the preparation of proposals pursuant to General Assembly resolution 3510 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, in close consultation with the appropriate organizations of the

<sup>138</sup> International Labour Office, "Thirtieth report of the International Labour Organisation to the United Nations" (Geneva, 1976), transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/5824; Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations, "Report of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-first session: summary for the year 1975" (Rome, April 1976), transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/5817; report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (E/5818); International Civil Aviation Organization, "Analytical summary of activities in 1975", transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/5802; Universal Postal Union, "Analytical report on the work of the Universal Postal Union in 1975" (Berne, 1976), transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/5811; International Telecommunication Union, "Analytical summary of the report on the activities of the International Telecommunication Union in 1975" (Geneva, 1976), transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/5816; World Intellectual Property Organization, "Report of the World Intellectual Property Organization to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations at its sixty-first session; analytical summary for the year 1975" (Geneva, April 1976), transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/5831.

<sup>139</sup> Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (E/5833). The annual report of the Agency was submitted to the General Assembly at its thirtieth session under the symbols A/10168 and Corr.1 and A/10168/Add.1.

<sup>140</sup> E/5803 and Add.1.

<sup>141</sup> E/5804.

<sup>142</sup> E/5843.

United Nations system, and to report to the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-third session, taking into account the views expressed during its sixty-first session.

#### **178 (LXI). International Year of the Child**

At its 2032nd meeting, on 5 August 1976, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on measures and modalities to ensure the adequate preparation, support and financing of an international year of the child,<sup>143</sup> and decided:

(a) To recommend that the General Assembly should:

(i) Proclaim 1979 as the "International Year of the Child", provided that its general objectives have been agreed and that arrangements have been made to ensure the financing of its activities;

(ii) Give appropriate consideration, taking into account the views expressed by delegations at the sixty-first session of the Economic and Social Council, to the general objectives to be borne in mind and implemented in connexion with the International Year of the Child;

(iii) Call upon all the appropriate organs and organizations of the United Nations system to participate in the preparation and implementation of the activities for the International Year of the Child;

(iv) Designate the United Nations Children's Fund as the lead agency for this purpose;

(b) To request the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session a brief report, including revised estimates of costs, in the light of the discussions at the sixty-first session of the Council;

(c) To invite Governments to give their support to the International Year of the Child;

(d) To urge the appropriate organs and organizations of the United Nations system, as well as non-governmental organizations and individuals, to participate actively in the International Year of the Child;

(e) To recommend that all parties intending to participate in the financing of the activities for the International Year of the Child make known their intention as soon as possible, so as to enable the General Assembly to take a decision on this question at its thirty-first session.

<sup>143</sup> E/5844.

## CHECK LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS

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

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