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The present volume, which constitutes *Supplement No. 1 to the Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978*, contains the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Council during the following sessions:

Organizational session for 1978 (New York, 10-13 January);

First regular session, 1978 (New York, 11 April-5 May);

Second regular session, 1978 (Geneva, 5 July-4 August);

Resumed second regular session, 1978 (New York, 12, 30 and 31 October, 8, 15 and 27 November and 19 December).

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1. Election of the Bureau
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3. **Basic programme of work of the Council for 1978**
4. **General Regulations of the World Food Programme**
5. Elections to subsidiary bodies of the Council and confirmation of representatives on the functional commissions
6. Provisional agenda for the first regular session, 1978

AGENDA OF THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 1978

Adopted by the Council at its 5th meeting, on 11 April 1978

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
2. Assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia
3. Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, including preparations for the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination
4. Standardization of geographical names
5. Implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
6. Restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system
7. Science and technology
8. Public administration and finance
9. Activities for the advancement of women; United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace
10. Non-governmental organizations
11. Human rights questions
12. Social development questions
13. Narcotic drugs
14. Elections
15. Consideration of the provisional agenda for the second regular session, 1978

AGENDA OF THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 1978

**Adopted by the Council at its 17th and 32nd meetings,
on 5 and 21 July 1978**

1. Opening of the session
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
3. General discussion of international economic and social policy, including regional and sectoral developments
4. United Nations University
5. Assistance to Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique and Zambia
6. Humanitarian assistance programmes of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in the Horn of Africa
7. Assistance in emergency situations
8. Assistance to South African student refugees
9. Allegations regarding infringements of trade union rights
10. Restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system¹
11. Development and international economic co-operation
12. Regional co-operation and development
13. Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States
14. International co-operation on the environment
15. Industrial development co-operation
16. United Nations Special Fund
17. Food problems
18. Transnational corporations¹
19. Human settlements
20. Natural resources
21. Science and technology
22. International co-operation and co-ordination within the United Nations system¹
23. Comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development
24. International Year of the Child
25. Implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region
26. United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries¹
27. Medium-term plan for the period 1980-1983 and programming procedures²
28. 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
29. Disaster relief co-ordination
30. Trade and development
31. World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women²
32. International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights: report of the Human Rights Committee
33. World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination²
34. Nomination of members of the World Food Council²
35. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

¹ Item considered also at the resumed second regular session.

² Item considered only at the resumed second regular session.

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RESOLUTION AND DECISIONS ADOPTED DURING THE ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION FOR 1978

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RESOLUTION

1978/1. Commission on Human Settlements

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 32/162 of 19 December 1977 on institutional arrangements for international co-operation in the field of human settlements,

Recalling also its resolution 903 C (XXXIV) of 2 August 1962 on the creation of a Committee on Housing, Building and Planning,

Decides to transform the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning into a Commission on Human Settlements in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/162.

*2nd plenary meeting
12 January 1978*

DECISIONS

1978/1. Basic programme of work of the Council for 1978

1. At its 4th plenary meeting, on 13 January 1978, the Council, having examined the draft basic programme of work for 1978 submitted by the Secretariat,³

approved the following basic programme of work for 1978, subject to any further arrangements that might be agreed upon in the light of General Assembly resolution 32/197, of 20 December 1977, entitled "Restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system":

³ E/1978/1.

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ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 1978⁴

1. Assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia
2. Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, including preparations for the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination
3. Standardization of geographical names
4. Implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
5. Restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system
6. Science and technology
7. Public administration and finance
8. Activities for the advancement of women; United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace
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10. Human rights questions
11. Social development questions
12. Narcotic drugs

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ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 1978⁴

1. General discussion of international economic and social policy, including regional and sectoral developments
2. Regional co-operation and development
3. United Nations University
4. Assistance to Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique and Zambia
5. Assistance in emergency situations
6. Assistance to South African student refugees
7. Restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system
8. Trade and development⁵
9. Follow-up to the United Nations Water Conference⁵
10. World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women⁵
11. International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights: report of the Human Rights Committee⁵
12. World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination⁵
13. Development and international economic co-operation
14. Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States
15. International co-operation on the environment
16. Industrial development co-operation
17. United Nations Special Fund
18. Food problems
19. Transnational corporations
20. Human settlements
21. Natural resources
22. Science and technology⁶

⁴ The item numbers shown in the basic programme are not necessarily the same as those in the agenda of the session in question.

⁵ Item for consideration at the resumed second regular session.

⁶ Item for consideration also at the resumed second regular session.

23. International co-operation and co-ordination within the United Nations system
24. Comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development
25. International Year of the Child
26. Implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region
27. United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries⁶
28. Medium-term plan for the period 1980-1983 and programming procedures
29. 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
30. Disaster relief co-ordination

2. The Council, subject to any further arrangements which might be agreed upon for the organization of its sessions, also decided:

(a) At its first regular session, to consider agenda items 1, 2 and 3 in plenary meetings; item 4 in a sessional working group; items 5, 6 and 7 in the First (Economic) Committee; and items 8 to 12 in the Second (Social) Committee;

(b) At its second regular session, to consider agenda items 1 to 12 in plenary meetings; items 13 to 22 in the First (Economic) Committee; and items 23 to 30 in the Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee.

3. The Council further decided:

(a) That it would focus in the general debate at the second regular session on items 1, 13, 14, 7 and 23, it being understood that the latter two items would be dealt with in their general context;

(b) That item 22 (Science and technology) would be an area of concentration during the second regular session;

(c) To consider the proposal of Liberia concerning the designation of 1980 as International Organizations Year⁷ under the item "International co-operation and co-ordination within the United Nations system" within the context of its review of the current situation relating to international years and anniversaries;

(d) To request Mr. Vladimir Nikiforovich Martynenko, Vice-President of the Council, to undertake consultations on the composition of the sessional working group to be established under item 4 (Implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights) of the list of items for the first regular session of 1978; to invite members of the Council to notify the Secretary-General as early as possible of their interest in participating in that working group, without prejudice to the final decision of the Council on the composition thereof to be adopted at the outset of the first regular session of 1978; and to request the Secretariat to make an interim report on the notifications received by 15 March 1978;

(e) That the preparation of the seventh report on progress in land reform should await the deliberations of the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development to be held in July 1979;

(f) To note that the report of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Group on a Convention on International Multimodal Transport established by the Trade and De-

⁷ See E/1978/7.

velopment Board in its decision 96 (XII) would not be available to the Council before 1979;

(g) To defer until 1979 the comprehensive review of the activities of United Nations bodies in the field of crime prevention and control requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 32/60 of 8 December 1977;

(h) To defer the implementation of Council resolution 2079 (LXII), of 13 May 1977, on reinforcing the social development sector within the United Nations until the Council had examined the implications of the outcome of the work on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system.

4. The Council requested the Secretary-General to submit:

(a) At the first regular session, a report on the state of the preparations for the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

(b) At the second regular session, a background note on international years and anniversaries which might serve as guidance to the Council in its consideration of the matter;

(c) At the second regular session, a progress report, to include an outline and other relevant information, concerning the study of the interrelationships between population, resources, environment and development which the General Assembly provided for in its resolution 3345 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974.

5. The Council, in pursuance of the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly at its thirty-second session indicated below, decided to take the following action:

(a) To refer to the Committee for Development Planning at its fourteenth session General Assembly resolutions 32/93, 32/100, 32/96, 32/101 and 32/94, of 13 December 1977, on assistance to Djibouti, Guinea-Bissau, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles and Tonga, respectively; Assembly decision 32/418, of 8 December 1977, on a unified approach to development analysis and planning; and Assembly decision 32/443 C, of 20 December 1977, on the preparations for a new international development strategy;

(b) To refer to the Committee on Natural Resources at its third special session General Assembly resolution 32/158, of 19 December 1977, on the United Nations Water Conference;

(c) To refer to the Commission for Social Development at its twenty-sixth session General Assembly decision 32/418, of 8 December 1977, on a unified approach to development analysis and planning, and Assembly resolution 32/60, of 8 December 1977, on crime prevention and control;

(d) To refer to the Commission on Human Rights at its thirty-fourth session General Assembly resolution 32/130, of 16 December 1977, on alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms, together with the decision on the question taken by the Assembly on the same date⁸ and the following Assembly resolutions: 32/120 on measures to improve the situation and ensure the human rights and dignity of all migrant workers, 32/118 on the protection of human rights in Chile, 32/122 on the protection of persons detained or imprisoned as a result of their struggle against *apartheid*, racism and racial discrimination, colonialism, aggression

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(e) To refer to the Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights, at the thirty-fourth session of the Commission, General Assembly resolution 32/105 B, of 14 December 1977, on the International Anti-Apartheid Year;

(f) To refer to the Commission on the Status of Women General Assembly resolution 32/142, of 16 December 1977, on women's participation in the strengthening of international peace and security and in the struggle against colonialism, racism, racial discrimination, foreign aggression and occupation and all forms of foreign domination, and resolution 32/59 on the report of the Fifth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders;

(g) To refer to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, at its fifth special session, General Assembly resolution 32/124, of 16 December 1977, on international co-operation in the field of narcotic drugs relating to treatment and rehabilitation, and resolution 32/59 on the report of the Fifth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders;

(h) To refer to the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control at its fifth session General Assembly resolutions 32/61 on capital punishment and 32/60 on crime prevention and control, of 8 December 1977;

(i) To refer to the Statistical Commission at its twentieth session resolution 32/59 on the report of the Fifth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders;

(j) To refer to the Commission on Transnational Corporations at its fourth session resolution 32/59 on the report of the Fifth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders.

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First regular session

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Work programme question integrated into this item:

Assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia

Legislative authority

General Assembly resolution 32/55

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia

ITEM 2. DECADE FOR ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, INCLUDING PREPARATIONS FOR THE WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

Work programme question integrated into this item:

Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, including preparations for the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

⁸ See *Official Records on the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Plenary Meetings*, 105th meeting, para. 180.

<i>Legislative authority</i>	<i>Documentation</i>	<i>Legislative authority</i>	<i>Documentation</i>
General Assembly resolution 3057 (XXVIII), annex	Annual report of the Secretary-General prepared in accordance with paragraph 18 (f) of the Programme for the Decade	Council resolutions 1199 (XLII) and 1977 (LIX)	Report of the Fourth Meeting of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance
	Report of the Secretary-General containing the biennial reports received from Governments under paragraph 18 (e) of the Programme for the Decade		Report of the Secretary-General
Council decision 1978/1, paragraph 4 (a)	Report of the Secretary-General on the state of the preparations for the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination	ITEM 8. ACTIVITIES FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN; UNITED NATIONS DECADE FOR WOMEN: EQUALITY, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE	
		Work programme questions integrated into this item:	
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Decision adopted by the Council at its 1854th meeting, on 4 May 1973 ⁹	Report of the Secretary-General		
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General Assembly resolution 32/197, paragraph 6	Report of the Secretary-General	<i>Legislative authority</i>	<i>Documentation</i>
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Council resolutions 1621 B (LI) and 1715 (LIII)	Report of the Committee on Science and Technology for Development on its fourth session	Measures to improve the situation and ensure the human rights and dignity of all migrant workers	
		Study of discrimination against persons born out of wedlock and draft general principles on equality and non-discrimination in respect of such persons	
General Assembly resolution 31/184	Report of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development on its second session	<i>Legislative authority</i>	<i>Documentation</i>
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Public administration and finance			

⁹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 1*, p. 21.

¹⁰ See *Report of the World Conference of the International Women's Year* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.1), chap. III.

<i>Legislative authority</i> Council decisions 236 (LXII) and 237 (LXII)	<i>Documentation</i> Reports of the <i>Ad Hoc</i> Working Group of Experts of the Commission on Human Rights	<i>Legislative authority</i> Council resolutions 36 (IV), 37 (IV), 106 (VI), 671 (XXV) and 1818 (LV) Council resolution 1817 (LV)	<i>Documentation</i> Annual reports of the five regional commissions Annual report of the Secretary-General on the meetings of the executive secretaries
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		Assistance to South African student refugees	
		<i>Legislative authority</i> General Assembly resolution 32/119	<i>Documentation</i> Report of the Secretary-General on a programme of assistance for South African student refugees
ITEM 2. REGIONAL CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT			
Work programme questions integrated into this item:			
Reports of the regional commissions			
Report of the Secretary-General on the meetings of the executive secretaries of the regional commissions			
		ITEM 7. RESTRUCTURING OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SECTORS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM	
		Work programme question integrated into this item:	
		Restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system	
		<i>Legislative authority</i> General Assembly resolution 32/197, paragraphs 5 and 7	<i>Documentation</i> Report of the Secretary-General
			Progress reports of all organs, organizations and bodies within the United Nations system on the implementation of the recommendations of the <i>Ad Hoc</i> Committee on the Restructuring of the Economic and Social Sectors of the United Nations System

ITEM 8. TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

Work programme question integrated into this item:

Report of the Trade and Development Board

<i>Legislative authority</i>	<i>Documentation</i>
General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX)	Annual report of the Trade and Development Board

ITEM 9. FOLLOW-UP TO THE UNITED NATIONS WATER CONFERENCE

Work programme questions integrated into this item:

Report of the Committee on Natural Resources on its third special session

Follow-up to the United Nations Water Conference

<i>Legislative authority</i>	<i>Documentation</i>
Council resolution 2115 (LXIII)	Report of the Committee on Natural Resources on its third special session
Council resolution 2121 (LXIII)	Report of the Secretary-General on the results of the third special session of the Committee on Natural Resources

ITEM 10. WORLD CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE FOR WOMEN

Work programme questions integrated into this item:

Report of the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women

Interagency programme for the integration of women in development

<i>Legislative authority</i>	<i>Documentation</i>
Council resolution 2062 (LXII)	Report of the Preparatory Committee on its first session
General Assembly resolution 32/138	Report of the Secretary-General on the study of the interagency programme for the integration of women in development
General Assembly resolution 32/140	Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Preparatory Committee on its first session

ITEM 11. INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS: REPORT OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Work programme question integrated into this item:

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights: report of the Human Rights Committee

<i>Legislative authority</i>	<i>Documentation</i>
Article 45 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights	Report of the Human Rights Committee

ITEM 12. WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

Work programme question integrated into this item:

Report of the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

<i>Legislative authority</i>	<i>Documentation</i>
General Assembly resolutions 3057 (XXVIII) and 32/129; and Council resolution 2057 (LXII)	Report of the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

ITEM 13. DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION

Work programme questions integrated into this item:

Examination of long-term trends in the economic development of world regions

Report of the Committee for Development Planning

Special measures in favour of the least developed among the developing countries

Special measures related to the particular needs of the land-locked developing countries

Programme of Action adopted by the Tripartite World Conference on Employment, Income Distribution, Social Progress and the International Division of Labour

Contribution of the Economic and Social Council to the Committee Established under General Assembly Resolution 32/174

Role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries

Effects of the world inflationary phenomenon on the development process

Network for the exchange of technological information and the industrial and technological information bank

<i>Legislative authority</i>	<i>Documentation</i>
Council resolution 2090 (LXIII) and General Assembly resolution 32/57	Report of the Secretary-General

Council resolutions 1035 (XXXVII) and 1625 (LI)

Report of the Committee for Development Planning on its fourteenth session

Council resolution 2124 (LXIII)

Report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the implementation of special measures in favour of the least developed among the developing countries

Council resolution 2127 (LXIII)

Report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the implementation of special measures related to the particular needs of the land-locked developing countries and of specific action in their favour

General Assembly resolution 31/176

Report of the International Labour Organisation on the implementation by the United Nations system of the Programme of Action adopted by the Tripartite World Conference on Employment, Income Distribution, Social Progress and the International Division of Labour

General Assembly resolution 32/175

Study prepared by the Governmental Group of Experts established by the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development pursuant to General Assembly resolution 32/175

General Assembly resolution 32/179

Progress report of the Secretary-General on the role of the public sector in economic development

General Assembly resolution 32/178

Progress report of the Secretary-General on the network for the exchange of technological information and the industrial and technological information bank

ITEM 14. CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES

Work programme question integrated into this item:

Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States

ITEM 15. INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Work programme questions integrated into this item:

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme

Follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Desertification

<i>Legislative authority</i>	<i>Documentation</i>
General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII)	Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme
General Assembly resolution 32/172	Report of the Secretary-General on the establishment of a special account within the United Nations for implementing the World Plan of Action on Desertification

ITEM 16. INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION

Work programme question integrated into this item:

Report of the Industrial Development Board

<i>Legislative authority</i>	<i>Documentation</i>
General Assembly resolution 2152 (XXI)	Report of the Industrial Development Board

ITEM 17. UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL FUND

Work programme question integrated into this item:

Report of the Board of Governors of the United Nations Special Fund

<i>Legislative authority</i>	<i>Documentation</i>
General Assembly resolution 3356 (XXIX)	Report of the Board of Governors of the United Nations Special Fund

ITEM 18. FOOD PROBLEMS

Work programme questions integrated into this item:

Report of the World Food Council

Report of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes: policy aspects

<i>Legislative authority</i>	<i>Documentation</i>
General Assembly resolution 3348 (XXIX)	Report of the World Food Council on its fourth session
General Assembly resolution 3404 (XXX)	Report of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes

ITEM 19. TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS

Work programme questions integrated into this item:

Report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations

Report of the *Ad Hoc* Intergovernmental Working Group on the Problem of Corrupt Practices

Activities of transnational corporations in southern Africa and their collaboration with the racist minority régimes in that area

<i>Legislative authority</i>	<i>Documentation</i>
Council resolution 1913 (I.VII)	Report of the Committee on Transnational Corporations on its fourth session
Council resolutions 2045 (I.XI) and 2122 (LXIII)	Report of the <i>Ad Hoc</i> Intergovernmental Working Group on the Problem of Corrupt Practices
Council decision 271 (LXIII) and resolution adopted by the Commission on Transnational Corporations at its third session ¹¹	Report of the Secretary-General on activities of transnational corporations in southern Africa and their collaboration with the racist minority régimes in that area

¹¹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 5 (E/5986)*, para. 14.

ITEM 20. HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

Work programme questions integrated into this item:

Specific measures to meet the need for a decent living environment for the most vulnerable groups of society

Collaboration between the United Nations and non-governmental organizations with regard to world-wide intercommunal co-operation

Report of the Commission on Human Settlements on its first session

<i>Legislative authority</i>	<i>Documentation</i>
General Assembly resolution 31/113 and Council decision 264 (LXIII)	Report of the Secretary-General on specific measures to meet the need for a decent living environment for the most vulnerable groups of society
General Assembly resolution 31/114	Report of the Secretary-General on collaboration between the United Nations and non-governmental organizations on world-wide intercommunal co-operation
General Assembly resolution 32/162	Report of the Commission on Human Settlements on its first session

ITEM 21. NATURAL RESOURCES

Work programme questions integrated into this item:

Study, development and use of coal resources

Question of the feasibility of holding an international conference on new and renewable sources of energy

<i>Legislative authority</i>	<i>Documentation</i>
Council resolution 2118 (LXIII)	Report of the Secretary-General on the use of coal
Council resolution 2119 (LXIII)	Report of the Secretary-General on the feasibility of holding an international conference on new and renewable sources of energy

ITEM 22. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Work programme questions integrated into this item:

Report of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development on its third session

Reverse transfer of technology

<i>Legislative authority</i>	<i>Documentation</i>
General Assembly resolution 31/184	Report of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development on its third session
General Assembly resolution 32/115	Report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for the Conference
General Assembly resolution 32/192	Report of the Secretary-General on the "brain drain" problem

ITEM 23. INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION AND CO-ORDINATION WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM

Work programme questions integrated into this item:

Report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination

Reports of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination

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

International Year for Science and Technology for Development¹²

¹² To be considered at the resumed second regular session because the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization will meet in October/November 1978.

Consumer protection

Report of the Secretary-General on the application of computer science and technology to development

International years and anniversaries

Transport and Communications Decade in Africa

Membership of the World Tourism Organization

Legislative authority

Council resolutions 13 (III) and 2098 (LXIII), section II

Council resolutions 1171 (XLI), 1472 (XLVIII) and 2008 (LX)

Council resolution 2008 (LX)

Council resolution 2036 (LXI)

Council resolution 2111 (LXIII)

Council resolution 2108 (LXIII)

Council decision 1978/1, paragraph 3 (c)

General Assembly resolution 32/160

Council decision 1978/1, paragraph 4 (b)

General Assembly resolution 32/157

ITEM 24. COMPREHENSIVE POLICY REVIEW OF OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT

Work programme questions integrated into this item:

Comprehensive policy review of operational activities throughout the United Nations system

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme

United Nations Capital Development Fund

Documentation

Reports of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination

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

Report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on its eighteenth session

Report of the Secretary-General on the application of computer technology for development

Survey illustrative of the range of institutional and legal arrangements existing in the field of individual consumer protection

Recommendations of the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization concerning the designation of an international year for science and technology for development

Note verbale dated 9 November 1977 from the Permanent Mission of Liberia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General¹³

Report of the Secretary-General on a programme of measures and activities for a World Communications Year

Report of the Secretary-General detailing progress in the implementation of Assembly resolution 32/160

Background note by the Secretariat on international years and anniversaries

Report of the World Tourism Organization on efforts to promote tourism

Report of the Secretary-General on membership of the World Tourism Organization

Technical co-operation activities undertaken by the Secretary-General

Technical co-operation among developing countries

United Nations Fund for Population Activities

United Nations Children's Fund

United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries

Legislative authority

General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 32/113, General Assembly decision 32/429 and Council resolution 2110 (LXIII)

General Assembly resolution 802 (VIII)

General Assembly resolution 32/182

Documentation

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its twenty-fifth session

Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund

Report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the executive heads of participating and executing agencies on the implementation of the recommendations of the Working Group on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries

ITEM 25. INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD

Work programme question integrated into this item:

International Year of the Child

Legislative authority

Council decision 1978/1 and General Assembly resolution 32/109

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund on activities undertaken by the United Nations system

ITEM 26. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEDIUM-TERM AND LONG-TERM RECOVERY AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMME IN THE SUDANO-SAHELIAN REGION

Work programme question integrated into this item:

Implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region

Legislative authority

Council resolution 2103 (LXIII) and General Assembly resolution 32/159

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region

ITEM 27. UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Work programme questions to be integrated into this item:

Report of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries on its third session

Report of the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries

Legislative authority

General Assembly resolution 31/179

Documentation

Report of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries on its third session

General Assembly resolutions 31/179 and 32/183

Report of the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries

¹³ E/1978/7.

ITEM 28. MEDIUM-TERM PLAN FOR THE PERIOD 1980-1983 AND PROGRAMMING PROCEDURES

Work programme questions integrated into this item:

Medium-term plan for the period 1980-1983

Report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination

Legislative authority

General Assembly resolution 3392 (XXX), Council resolutions 2008 (LX) and 2098 (LXIII), and recommendation of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination¹⁴

Council resolutions 2008 (LX) and 2098 (LXIII), section III

Council resolution 2098 (LXIII), section III

Documentation

Proposed medium-term plan for the period 1980-1983

Report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on its eighteenth session

Report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on harmonization of programme budgets and medium-term plans

ITEM 29. 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

Work programme questions integrated into this item:

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

Assistance to the Palestinian people

Legislative authority

Council resolutions 1804 (LV) and 2101 (LXIII) and General Assembly resolution 32/36

General Assembly resolution 32/36

Council resolution 2100 (LXIII)

Documentation

Report of the President of the Council on the consultations held with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the implementation of the Declaration

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Declaration by the specialized agencies

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people

ITEM 30. DISASTER RELIEF CO-ORDINATION

Work programme question integrated into this item:

Disaster relief co-ordination

Legislative authority

General Assembly resolutions 2816 (XXVI) and 31/173; Council resolutions 1612 (LI) and 2102 (LXIII) and Council decision 253 (LXIII)

Documentation

Annual report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator

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Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

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PROGRESS REPORTS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL

Expenditures of the United Nations system in relation to programmes (Council resolution 1090 (XXXIX))

Progress report concerning the study of the interrelationships between population, resources, environment and development (General Assembly resolution 3345 (XXIX) and Council decision 1978/1, paragraph 4 (c))

1978/2. Informal meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination

At its 4th plenary meeting, on 13 January 1978, the Council decided that the implementation of the conclusions and recommendations of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Restructuring of the Economic and Social Sectors of the United Nations System, endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977, and the preparation of the medium-term plan for the period 1980-1983 should proceed in accordance with the relevant decisions, and that a series of informal meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination to consider the issues raised during the discussion in the Council on the matter should be held as soon as possible, on dates to be determined by the Chairman of the Committee in the light of the comments made thereon in the Council.

1978/3. Changes in the calendar of conferences and meetings for 1978

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 12 January 1978, the Council approved the following changes in the calendar of conferences and meetings for 1978:¹⁵

(a) The third special session of the Committee on Natural Resources would be convened from 18 to 27 September 1978 (instead of from 13 to 23 February 1978) at United Nations Headquarters on the understanding that the Council might at a later date review the duration of the session in the light of the comments made during the discussion;

(b) The fourth session of the Committee on Science and Technology for Development would be convened at Geneva from 6 to 10 February 1978 (instead of from 30 January to 10 February 1978);

(c) The twenty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women would be convened at United Nations Headquarters from 20 March to 5 April 1978 (instead of from 23 January to 10 February 1978);

(d) The fourth session of the *Ad Hoc* Intergovernmental Working Group on the Problem of Corrupt Practices would be convened at United Nations Headquarters from 6 to 10 March 1978 (instead of from 23 to 27 January 1978);

(e) The first session of the Commission on Human Settlements would be convened at United Nations Headquarters from 3 to 7 April 1978;

(f) The Economic and Social Council would hold a series of informal meetings at United Nations Headquarters from 27 to 31 March 1978 to consider the implementation of those parts of General Assembly resolution 32/197, of 20 December 1977, on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system of concern to the Council;

(g) The Intergovernmental Working Group on a Code of Conduct for Transnational Corporations would be convened at United Nations Headquarters from 6 to 10 February 1978 (instead of from 6 to 17 February 1978), on the understanding that the session might be prolonged if conference services became available.

¹⁵ The revised calendar of conferences and meetings for 1978 and 1979, incorporating the changes and revisions made to the calendar originally approved by the Council at its sixty-third session (see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/32/3)*, annex III), was circulated as document E/1978/INF/3 of 17 February 1978. See also decisions 1978/38, 1978/60 and 1978/80 below.

¹⁴ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/32/38)*, para. 29.

2. The Council also recommended that the Committee Established under General Assembly Resolution 32/174 should hold its organizational session at United Nations Headquarters from 13 to 17 February 1978.

1978/4. General Regulations of the World Food Programme

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 12 January 1978, the Council:

(a) Approved the revised General Regulations of the World Food Programme set out in annex I to the note by the Secretary-General;¹⁶

(b) Endorsed the interpretative statement concerning paragraph 14 of the Regulations quoted in paragraph 7 of that note.

1978/5. Membership of subsidiary bodies of the Council: elections, appointments and confirmations

1. At its 3rd and 4th plenary meetings, on 12 and 13 January 1978, the Council filled vacancies in the membership of the following bodies by election or appointment of members or confirmation of representatives:

COMMISSION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

At its 3rd and 4th meetings, the Council elected fifty-three of the fifty-eight members of the Commission on Human Settlements and, by drawing lots, determined the terms of office of the members as indicated below.

At its 4th meeting, the Council postponed until its first regular session of 1978 the election of:

(a) Two members from African States, for a term beginning on the date of election, with one term to expire on 31 December 1979 and the other to expire on 31 December 1980;

(b) Three members from Asian States for a term beginning on the date of election, with one term to expire on 31 December 1978, one term to expire on 31 December 1979 and one term to expire on 31 December 1980.

Membership in 1978

	<i>Term of office expires on 31 December</i>
Argentina	1980
Australia	1978
Austria	1979
Bulgaria	1979
Burundi	1980
Canada	1979
Central African Empire	1980
Chile	1978
Colombia	1979
Cuba	1979
Czechoslovakia	1978
Ecuador	1980
Egypt	1979
Finland	1979
France	1979
German Democratic Republic	1979
Germany, Federal Republic of	1978
Ghana	1978
Greece	1978

¹⁶ E/1978/3.

	<i>Term of office expires on 31 December</i>
Guatemala	1978
India	1978
Iran	1980
Iraq	1979
Italy	1978
Jamaica	1980
Japan	1980
Kenya	1978
Malawi	1978
Malaysia	1979
Mexico	1980
Netherlands	1979
Nigeria	1979
Papua New Guinea	1979
Peru	1979
Philippines	1980
Poland	1978
Portugal	1980
Rwanda	1980
Senegal	1978
Sierra Leone	1979
Sri Lanka	1978
Sudan	1980
Swaziland	1978
Sweden	1980
Syrian Arab Republic	1978
Uganda	1979
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1980
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1980
United Republic of Tanzania	1980
United States of America	1980
Venezuela	1978
Viet Nam	1978
Yugoslavia	1980

COMMITTEE FOR DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

At its 3rd meeting, the Council appointed, on the nomination of the Secretary-General,¹⁷ the following twenty-four members of the Committee to serve until 31 December 1980:

Maria Augustinovics (Hungary),
 Chedly Ayari (Tunisia),
 Ungku Abdul Aziz (Malaysia),
 Moinuddin Baqai (Pakistan),
 Bongoy Mpekesa (Zaire),
 H. C. Bos (Netherlands),
 Ester Boserup (Denmark),
 G. A. Brown (Jamaica),
 José Encarnacion, Jr. (Philippines),
 Gerhard Fels (Federal Republic of Germany),
 R. K. A. Gardiner (Ghana),
 Saeb Jaroudi (Lebanon),
 Richard Jolly (United Kingdom of Great Britain and
 Northern Ireland),
 Isaac Kerstenetzky (Brazil),
 V. N. Kirichenko (Union of Soviet Socialist
 Republics),
 John P. Lewis (United States of America),
 Gabriel Mignot (France),
 Saburo Okita (Japan),
 H. M. A. Onitiri (Nigeria),
 Jozef Pajestka (Poland),
 I. G. Patel (India),
 Justinian F. Rweyemamu (United Republic of
 Tanzania),
 Germánico Salgado (Ecuador),
 Leopoldo Solis (Mexico).

¹⁷ E/1978/L.3.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE APPLICATION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPMENT

At its 3rd meeting, the Council appointed, on the nomination of the Secretary-General,¹⁸ the following twenty-eight members of the Committee to serve until 31 December 1980:

S. Oluwole Awokoya (Nigeria),
Louis Berlinguet (Canada),
Alfred Boettcher (Federal Republic of Germany),
Hendrik Brugt Gerhard Casimir (Netherlands),
Carlos Chagas (Brazil),
Wilbert K. Chagula (United Republic of Tanzania),
A. Wassek Chahid (Syrian Arab Republic),
Bernard M. J. Delapalme (France),
Peter Gacii (Kenya),
Essam Eldin Galal (Egypt),
Jermen Mikhailovich Gvishiani (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics),
Yoon Chong Howe (Singapore),
Kenneth S. Julien (Trinidad and Tobago),
Leszck Kasprzyk (Poland),
Alexander Keynan (Israel),
Carlos Alberto Mallmann (Argentina),
Ali-Reza Mehran (Iran),
Mambillikalathil G. K. Menon (India),
Takashi Mukaibo (Japan),
Rodney W. Nichols (United States of America),
Mohammed Rashdan (Malaysia),
Marcel Roche (Venezuela),
Sanga Sabhasri (Thailand),
Kwaku Mawuena Sape (Ghana),
Djibril Sene (Senegal),
János Szita (Hungary),
Victor Luis Urquidi (Mexico),
Antoine B. Zahlan (Lebanon).

COMMITTEE ON REVIEW AND APPRAISAL

At its 3rd meeting, the Council elected BANGLADESH and the PHILIPPINES to fill vacant seats allocated to Asian States, for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1981.

The Council postponed until its first regular session of 1978 the election of:

(a) Four members from African States and three members from Asian States, for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1981;

(b) One member from African States and two members from Asian States, for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1979.

COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS

At its 3rd meeting, the Council elected FIJI for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1980.

It postponed until its first regular session of 1978 the election of two members from Asian States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1980.

COMMITTEE ON FOOD AID POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES

At its 3rd meeting, the Council elected BANGLADESH for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1980.

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At its 3rd meeting, the Council postponed until its first regular session of 1978 elections to the following bodies:

(a) *Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund*: ten members for a term of three years beginning on 1 August 1978;

(b) *Statistical Commission*: one member from African States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1981;

(c) *Committee on Natural Resources*:

(i) One member from African States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1980;

(ii) One member from Asian States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1978;

(d) *Committee on Science and Technology for Development*:

(i) One member from Asian States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1979;

(ii) One member from Asian States, for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1978.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL FUND

At its 3rd meeting, the Council decided to inform the General Assembly that because of lack of candidates it had been unable to hold elections to the Board of Governors of the United Nations Special Fund, as the Assembly, by its decision 32/323 of 15 December 1977, had authorized it to do

2. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 12 January 1978, the Council confirmed the appointment of the following representatives of members of the following functional commissions and working group of the Council nominated by their Governments:¹⁹

STATISTICAL COMMISSION

Isaac Kerstenetzky (Brazil),
Tsghe Asfaha (Ethiopia),
Sami H. Al-Jalil (Iraq),
Carmen Pearl McFarlane (Jamaica),
Juan Manuel Caballero Diaz (Panama),
Nicolae Ionescu (Romania),
Francisco Azorin Poch (Spain),
Abdesselem Kamoun (Tunisia),
Michael A. Korolyev (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics),
Joseph W. Duncan (United States of America).

POPULATION COMMISSION

Keith Padmore (Barbados),
Luis González Fabra (Dominican Republic),
Aziz Bindary (Egypt),
Serla Grewal (India),
Nobuo Shinozaki (Japan),
Joe Henderson Nowa (Malawi),
Moses E. M. Mukasa (Uganda),
Arkady A. Isupov (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics),
Jean Thompson (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland).

¹⁸ E/1978/4.

¹⁹ E/1978/5 and Add.1-6; E/1978/6.

COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Hugo Gálvez Gajardo (Chile),
Jacquelin Bardeau (France),
Jeanne Martin Cissé (Guinea),
Jawad M. Ghali (Iraq),
Sadako Ogata (Japan),
Jean-Jacques Maurice (Madagascar),
Gradus Hendriks (Netherlands),
Ioan Voicu (Romania),
Mustafa Aksin (Turkey),
Lev Astafiev (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics),
Ruth Schachter Morgenthau (United States of America).

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Owen Lennox Davis (Australia),
Carlos Calero Rodriguez (Brazil),
Ivan Garvalov (Bulgaria),
Omran El-Shafei (Egypt),
Jean-Claude Soyer (France),
Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit (India),
Princess Ashraf Pahlavi (Iran),
Yousef Mohamed Arebi (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya),

Olu Adeniji (Nigeria),
Luis Marchand Stens (Peru),
Adam Lopatka (Poland),
Kéba Mbaye (Senegal),
Ercüment Yavuzalp (Turkey),
Mohamed Saied (Uganda),
Edward M. Mezvinsky (United States of America),
Aleksandar Bozovic (Yugoslavia).

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Marijke Van Hemeldonck (Belgium),
Hilda Anderson Nevares (Mexico),
Colleen Dewe (New Zealand),
Khunying Amporn Meesook (Thailand),
Elmina Cynthia Clarke-Allen (Trinidad and Tobago),
Koryne Horbal (United States of America).

WORKING GROUP OF THE SUB-COMMISSION ON ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFIC AND RELATED MATTERS IN THE NEAR AND MIDDLE EAST

Mir Mohammad Ibrahim (Afghanistan),
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Cetin Olgaç (Turkey).

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1978/2. Assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia

The Economic and Social Council,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia,²⁰ prepared pursuant to General Assembly resolution 32/55 of 8 December 1977, with regard to the progress made in the implementation of all the relevant resolutions of the Economic and Social Council,

Having heard the statement of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator²¹ outlining the substantial grain-import requirements for the year 1978 as well as the urgent need for transport vehicles and associated equipment for the distribution of relief grain,

Noting the statement of the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Africa of the United Nations Development Programme²¹ on assistance being provided by the Programme to the Government of Ethiopia in relation to its relief and rehabilitation programmes in the drought-stricken areas of the country,

Noting also the statement of the Commissioner for Relief and Rehabilitation of Ethiopia²¹ outlining the measures taken by the Government of Ethiopia to deal with emergency relief and rehabilitation in the drought-stricken areas of the country,

Noting with appreciation the assistance given to Ethiopia by Member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations,

Noting with deep concern that a major crop failure in war-torn areas and in the provinces of Wollo and Tigre as well as a critical shortage of transport vehicles have

²⁰ E/1978/56.

²¹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Plenary Meetings, 10th meeting.*

caused a serious crisis of food shortage in the drought-prone areas,

Aware of the grave consequences of the deteriorating situation in the regions of Wollo, Tigre, Shoa, Hararghe, Bale and Sidamo,

Recalling its resolutions 1833 (LVI) of 8 May 1974, 1876 (LVII) of 16 July 1974, 1971 (LIX) of 30 July 1975, 1986 (LX) of 6 May 1976 and 2047 (LXII) of 5 May 1977, in which it, inter alia, called upon the Secretary-General to take the necessary action to respond to the requests of the Government of Ethiopia with regard to the immediate, medium-term and long-term needs of the drought-stricken areas and appealed to the Governments of all Member States, international organizations and voluntary agencies to continue giving their fullest support and assistance in the Government's efforts towards rehabilitation and recovery.

Further noting that, despite the generous assistance offered to the Government of Ethiopia by the Governments of Member States, organizations of the United Nations system and voluntary agencies, enormous difficulties of rehabilitation and recovery still persist,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia;*

2. *Urges the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and other United Nations organizations and the specialized agencies to continue and intensify their assistance to Ethiopia in its relief and rehabilitation efforts in their respective areas of competence and to implement promptly the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, 3441 (XXX) of 9 December 1975, 31/172 of 21 December 1976 and 32/55 of 8 December 1977, and of Economic and Social Council resolutions 1833 (LVI), 1876 (LVII), 1971 (LIX) and 1986 (LX);*

3. *Appeals to Governments of Member States and to intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and all voluntary agencies to continue and increase their assistance to the Government of Ethiopia for relief, rehabilitation and recovery of the drought-stricken areas;*

4. *Calls upon all concerned to ensure, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/55, that the international assistance provided shall be used for the sole purpose of relief and rehabilitation;*

5. *Decides to keep the matter under review.*

*10th plenary meeting
2 May 1978*

1978/3. World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, in particular resolutions 3057 (XXVIII) of 2 November 1973 and 32/129 of 16 December 1977, in which it affirmed its total abhorrence of racism, racial discrimination and apartheid, and its own resolution 2057 (LXII) of 12 May 1977,

Recalling also its decision 1978/1 of 13 January 1978,

Affirming its total abhorrence of racism, racial discrimination and apartheid and resolved to achieve their total and unconditional elimination,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General²² concerning the activities undertaken thus far by the Secretariat in preparation for the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,

1. *Expresses its satisfaction at the appointment of Mr. C. V. Narasimhan as Secretary-General of the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;*

2. *Urges all Member States, specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations as well as the intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned to lend their maximum co-operation to the Secretary-General of the Conference to ensure the success of the Conference, in particular by their active participation therein;*

3. *Takes note with appreciation of the work that has been undertaken by the Secretary-General thus far in preparation for the Conference;*

4. *Stresses the need to accelerate the necessary preparations for the Conference;*

5. *Reiterates the importance of ensuring maximum publicity for the Conference and requests the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the Secretary-General of the Conference, to take the necessary steps in this connexion;*

6. *Urges Governments to submit as soon as possible the national reports referred to in paragraph 2 of the annex to its resolution 2057 (LXII);*

7. *Requests the Secretary-General to make available to the Conference, in addition to the documents specified in the annex to resolution 2057 (LXII), all the necessary documents, such as background papers, reports and studies, relating to the items of the provisional agenda for the Conference;*

8. *Commends the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination for the study on its work and progress towards the achievement of the objectives of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination;²³*

9. *Requests the Secretary-General to transmit to the Conference the suggestions and recommendations made by the Commission on Human Rights in its resolution 8 (XXXIV);²⁴*

10. *Calls upon all States and United Nations organs and bodies invited to participate in the Conference to designate their representatives to the Conference if they have not yet done so;*

11. *Decides to review the outcome of the Conference at its first regular session of 1979, under an item entitled "Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination".*

*10th plenary meeting
2 May 1978*

1978/4. National preparations for the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking into account decision 3 (II) of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Science

²² E/1978/26.

²³ A/CONF.92/8.

²⁴ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 4 (E/1978/34), chap. XXVI.*

and Technology for Development as well as paragraph 68 of its report,²⁵

Noting that demand from developing countries for assistance in the elaboration of national papers has been larger than foreseen.

Having reviewed the situation as to the financing of technical advisers and noting the current shortage of funds for this agreed purpose,

Considers that it is essential that sufficient funds be made available to the Conference to respond to requests from developing countries for assistance in the elaboration of national papers.

*14th plenary meeting
4 May 1978*

1978/5. Science and technology

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1900 (LVII) of 1 August 1974,

Considering decision 2 (IV) adopted by the Committee on Science and Technology for Development at its fourth session,²⁶

Taking into account the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development at its second session,²⁷

Also considering that the work of the competent organs and organizations of the United Nations should be integrated into the preparatory process for the Conference in the most relevant manner,

Taking into account the fact that the involvement of the scientific community was considered an important aspect of the preparations for the Conference at the second session of the Preparatory Committee for the Conference,

Recalling the need for the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development to participate effectively in the preparatory process for the Conference,

1. *Decides* that, in order to facilitate the full and effective participation of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development in the preparatory process for the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development and in the light of the relevant decisions of the Preparatory Committee for the Conference relating to the elaboration of a programme of action, further work on updating the *World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development*²⁸ should await the decisions and recommendations of the Conference;

2. *Requests* the Advisory Committee, taking fully into account the relevant decisions and resolutions of the Preparatory Committee for the Conference, to submit for the consideration of the Preparatory Committee at its third session its preliminary views of the application of science and technology to the development of developing countries, with emphasis on obstacles which may arise, and in this context to utilize, for practical illustrative purposes only, the five subject areas selected and

²⁵ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 43 (A/33/43 and Corr.1).*

²⁶ *See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 3 (E/1978/33), chap. I.*

²⁷ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 43 (A/33/43 and Corr.1), annexes I and II.*

²⁸ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.71.II.A.18.

defined by the Preparatory Committee at its second session;²⁹

3. *Also requests* the Advisory Committee to undertake the preparation of further work as required by the Preparatory Committee for the Conference.

*14th plenary meeting
4 May 1978*

1978/6. Public administration and finance for development in the 1980s

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, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation, as well as resolution 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970, containing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,

Recalling its resolutions 1977 (LIX) of 30 July 1975 and 2018 (LXI) of 3 August 1976 on public administration and finance for development,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 32/179 of 19 December 1977 on the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 32/206 of 21 December 1977 on the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination,

Recognizing that increased public administration and finance capabilities of developing countries are indispensable for meeting the needs of development in the 1980s,

Convinced that continuous action is needed at national and international levels to create such capabilities,

Having considered the report of the Fourth Meeting of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance³⁰ and the report of the Secretary-General thereon,³¹

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Fourth Meeting of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance;

2. *Invites* the Governments of developing countries to establish, as appropriate, national objectives for public administration and finance for development in the 1980s and to formulate measures that may be required for the realization of those objectives;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To monitor continually changes and trends in public administration and finance with a view to identifying institutional and managerial dimensions of development under different circumstances, and to publish results for the use of national authorities and international agencies;

(b) To identify, in consultation with Member States and the specialized agencies, changes and trends in public administration and finance, especially as part of

²⁹ *See Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 43 (A/33/43 and Corr.1), annex I, resolution 3 (II).*

³⁰ E/1978/11/Add.1.

³¹ E/1978/11.

preparations for a new international development strategy for the 1980s;

4. *Invites* the specialized agencies and other intergovernmental organizations concerned to support activities of the United Nations in the field of public administration and finance at the national, regional and international levels;

5. *Requests* the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, when it makes an in-depth study of the work programme of the Division of Public Administration and Finance at the first part of its eighteenth session, to take into account the recommendations of the Meeting of Experts and to submit its recommendations to the Council at its second regular session of 1978;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in compiling the draft calendar of meetings for 1979, which will be submitted to the Council at its second regular session of 1978, to bear in mind the possible need for a Fifth Meeting of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance before the end of 1979.

*14th plenary meeting
4 May 1978*

1978/7. Implementation of the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

The Economic and Social Council

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

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions 3057 (XXVIII) of 2 November 1973 and 32/10 of 7 November 1977,

"Noting that, at the mid-term of the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, the evils of *apartheid*, racism and racial discrimination, including the denial of the right to self-determination, continue to prevail in southern Africa and elsewhere,

"Convinced that the withdrawal of foreign investments and the termination of the activities of the transnational corporations in southern Africa will contribute significantly to achieving the goals and objectives of the Programme for the Decade,

"1. Condemns once again the policies of *apartheid*, racism and racial discrimination which prevail in southern Africa and elsewhere, including the denial of the right to self-determination;

"2. Urges all States to continue to co-operate fully with the Secretary-General in the implementation of the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

"3. Reaffirms its strong support for oppressed peoples struggling to liberate themselves from racism, racial discrimination, *apartheid*, colonialism and alien domination;

"4. Calls once again upon all the Governments which have not yet done so to take legislative, administrative or other measures in respect of their nationals and the bodies corporate under their jurisdiction that own and operate enterprises in southern Africa, in order to put an end to such enterprises;

"5. Urges once again United Nations organs, the specialized agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to strengthen and enlarge the scope of their activities in support of the objectives

of the Programme for the Decade, in particular by taking the measures specified in paragraph 6 of resolution 32/10;

"6. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to give the utmost publicity to the Programme for the Decade;

"7. Urges once again all Governments and private organizations to make available adequate resources to enable the Secretary-General to undertake the activities entrusted to him under the Programme and in support of the activities envisaged during the Decade;

"8. Decides to continue to consider as a matter of high priority, at its thirty-fourth session, the item entitled 'Implementation of the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination'."

*14th plenary meeting
4 May 1978*

1978/8. National experience in promoting the co-operative movement

The Economic and Social Council

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

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions 2459 (XXIII) of 20 December 1968, 3273 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974 and 31/37 of 30 November 1976, and Economic and Social Council resolution 1668 (LII) of 1 June 1972,

"Bearing in mind that the establishment and growth of co-operatives is one of the important instruments for the full economic, social and cultural development of all members of society,

"Recognizing the necessity of training and educational programmes at various levels for the growth, diversification and professionalization of the management of co-operatives,

"1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on national experience in promoting the co-operative movement;³²

"2. Reiterates the necessity of an international exchange of experience as a contribution to the growth and diversification of the co-operative movement;

"3. Stresses the role of co-operatives in the development of weaker sections of the community and in over-all social and economic advancement, particularly in developing countries;

"4. Recognizes that co-operatives are an important means of increasing employment opportunities for women and integrating them, as active members of society, into the development process;

"5. Stresses also the important social role of co-operatives in involving people at the grass-roots level in the planning and decision making which affect their daily lives;

"6. Invites Member States, relevant specialized agencies and other United Nations organs to pay special attention to the training and education aspects of the co-operative movement at the local, national and international levels;

"7. Also invites Member States, relevant specialized agencies and other United Nations organs to submit follow-up reports on their experience in promoting the co-operative movement, referring es-

³² E/1978/15 and Corr.1 and 2.

pecially to the participation of women in the co-operative movement and to the role of co-operatives in achieving over-all social and economic development;

"8. *Invites* those Member States which have not already done so to submit reports on national experience in promoting the co-operative movement;

"9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session, through the Economic and Social Council, a follow-up report on national experience in promoting the co-operative movement, referring especially to the participation of women in the co-operative movement and to the role of co-operatives in achieving over-all social and economic development, based on data already available and on additional contributions from Member States and relevant specialized agencies;

"10. *Decides* to consider at its thirty-fifth session, under a relevant item, the follow-up report of the Secretary-General on national experience in promoting the co-operative movement."

*15th plenary meeting
5 May 1978*

1978/9. Submission of annual reports and communication of significant information concerning illicit drug traffic cases

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling article 18 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1953, as amended by the 1972 Protocol Amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961,³³ and article 16 of the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances,³⁴ concerning information to be furnished to the Secretary-General by the parties,

Emphasizing the importance for international drug control of the fullest possible and timely compliance with this obligation,

Reaffirming its resolutions 1844 (LVI) of 15 May 1974, 1932 (LVIII) of 6 May 1975, and 2002 (LX) of 12 May 1976, as well as resolution 2 (XXVII) of 23 February 1977 of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs,³⁵

Noting with concern from the note by the Secretariat³⁶ that, during 1977, a large number of parties to the relevant international treaties did not furnish annual reports on the working of those treaties within their respective territories,

Bearing in mind that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, at its fourth special session, adopted a new form for annual reporting and that assistance in the completion of that form is available,

1. *Draws the attention* of parties to those Conventions to their obligation to submit to the Secretary-General, in a timely manner, complete annual reports;

2. *Reminds* parties to those Conventions also of their obligation promptly to communicate to the Secretary-General information concerning cases of illicit drug traffic which are of international significance and, in this connexion, to specify full particulars of each case of illicit traffic discovered which may be of importance because of the light thrown on the source from which

³³ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.77.XI.3.

³⁴ See *Official Records of the United Nations Conference for the Adoption of a Protocol on Psychotropic Substances*, vol. I (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.73.XI.3), part four.

³⁵ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 7* (E/5933 and Corr.1 and 2), chap. XVI.

³⁶ E/CN.7/609/Add.1.

drugs are obtained for the illicit traffic, or because of the quantities involved, or the method employed by illicit traffickers, or new trends disclosed;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to communicate the present resolution to parties to those Conventions for their urgent attention and appropriate action.

*15th plenary meeting
5 May 1978*

1978/10. Report of the International Narcotics Control Board

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1977,³⁷

Noting with satisfaction the Board's assessment that there has been a further increase in practical co-operation, both regionally and bilaterally, as well as interregionally and internationally, among countries confronted with similar drug control problems, and between countries and the competent international organs and organizations,

Endorsing the Board's view that the suppression of the illicit traffic, the eradication of illegal supply and the containing and reduction of demand must be pursued in parallel, at both the national and international levels,

1. *Urges* Governments to continue to co-operate with the International Narcotics Control Board to enable the Board fully and effectively to carry out its mandate under the relevant treaties;

2. *Requests* Governments to bring the report of the Board for 1977 to the attention of the competent authorities in their administrations for remedial action where recommended;

3. *Supports* the Board's appeal to States to improve their reporting machinery, with the assistance of the Board, so that they may provide full and prompt information to the Board, thereby enabling it to perform effectively its functions under the relevant treaties;

4. *Urges* greater efforts to eradicate illicit or uncontrolled opium poppy cultivation, so as further to ensure a continued equilibrium between licit supply and licit demand by avoiding unforeseen imbalances caused by the unexpected availability of confiscated opium.

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1978/11. World requirements of opiates for medical and scientific purposes

The Economic and Social Council,

Bearing in mind its resolution 2067 (LXII) of 13 May 1977 as well as recommendation 1 (XXVII) of 24 February 1977 of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs,³⁸

Having considered the part of the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1977 dealing with the supply of raw materials for the licit manufacture of opiates,³⁹

Noting the Board's assessment that data made available in 1977 indicate that there is currently over-production of raw materials for the licit manufacture of opiates,

³⁷ E/INCB/37 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.78.XI.2).

³⁸ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 7* (E/5933 and Corr.1 and 2), chap. XVI.

³⁹ E/INCB/37 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.78.XI.2), paras. 121-133.

Convinced that successful co-operation between the countries concerned and the Board with a view to preventing over-supply is possible within the framework of the existing conventions and treaties, on a voluntary basis and bearing in mind the traditional sources of supply under properly controlled conditions,

Aware of the serious adverse consequences of over-supply which might result in economic dislocations for the traditional producers and potential danger for international control efforts,

Reaffirming the collective responsibility of the international community to regulate and limit the cultivation, production, manufacture and use of drugs to quantities required for medical and scientific purposes,

Bearing in mind that the sale of seized narcotics by Governments, except in extraordinary circumstances when world-wide supplies prove inadequate to meet requirements of opiates for medical and scientific purposes, can have the effect both of contributing to the world-wide over-supply of narcotics and of creating dislocations in the international market price for these materials,

Aware that the sale of these seized narcotics as a regular practice by Governments, although not in contravention of the international treaties, may circumvent the intention of those treaties,

1. *Calls attention* to the recommendation of the International Narcotics Control Board that countries producing raw materials for the licit manufacture of opiates should pay the closest attention to the current over-production of such raw materials when determining their future production plans;

2. *Calls upon* the Board to take effective measures to co-ordinate the voluntary co-operation of the Governments concerned and to report to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs the results achieved in balancing supply and demand;

3. *Calls upon* Governments to give careful consideration to the implications of regular sales of seized narcotics for the control efforts of the international community, particularly in the current situation of over-production of the raw materials.

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1978/12. Long-term projections for legal opiate supply and demand

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 2067 (LXII) of 13 May 1977 and the material furnished by Governments in response thereto,⁴⁰

Noting that, in recent years, the International Narcotics Control Board has made studies designed to enable it to evaluate the current world-wide requirements of opiates for medical and scientific purposes and the position in regard to their supply,

Recognizing that a careful balance between supply of and demand for licit opiates is important in establishing adequate international control,

Noting with satisfaction that Governments of countries producing poppy straw have voluntarily reported the quantities produced, thus making possible total estimates of opiate production for the international trade,

Believing that more detailed and longer-range studies and projections would enable the Governments con-

cerned with the production of narcotic raw materials to establish their production plans to meet world-wide requirements while avoiding over-supply,

Noting with satisfaction that the Board is planning to consult informally with the Governments concerned to determine the best means for proceeding with such studies and projections,

1. *Invites* Governments to co-operate fully with the International Narcotics Control Board and to supply such information as may be necessary to enable it to make meaningful long-range studies and projections designed to promote the maintenance of a world-wide balance between the supply of narcotic raw materials and the requirements of opiates for medical and scientific purposes;

2. *Expresses the hope* that countries producing poppy straw for export will continue reporting voluntarily on production levels.

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1978/13. Sustained contributions to the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control

The Economic and Social Council,

Having regard to the resolution adopted by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its second special session, on 2 October 1970,⁴¹ by which the Commission recommended that the Economic and Social Council should invite the Secretary-General to establish the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control and urged Governments in a position to do so to contribute to that Fund,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3278 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974, appealing to Governments for generous and sustained contributions to the Fund,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3446 (XXX) of 9 December 1975, endorsing Council resolution 1937 (LVIII) of 9 May 1975, by which the Council appealed to Governments for generous and sustained contributions to the Fund and requested the Secretary-General to communicate this renewed appeal to Governments,

Noting with concern the growing threat caused by the spread of drug abuse in many parts of the world,

Bearing in mind the results thus far achieved through the Fund,

1. *Recognizes* that sustained and generous support of the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control continues to be necessary if the Fund is to give adequate support to projects for the reduction of illicit supplies and demand, and to the strengthening of control measures and associated research, pursuant to the policy guidance of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs;

2. *Recommends* that Governments should contribute to the general resources of the Fund on an annual basis wherever possible;

3. *Requests* Governments in a position to do so to make additional contributions to the Fund from development aid funds for the execution of projects which have the dual purpose of replacing illicit narcotics production and promoting socio-economic development;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the present resolution to all Governments.

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⁴⁰ See E/CN.7/607 and Add.1-4.

⁴¹ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 12 (E/4931), chap. V.

1978/14. Advisory services in the field of human rights

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 926 (X) of 14 December 1955 and 32/123 of 16 December 1977,

Further recalling its decision 146 (LX) of 12 May 1976, in which it requested the General Assembly to enable the Secretary-General to continue to organize world-wide and regional seminars on human rights,

1. Requests that, commencing with the 1980-1981 programme budget, the financing of the advisory services programme in the field of human rights should be arranged as a part of the budget of the human rights programme of the United Nations;

2. Reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to organize at least two seminars and one training course annually and also to grant at least twenty-five fellowships each year, giving special attention to the needs of the developing countries;

3. Authorizes the Secretary-General to supplement the number of seminars, fellowships and training courses possible under the advisory services programme in the regular budget of the United Nations by arranging for additional seminars, fellowships and training courses which would be financed by Governments willing to do so;

4. Invites the Secretary-General to include in his next annual report to the Commission on Human Rights information on the implementation of the present resolution.

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1978/15. Establishment of a trust fund for Chile

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of resolution 13 (XXXIV) of 6 March 1978 of the Commission on Human Rights,⁴²

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

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions 31/124 of 16 December 1976 and 32/118 of 16 December 1977 and taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1978/15 of 5 May 1978 and Commission on Human Rights resolution 13 (XXXIV) of 6 March 1978,

"1. Decides to establish a voluntary fund, called the United Nations Trust Fund for Chile, administered in accordance with the Financial Regulations of the United Nations by the Secretary-General with the advice of a Board of Trustees, composed of a chairman and four members with wide experience of the situation in Chile, to be appointed by the Secretary-General with due regard to equitable geographical distribution and in consultation with their Governments, to serve for a three-year term, to receive contributions and distribute, through established channels of assistance, humanitarian, legal and financial aid to persons whose human rights have been violated by detention or imprisonment in Chile, to those forced to leave the country and to relatives of persons in the above-mentioned categories;

"2. Adopts the arrangements for the management of the Fund set forth in the annex to the present resolution;

"3. Authorizes the Board of Trustees to promote and solicit contributions and pledges;

"4. Requests the Secretary-General to put into immediate effect the provisions of the present resolution and to give the Board of Trustees all the assistance it may require;

"5. Appeals to Member States to respond favourably to requests for contributions to the Fund.

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"ANNEX

"Arrangements for the management of the United Nations Trust Fund for Chile

"1. The Secretary-General shall apply the arrangements set forth below for the management of the United Nations Trust Fund for Chile.

"A. SOLICITATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PLEDGES AND COLLECTION OF CONTRIBUTIONS

"2. The Controller, in consultation with the Under-Secretary-General for Political and General Assembly Affairs and the Director of the Division of Human Rights and with the advice of the Board of Trustees of the Fund, shall determine the procedures for soliciting voluntary contributions to the Fund.

"3. Any prospective donor desiring to make a voluntary contribution to the Fund shall submit a written proposal to the Secretary-General. The request for acceptance should contain all relevant information including the amount of the proposed contribution, the currency and the timing of payments.

"4. The proposal, with the comments, *inter alia*, of the Under-Secretary-General for Political and General Assembly Affairs and the Director of the Division of Human Rights, shall be forwarded to the Controller, for determination that the proposal is acceptable under the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations, including the determination of whether or not any proposed gift or donation might directly or indirectly involve additional financial liability for the Organization. Before acceptance of any gift or donation involving such liability, the Controller shall request and obtain the approval of the General Assembly.

"5. The Controller shall acknowledge all pledges and shall determine the bank account or accounts in which contributions to the Fund should be deposited. He shall be responsible for collecting contributions and following up on payments of contributions pledged.

"6. The Controller may accept contributions in such currencies as he deems usable by the Fund or readily convertible into usable currencies.

"B. OPERATION AND CONTROL

"7. The Controller shall ensure that the operation and control of the Fund shall be in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations. He may delegate responsibility for the operation and administration of the Fund to the heads of departments or offices designated by the Secretary-General to execute activities financed by the Fund. Only officials so designated may authorize the execution of specific activities to be financed by the Fund.

"8. In respect of activities conducted by the United Nations, requests for allotments of funds shall be submitted to the Controller by the Director of the Division of Human Rights accompanied by such supporting information as the Controller may require. After review, allotments to provide for expenditures of the funds received shall be issued by the Director of the Budget Division, and certifying officers for the Fund shall be designated by the Controller in accordance with established procedures.

"9. The Controller shall be responsible for the reporting of the financial transactions of the Fund and shall issue quarterly statements of assets, liabilities and unencumbered Fund balance, income and expenditure.

⁴² See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 4 (E/1978/34)*, chap. XXVI.

"10. The Fund shall be audited by both the Internal Audit Service and the Board of Auditors, in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations.

"C. REPORTING

"11. An annual report showing funds available, pledges and payments received and the expenditures made from the Fund shall be prepared by the Controller and submitted to the General Assembly and, as appropriate, to the Commission on Human Rights."

1978/16. Rights of persons belonging to national, ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1418 (XLVI) of 6 June 1969 concerning the study of the protection of minorities,

Taking note of resolution 14 (XXIV) of 6 March 1978 of the Commission on Human Rights,⁴³ on the rights of persons belonging to national, ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities,

1. Expresses its appreciation to Francesco Capotorti, Special Rapporteur of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, for his valuable study on the question;⁴⁴

2. Requests the Secretary-General to arrange for the printing of the Special Rapporteur's study and to disseminate it as widely as possible.

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1978/17. Body of principles for the protection of all persons under any form of detention or imprisonment

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Being Subjected to Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, of 1975,⁴⁵ and Economic and Social Council resolution 1993 (LX) of 12 May 1976, by which the Council called upon all Governments fully to observe and implement the Declaration,

Recalling also General Assembly resolutions 3453 (XXX) of 9 December 1975, by which the Assembly requested the Commission on Human Rights to study, *inter alia*, the formulation of a body of principles for the protection of all persons under any form of detention or imprisonment, and 31/85 of 13 December 1976, by which the Assembly requested the Commission to submit a comprehensive report on the elaboration of the said body of principles to it at its thirty-third session,

Bearing in mind resolution 10 (XXXII) of 5 March 1976 of the Commission on Human Rights,⁴⁶ by which the Commission invited the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to draw up a draft body of principles,

Mindful of resolution 8 (XXXIII) of 4 March 1977 of the Commission on Human Rights,⁴⁷ by which the Commission requested the Sub-Commission to present to it at its thirty-fourth session a comprehensive report on the elaboration of the said body of principles,

⁴³ *Ibid.*

⁴⁴ E/CN.4/Sub.2/384 and Add.1-7.

⁴⁵ General Assembly resolution 3452 (XXX), annex.

⁴⁶ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/5768)*, chap. XX.

⁴⁷ *Ibid.*, *Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/5927)*, chap. XXI.

Noting that the Sub-Commission at its thirtieth session discussed a draft body of principles⁴⁸ prepared by the Special Rapporteur, Eric Nettel, and, in its resolution 8 (XXX),⁴⁹ recommended that the Commission should request the Council to authorize the Chairman of the Sub-Commission to appoint a working group of five of its members, to meet for not more than five working days prior to the thirty-first session of the Sub-Commission, to prepare a revised draft body of principles for consideration at that session,

1. Authorizes the Chairman of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to appoint a working group of five of its members to meet for not more than five working days prior to the thirty-first session of the Sub-Commission to prepare a revised draft body of principles for consideration at that session;

2. Requests the Sub-Commission to submit to the Commission on Human Rights at its thirty-fifth session a comprehensive report with a draft body of principles for the protection of all persons under any form of detention or imprisonment.

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1978/18. Question of a convention on the rights of the child

The Economic and Social Council,

Having in mind the fact that the General Assembly, by its resolution 31/169 of 21 December 1976, proclaimed the year 1979 International Year of the Child.

Bearing in mind that since the adoption by the General Assembly of the Declaration of the Rights of the Child⁵⁰ nineteen years have elapsed, during which period States Members of the United Nations have taken into account in the formulation of their socio-economic policies the principles of that Declaration,

Conscious of the need further to strengthen the comprehensive care and the well-being of children all over the world,

Aware of the special need to assist children in the developing countries in a manner consistent with the goals of the new international economic order,

Having in mind the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,⁵¹ in particular its articles 23 and 24, as well as the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,⁵² in particular its article 10,

Taking note of resolution 20 (XXIV) of 8 March 1978 of the Commission on Human Rights,⁵²

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the initiative taken by the Commission on Human Rights at its thirty-fourth session with a view to the conclusion of a convention on the rights of the child and to its adoption by the General Assembly, if possible during the International Year of the Child;

2. Recommends to the General Assembly that it should consider including in the agenda of its thirty-fourth session, as a priority matter, the question of the adoption of a convention on the rights of the child.

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⁴⁸ E/CN.4/Sub.2/395.

⁴⁹ See E/CN.4/1261, chap. XVII.

⁵⁰ General Assembly resolution 1386 (XIV).

⁵¹ General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

⁵² See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 4 (E/1978/34)*, chap. XXXVI.

1978/19. Further promotion and encouragement of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the question of the programme and methods of work of the Commission on Human Rights

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling Articles 1 and 2 of the Charter of the United Nations enumerating the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

Concerned at the lack of adequate resources currently allocated from the regular budget for the implementation of the human rights programmes,

Invites the General Assembly at its thirty-third session to consider taking appropriate action to increase, within the limits of available resources, the allocations to the budget of the human rights programme of the United Nations.

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1978/20. Reporting system on human rights

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling paragraph 7 of its resolution 1988 (LX) of 11 May 1976 by which it decided that States parties to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights⁵³ which submit reports under the Covenant need not submit reports on similar questions under the periodic reporting procedure established under Council resolution 1074 C (XXXIX) of 28 July 1965,

Noting that the States parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights⁵⁴ have undertaken, in accordance with article 40 of the Covenant, to submit reports to the Human Rights Committee on the measures they have adopted which give effect to the rights recognized therein and on the progress made in the enjoyment of those rights:

(a) Within one year of the entry into force of the Covenant for the States parties concerned,

(b) Thereafter whenever the Committee so requests,

Decides to exempt States parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights from submitting reports on similar questions under the periodic reporting procedure established under Council resolution 1074 C (XXXIX).

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1978/21. Allegations regarding infringements of trade union rights in South Africa

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its decision 237 (LXII) of 13 May 1977 by which it transmitted to the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts of the Commission on Human Rights, for consideration and report, the allegations regarding infringements of trade union rights in South Africa made by the International Textile, Garment and Leather Workers' Federation and the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions,⁵⁴

Having received with appreciation the report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts thereon,⁵⁵

1. Endorses the conclusions of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts of the Commission on Human Rights

that the repressive legislation adopted in South Africa and the practices pursued in accordance with this legislation are in flagrant contradiction with the international standards governing trade union rights and that South Africa has consistently and deliberately violated trade union freedoms;⁵⁶

2. *Condemns* the continued infringement of trade union rights and, in particular, the repression of African workers and their trade unions in South Africa and Namibia;

3. *Calls* for the immediate repeal of banning orders issued against African and other trade unionists and an end to the use of torture and cruel and inhuman treatment of those detained for their political and trade union activities;

4. *Demands* the immediate and unconditional recognition of all trade union rights of African workers in South Africa and Namibia;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to draw the attention of Member States to the conclusions of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts and the present resolution.

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1978/22. Measures to improve the situation and ensure the human rights and dignity of all migrant workers

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the terms of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights⁵⁷ and those of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,⁵⁸

Considering the Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975⁵⁹ and the Recommendation concerning Migrant Workers, 1975,⁶⁰ adopted by the General Conference of the International Labour Organisation,

Bearing in mind its resolution 2083 (LXII) of 13 May 1977,

Considering in particular General Assembly resolution 32/120 of 16 December 1977 by which the Assembly recommended that the Commission on Human Rights and the Economic and Social Council should consider the question of migrant workers fully and in depth at their next sessions, in collaboration with the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and other interested agencies of the United Nations system, on the basis of the instruments adopted and the documents and studies prepared by the United Nations and the specialized agencies, including the study on the exploitation of labour through illicit and clandestine trafficking⁶¹ and the report of the Seminar on the Human Rights of Migrant Workers, held at Tunis from 12 to 24 November 1975,⁶²

Having taken note of the work done by the Commission on Human Rights in this field at its thirty-fourth session,⁶³

⁵⁶ *Ibid.*, para. 85.

⁵⁷ General Assembly resolution 217 A (III).

⁵⁸ General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

⁵⁹ International Labour Office, *Official Bulletin*, vol. LVIII, 1975, Series A, No. 1, Convention No. 143.

⁶⁰ *Ibid.*, No. 1, Recommendation No. 151.

⁶¹ E/CN.4/Sub.2/L.640.

⁶² ST/TAO/HR/50.

⁶³ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 4 (E/1978/34)*, chap. XX.

⁵³ General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

⁵⁴ E/5930.

⁵⁵ E/1978/21.

1. *Stresses* the need to undertake the study recommended by the General Assembly in its resolution 32/120, on the basis of a consolidated report on the work done on the question by the interested agencies of the United Nations and by other intergovernmental bodies;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare such a report in conformity with the recommendation made by the Commission on Human Rights in its resolution 21 B (XXXIV) of 8 March 1978,⁶⁴ and to communicate it to Member States before December 1978 so that it may be brought to the attention of Governments;

3. *Decides* that a working group open to all States Members of the United Nations should meet at Geneva for not more than one week at the end of December 1978 to formulate specific proposals to be submitted to the Commission on Human Rights at its thirty-fifth session when it begins to consider fully and in depth the question of migrant workers, in the light of other appropriate recommendations which the General Assembly may transmit to it on this subject;

4. *Decides further* to include as a separate item in the agenda of its first regular session of 1979 a question entitled "Measures to improve the situation and ensure the human rights and dignity of all migrant workers" and to examine that question on the basis of the report to be submitted to it by the Commission on Human Rights and of the report to be submitted to it by the Commission on Social Development in accordance with Council resolution 1926 (LVIII) of 6 May 1975.

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1978/23. Draft general principles on equality and non-discrimination in respect of persons born out of wedlock

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its decision 234 (LXII) of 13 May 1977 by which it decided to transmit the draft general principles on equality and non-discrimination in respect of persons born out of wedlock⁶⁵ to Governments for comments and to consider further those principles at its first regular session of 1978, with a view to their approval,

Taking note of the comments received from a number of Governments,⁶⁶

1. *Requests* Governments which have not yet done so to submit to the Secretary-General as soon as possible their comments and observations concerning the draft general principles on equality and non-discrimination in respect of persons born out of wedlock;

2. *Decides* to consider those general principles at its first regular session of 1979, with a view to their possible approval.

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1978/24. Question of the violation of human rights in the occupied Arab territories, including Palestine

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Commission on Human Rights on its thirty-fourth session,⁶⁷

⁶⁴ *Ibid.*, chap. XXVI.

⁶⁵ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/5927)*, para. 212.

⁶⁶ E/1978/14 and Add.1-6.

⁶⁷ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 4 (E/1978/34)*.

Taking note of the decisions of the Commission concerning the violation by Israel of human rights in the occupied Arab territories,

1. *Commends* the Commission on Human Rights for its vigilance and its decisions for the protection of human rights in the occupied Arab territories, including Palestine;⁶⁸

2. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to pursue its efforts for the protection of human rights in the occupied Arab territories, including Palestine, and to continue to take the appropriate measures in this respect.

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1978/25. International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1998 (LX) of 12 May 1976, by which it decided to create an International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women,

Recalling further that, by its resolution 31/135 of 16 December 1976, the General Assembly accepted the offer of the Government of Iran to have the Institute established in that country and that by its resolution 32/137 of 16 December 1977 it requested the Secretary-General to submit a report to the Council on the establishment of the Institute,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Secretary-General on progress achieved towards the establishment of an International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women;⁶⁹

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue actively the necessary consultations for the establishment of the Institute and to complete as soon as possible the draft document requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 32/137 in the light of those consultations and the discussions in the Second (Social) Committee of the Council at its first regular session of 1978;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to proceed with the appointment of the Director of the Institute and the members of the Board of Trustees as soon as the agreement with the host country is signed;

4. *Decides* that, as soon as the Director and the members of the Board of Trustees are appointed, the Institute should start functioning as an autonomous body under the auspices of the United Nations and financed from voluntary contributions;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to draw the attention of Governments to General Assembly resolution 32/139 of 16 December 1977, in which the Secretary-General was requested to convene during the thirty-third session of the General Assembly a pledging conference for voluntary contributions for the purpose of financing, *inter alia*, the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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⁶⁸ *Ibid.*, chap. II.

⁶⁹ E/1978/30.

1978/26. National machinery for monitoring the implementation of the Programme for the United Nations Decade for Women

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling that in paragraph 68 of the text of the mid-term review and appraisal of progress in the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, contained in General Assembly resolution 3517 (XXX), of 15 December 1975, it is stated that all States and competent organizations should give priority to the implementation of the recommendations of the World Conference of the International Women's Year⁷⁰ in the formulation of their economic and social policies,

Recalling also that the General Assembly in its resolution 3524 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, recommended that all organs of the United Nations development system and other international technical and financial assistance programmes and agencies should give sustained attention to the integration of women in the formulation, design and implementation of development projects and programmes,

Recalling further that in paragraph 34 of the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year⁷¹ it is stated, *inter alia*, that the establishment of machinery at the national governmental level, with adequate staff and budget, can be an effective transitional measure for accelerating the achievement of equal opportunity for women and their full integration in national life,

Noting that the General Assembly in its resolution 31/136 of 16 December, recommended that Governments should establish, where appropriate, such machinery as bureaux and commissions, in order to ensure the effective implementation and evaluation of the World Plan of Action and of the Programme for the United Nations Decade for Women⁷² within the framework of national development plans and regional policies,

Considering the sustained attention which the Commission on the Status of Women has given to the need for national machinery; the support given to the Commission by the specialized agencies, in co-operation with national Governments, in the promotion of equality of opportunity and treatment for working women; the implementation of recommendations, conventions and other measures relating to participation, utilization and integration of women in the economic and social life of Member States,

Bearing in mind that many countries have established national machinery and the important role which it will play in providing assistance to the regional commissions, the international and regional centres for women, the agencies of the United Nations system, national Governments and others, responsible for framing policies and decisions essential to development,

1. Welcomes the measures taken by Member States to establish machinery at the national governmental level to monitor the integration of women in development and to participate in measures for policy making and decision making in favour of women;

2. Encourages Member States to take all necessary steps to strengthen such national machinery as bureaux

⁷⁰ See *Report of the World Conference of the International Women's Year* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.1).

⁷¹ *Ibid.*, chap. II, sect. A.

⁷² *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/5909), annex V.*

for women, commissions and other organs established at the national governmental level, and to ensure that the opinions and recommendations of such bodies shall be an integral part of development planning and the implementation of development programmes and projects;

3. Urges Member States which have not yet taken the aforementioned steps to do so, bearing in mind the advantages of such machinery for the development of all the human resources of the country and more substantial progress in development;

4. Recommends that the national machinery should have adequate authority and resources to ensure that women shall be included in development planning and other activities and to propose, if necessary, special programmes for women;

5. Envisages the need for national machinery to guarantee that women shall benefit from technical assistance programmes and projects and that such assistance shall relate to the specific requirements of women;

6. Recommends that the national machinery should be informed and consulted in all spheres concerning women, especially with regard to the responses which Member States are called upon to furnish to requests from the Secretary-General for information about the implementation of programmes for the United Nations Decade for Women and the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year;

7. Emphasizes the need for such national machinery for co-operation and the co-ordination of the programmes of regional training and research institutes and regional centres for women, to ensure favourable relations with Governments, non-governmental organizations actively promoting the status of women, and women in the rural and urban sectors, and to strengthen co-operation between men and women in the attainment of development objectives and goals;

8. Requests that that national machinery should give particular attention to a review and evaluation of progress at the national level in the programmes for the Decade and should identify the obstacles which have prevented the attainment of the national objectives and goals pursued by the national machinery on behalf of women.

*15th plenary meeting
5 May 1978*

1978/27. Institutions responsible for implementing the World Plan of Action within the framework of the United Nations Decade for Women

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 2542 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969, containing the Declaration on Social Progress and Development, in which the Assembly encouraged the full integration of women in development,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 3010 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972, by which the Assembly proclaimed the year 1975 International Women's Year,

Recalling further the resolution⁷³ adopted by the World Conference of the International Women's Year, held at Mexico City in 1975, concerning research and training for the advancement of women, and taking ac-

⁷³ See *Report of the World Conference of the International Women's Year* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.1), chap. III.

count of the special difficulties encountered by the regional research and training centres for women as a result of the lack of regular financing,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3520 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, in which it emphasized the importance of regular reviews and appraisals of the progress made in meeting the goals of the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year,⁷⁴

Taking account of the efforts made by the regional commissions to promote programmes, and aware of the scope of the programmes undertaken and the limitations imposed on the regional commissions by the lack of sufficient funds and staff,

1. *Requests* the General Assembly to take all appropriate measures to identify regular budget resources in conformity with Assembly resolutions 3534 (XXX) of 17 December 1975, 31/93 of 14 December 1976 and 32/201 of 21 December 1977 in order to provide the regional commissions and the centres for women, from the regular budget of the United Nations, with the financial resources and personnel necessary to enable them to undertake the implementation of the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year;

2. *Invites* Governments, the specialized agencies, other United Nations organs and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned to coordinate their activities for the integration of women in development with those of the regional commissions;

3. *Recommends* that the General Assembly should take appropriate measures to provide for the financial resources and personnel necessary for the regional research and training centres for women from the regular budget of the United Nations.

*15th plenary meeting
5 May 1978*

1978/28. Rationalization of the reporting systems on the status of women

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the existing biennial reporting system on the implementation of the Declaration on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women⁷⁵ and related instruments established under Council resolutions 1325 (XLIV) of 31 May 1968 and 1677 (LII) of 2 June 1972,

Recalling also that, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 3490 (XXX) of 12 December 1975 entitled "Implementation of the World Plan of Action adopted by the World Conference of the International Women's Year" and with Assembly resolution 3520 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, reporting procedures have been established and are being carried out for biennial system-wide reviews and appraisals of the implementation of the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year⁷⁶ and of progress made under the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,⁷⁷

Recognizing the importance of such reports for the review of the progress achieved in the promotion of the full equality of women with men in all spheres of life,

⁷⁴ *Ibid.*, chap. II, sect. A.

⁷⁵ General Assembly resolution 2263 (XXII).

⁷⁶ See *Report of the World Conference of the International Women's Year* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.1), chap. II, sect. A.

⁷⁷ General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV).

Noting with concern that the responses received to the requests for information on the basis of the aforementioned resolutions have been insufficient in number and also often overlap in their coverage, as shown in the reports submitted to the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-seventh session,⁷⁸

Underlining the desirability for all Member States to submit such reports,

Bearing in mind the burden placed upon Governments when complying separately with the requests in the aforementioned resolutions,

Convinced that there is a need for rationalization of the reporting systems referred to in the first and second preambular paragraphs above,

1. *Recommends* to the General Assembly the integration of the reporting systems outlined in the aforementioned resolutions into a single system;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to review, in order, if possible, to simplify them, the contents of the questionnaires forwarded to Member States, United Nations agencies and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, in the context of the integrated reporting system, paying particular attention to regional requirements by selecting evaluation criteria which take account of regional disparities;

3. *Urges* Member States, when preparing their reports, to make use of national machinery established to promote the advancement of women and of the views of the appropriate national non-governmental organizations;

4. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in compiling the replies, to provide an analytical report on progress achieved in the improvement of the status of women, as well as on obstacles encountered and policies for future action including, if possible, comparative surveys on developments within each region;

5. *Urges* the General Assembly to review periodically the new reporting system in the light of further developments.

*15th plenary meeting
5 May 1978*

1978/29. Question of elaborating a draft declaration on the participation of women in the struggle for the strengthening of international peace and security and against colonialism, racism, racial discrimination, foreign aggression and occupation and all forms of foreign domination

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 32/142 of 16 December 1977, in which the Assembly requested the Commission on the Status of Women to consider, as a contribution to the preparation of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, to be held in 1980, the elaboration of a draft declaration on the participation of women in the struggle for the strengthening of international peace and security and against colonialism, racism, racial discrimination, foreign aggression and occupation and all forms of foreign domination and to report thereon to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1978,

Expressing the hope that the Commission on the Status of Women will make every effort to consider

⁷⁸ A/32/216 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and 2; E/CN.6/611.

elaborating the draft declaration at its twenty-eighth session,

1. *Invites* all Governments, the specialized agencies and other international intergovernmental organizations, as well as concerned non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council, to transmit to the Secretary-General their views and/or proposals concerning the nature and content of a draft declaration on the participation of women in the struggle for the strengthening of international peace and security and against colonialism, racism, racial discrimination, foreign aggression and occupation and all forms of foreign domination;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit the views and/or proposals received to the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-eighth session;

3. *Requests* the Commission on the Status of Women to consider at its twenty-eighth session, in the light of those views and/or proposals, the question of elaborating a draft declaration, with a view to submitting it to the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women.

*15th plenary meeting
5 May 1978*

1978/30. Provisional agenda for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3520 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, by which the Assembly proclaimed the period from 1976 to 1985 United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, to be devoted to effective and sustained national, regional and international action to implement the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year⁷⁹ and related resolutions⁸⁰ of the World Conference of the International Women's Year held at Mexico City from 19 June to 2 July 1975,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 32/140 of 16 December 1977 and other Assembly resolutions, as well as Economic and Social Council resolution 2062 (LXII) of 12 May 1977,

Mindful that the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, to be held in 1980, should be an important step towards the attainment of the three objectives of the Decade: equality, development and peace, which are inseparably linked,

1. *Recommends* that the provisional agenda for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women should be so drawn up as to include the following substantive items:

(a) Review and evaluation of the progress made in attaining the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, in the period from 1976 to 1980, at the national, regional and international levels, as was recommended by the World Conference of the International Women's Year;

(b) Programme of action for the second half of the United Nations Decade for Women, 1980 to 1985;

2. *Recommends* that the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for

Women, provided for in Council resolution 2062 (LXII), should take the foregoing into consideration in drawing up recommendations on the preparations for the Conference.

*15th plenary meeting
5 May 1978*

1978/31. World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 2062 (LXII) of 12 May 1977,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 32/140 of 16 December 1977,

Convinced that the role of the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women will be central to the further preparation of the Conference, which the General Assembly, in its resolution 3520 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, decided to convene in 1980,

1. *Requests* the President of the Council to nominate, after consultation with regional groups, twenty-three members of the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women,⁸¹ on the basis of equitable geographical distribution and taking into account the experience and the expertise of members of the Commission on the Status of Women and of other Member States, and decides that the Committee will meet from 19 to 30 June 1978;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to propose to the General Assembly the appropriate personnel and financial resources for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, in the light of the proposals of the Preparatory Committee.

*15th plenary meeting
5 May 1978*

1978/32. Subtheme of "Employment, Health and Education" for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 3520 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, 32/138 and 32/140 of 16 December 1977, and its own resolutions 1999 (LX) of 12 May 1976 and 2062 (LXII) of 12 May 1977,

Bearing in mind that the three areas of employment, health and education are of primary concern to Member States today in their endeavours to achieve the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

Considering that the goals of equality and development can best be achieved in conditions of international peace,

Aware of the need to draw up an action-oriented agenda for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, to be held in 1980,

1. *Recommends* the subtheme "Employment, Health and Education" for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, whose over-all objective will continue to be the review and evaluation of the progress made in the first half of the Decade, and to recommend necessary changes and readjustments for the second half of the Decade, in order to attain equality, development and peace:

⁸¹ For the membership of the Preparatory Committee, see decision 1978/37 below.

⁷⁹ See *Report of the World Conference of the International Women's Year* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.1), chap. II, sect. A.

⁸⁰ *Ibid.*, chap. III.

2. *Recommends also* that the World Conference should place emphasis on elaborating new strategies for integrating women into the developmental process, particularly by promoting economic and employment opportunities on an equal footing with men through, *inter alia*, the provision of adequate health and educational facilities, and that the preparatory work for the Conference should be carried out accordingly;

3. *Recognizes* that both the contents of and the projects related to each of the three above-mentioned areas of concern would differ from country to country;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to circulate the present resolution, together with the list of topics suggested in its annex, to all Member States;

5. *Invites* Member States to submit to regional preparatory meetings and seminars which might be held in 1979, and/or to the World Conference itself, reports on national experience which would include, *inter alia*, specific information on projects related to the topics suggested in the annex to the present resolution, or on other projects connected with the fields of employment, health and education;

6. *Recognizes* the great importance of such information for Member States in planning their own strategies in these three closely related fields of endeavour;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the World Conference an analysis of the material in the above-mentioned reports of Member States, paying particular attention to listing and describing their projects in the three fields mentioned above;

8. *Recommends* that regional commissions, in convening seminars and meetings within the framework of Council resolution 2062 (LXII), should devote some of those regional and subregional meetings to practical and country-oriented topics, and that the reports of those meetings should be submitted to the World Conference;

9. *Requests* the specialized agencies, especially the International Labour Organisation, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the United Nations Children's Fund, to prepare, with the cooperation of the regional commissions, region-wide reports for the World Conference, in particular evaluating progress in substantive areas and programmes for which they have special competence and responsibilities.

*15th plenary meeting
5 May 1978*

ANNEX

Suggested topics for comment and information

Member States are invited to select those topics on which they have particular projects, as well as to give information on any other projects falling under the three broad areas of employment, health and education.

Employment

1. Training in technological methods of farming
2. Training schemes, both elementary and advanced, for women employed in industry
3. Vocational training
4. Social support services to enable parents to combine employment and home care
5. Income-generating projects for women living in urban slums or in rural or backward areas
6. Promotion of and training in income-raising group activities for women living in rural areas and in urban slums

7. Legal aid programmes

Health

8. Basic services for women and children
9. Promotion of education in the fields of health, nutrition and family-planning

Education

10. Programmes to achieve functional literacy
11. Accelerated courses of education
12. Programmes to make both formal and non-formal education available to girls and women
13. Promotion of education relevant to the needs of developing economies

1978/33. Effects of apartheid on the status of women

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 32/105 B of 14 December 1977, by which the Assembly proclaimed the year 1978 International Anti-Apartheid Year,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the effects of apartheid on the status of women in South Africa, Namibia and Southern Rhodesia,⁸²

Seriously concerned about the inhuman conditions to which the oppressed peoples of southern Africa, including women, are subjected,

Aware that women in southern Africa are perpetually deprived of their fundamental rights because of the illegal, arbitrary and racist apartheid system,

Noting with deep concern the fate of Mrs. Winnie Mandela and others who are at present on trial in South Africa,

Vigorously condemning the activities and practices of the transnational corporations in southern Africa, which are incompatible with United Nations resolutions,

Noting with appreciation the contribution so far made by Member States and by intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to the United Nations assistance programmes for southern Africa—the United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa, the United Nations Institute for Namibia and the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa.

Expressing its concern, however, at the fact that the assistance received to date falls short of the needs of women,

1. *Condemns* most categorically the criminal practice of apartheid and racial discrimination, which keeps the women of South Africa, Namibia and Southern Rhodesia in inhuman conditions;

2. *Urges* all Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and specialized agencies to take the necessary measures with a view to completely isolating the racist régimes of southern Africa;

3. *Urges* all Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, the United Nations and the specialized agencies to contribute generously to the United Nations assistance programmes for southern Africa, through financial support and other assistance;

4. *Recommends* to the Consultative Committee on the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women that it take the necessary steps to ensure that resources from the Voluntary Fund are used to provide legal aid to women in southern Africa;

5. *Appeals* to Member States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and specialized

⁸² E/CN.6/619.

agencies to grant training scholarships to the women of southern Africa;

6. *Decides*, in accordance with paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 3280 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974, to invite women from the liberation movements of southern Africa recognized by the Organization of African Unity to participate as observers in the future sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women and meetings of the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, to be held in 1980;

7. *Recommends* to the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference that it include in the agenda of the Conference the item entitled "Effects of *apartheid* on women in southern Africa";

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to have the competent United Nations organs and specialized agencies collect and disseminate information on the status of the women victimized by *apartheid*;

9. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission on the Status of Women, on the basis of studies already made on the question of transnational corporations, a report on the detrimental effects of the objectives of transnational corporations and their discriminatory employment practices on the status of women in southern Africa;

10. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the Economic Commission for Africa, to have appropriate training programmes organized for the women of southern Africa.

*15th plenary meeting
5 May 1978*

1978/34. Women in development and international conferences

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of resolution 5 (XXVII) of 5 April 1978 of the Commission on the Status of Women,⁸³ in which the Commission recalled previous resolutions on the integration of women in development,

Bearing in mind the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, the International Conference on Primary Health Care, the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development and the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development, scheduled for 1978 and 1979,

1. *Calls upon* all Governments to ensure:

(a) That women shall be involved in the planning stages of international conferences and included in the governmental delegations attending the above-mentioned conferences;

(b) That the topic of women and development shall be included in the substantive discussions of the conferences and, where appropriate, considered as a separate agenda item;

(c) That national and regional forums and activities related to women and development shall be organized to provide an important input for consideration at the above-mentioned conferences, in connexion with which the participation of both governmental and non-governmental organizations is recommended for the development of national and/or regional guidelines and programmes of action;

⁸³ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 2 (E/1978/32/Rev.1)*, chap. IX.

2. *Suggests* that the recommendations related to women and development emerging from the above-mentioned conferences should be made available to the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-eighth session and to the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, to be held in Iran in 1980;

3. *Recommends* to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations that at the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development, to be held in 1979, a programme of action for rural women in agrarian reform and rural development should be developed and adopted;

4. *Invites* the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the World Health Organization to report at each session of the Commission on the Status of Women on their activities related to women and development.

*15th plenary meeting
5 May 1978*

1978/35. Reinforcing the social development sector within the United Nations

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling 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,

Recalling also its resolution 2079 (LXII) of 13 May 1977,

Recalling further its decision 273 (LXIII) of 4 August 1977 and its resolution 1978/1 of 12 January 1978,

1. *Requests* the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, at its eighteenth session, in evaluating the social development and humanitarian programme of the United Nations, to study the effectiveness of social development activities and report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session, through the Economic and Social Council, bearing in mind particularly the need to co-ordinate better the social and other development activities within the United Nations;

2. *Also requests*, in this context, the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to recommend for the consideration of the General Assembly at its thirty-third session, through the Economic and Social Council, measures for achieving better co-ordination between social and other development activities within the United Nations;

3. *Further requests* the Committee for Development Planning, in elaborating recommendations on preparations for the new international development strategy, to pay particular attention to, *inter alia*, the social development input, taking fully into account the relevant policy recommendations of the General Assembly;

4. *Recommends* to the General Assembly that it consider at its thirty-third session the reports requested above in a consolidated manner;

5. *Decides* to review, at its organizational session for 1979, the terms of reference of the *ad hoc* working group to be established under its resolution 2079 (LXII), in the light of the conclusions of the General Assembly on this matter at its thirty-third session and in the light of relevant decisions on a new international development strategy, with a view to considering the report of the working group in 1979.

*16th plenary meeting
8 May 1978*

DECISIONS

1978/6. Change in the closing date of the first regular session, 1978

At its 5th plenary meeting, on 11 April 1978, the Council decided to close its first regular session of 1978 on 5 May instead of 12 May in order that the Committee Established under General Assembly Resolution 32/174 might meet from 3 to 12 May 1978.

1978/7. Standardization of geographical names

At its 5th plenary meeting, on 11 April 1978, the Council decided:

(a) To take note of the report of the Secretary-General on the Third United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names;⁸⁴

(b) To accept with appreciation the invitation of the Government of Iran to act as host to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names during the first half of 1982, bearing in mind the programme budget implications of holding such a conference⁸⁵ and the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution 31/140 of 17 December 1976;

(c) To request the Secretary-General to take, when appropriate, practical measures for the implementation of the recommendations of the Third United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names.

1978/8. Statute of the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning

At its 7th plenary meeting, on 21 April 1978, the Council decided to transmit the statute of the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning to the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa at its fourteenth session, for consideration and revision, in accordance with the request of the General Assembly in its decision 32/428 B of 21 December 1977.

1978/9. Preparation of documentation to facilitate the work of the sessional working group on the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

At its 12th plenary meeting, on 3 May 1978, the Council decided, in order to facilitate the work of the sessional working group on the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, to request the Secretary-General to prepare an analytical summary, based on the general guidelines drawn up pursuant to the procedure established by the Council for the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, of the reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant. Such an analytical summary is to be submitted to the Council in connexion with its consideration of reports at each stage of the reporting programme outlined in Council resolution 1988 (LX) of 11 May 1976. The Council also decided that the sessional working group should be provided with summary records of its proceedings.

⁸⁴ E/1978/17 and Corr.1.

⁸⁵ E/1978/17/Add.1.

1978/10. Composition of the sessional working group on the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

At its 12th plenary meeting, on 3 May 1978, the Council decided:

(a) To establish, for the purpose of assisting the Council in the consideration of reports submitted by States parties to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in accordance with Council resolution 1988 (LX), a sessional working group on the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, composed of 15 members of the Council which are also States parties to the Covenant: 3 members from African States, 3 members from Asian States, 3 members from Eastern European States, 3 members from Latin American States and 3 members from Western European and other States;

(b) To invite the President of the Council, after due consultations with the regional groups, to appoint the members of the working group in accordance with paragraph (a) above;

(c) To invite the following to participate in the proceedings of the working group as observers:

(i) Other members of the Council;

(ii) States parties to the Covenant which are not members of the Council;

(iii) Member States which express interest in the deliberations of the working group;

(iv) Representatives of the specialized agencies concerned, when matters falling within their respective fields of competence are considered;

(d) To request the working group to prepare for the consideration of the Council recommendations on its methods of work in connexion with the reports of States parties to the Covenant;

(e) To review the present decision at its first regular session of 1981, taking into account the principle of equitable geographical distribution and the increase in the number of States parties to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

1978/11. Implementation of the conclusions and recommendations contained in section II of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 entitled "Restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system"

At its 14th plenary meeting, on 4 May 1978, the Council decided:

(a) To entrust the Chairman of the First (Economic) Committee with the preparation of a working paper on the implementation of the conclusions and recommendations contained in section II of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197, of 20 December 1977, taking into account the views expressed by delegations at the first regular session of 1978;

(b) To recommend that the Chairman of the First (Economic) Committee should convene, in consultation with the Secretariat with a view to arranging for the necessary meeting facilities, informal intersessional meetings to consider the above-mentioned working paper before the second regular session of 1978.

1978/12. Reports prepared pursuant to General Assembly resolution 32/197 entitled "Restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system"

At its 14th plenary meeting, on 4 May 1978, the Council decided:

(a) To take note of the progress report of the Secretary-General entitled "Implementation of the conclusions and recommendations annexed to General Assembly resolution 32/197";⁸⁶

(b) To consider at its second regular session of 1978 the detailed report called for in paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 32/197.

1978/13. Reports brought to the attention of the Council, entitled "International Co-operation in cartography" and "Issues relating to world food trade"

At its 14th plenary meeting, on 4 May 1978, the Council took note of:

(a) The progress report of the Secretary-General entitled "International co-operation in cartography: measures taken to implement, as appropriate, the recommendations of the First United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas";⁸⁷

(b) The report of the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development entitled "Issues relating to world food trade"⁸⁸ and to transmit it to the World Food Council at its fourth session.

1978/14. Progress report on tax treaties between developed and developing countries

At its 16th plenary meeting, on 8 May 1978, the Council decided:

(a) To take note of the report of the Secretary-General⁸⁹ on the results of the Seventh Meeting of the Group of Experts on Tax Treaties between Developed and Developing Countries;

(b) To recommend to the General Assembly that it should urge Member States to consider elaborating appropriate policies for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of tax evasion, including bilateral tax treaties;

(c) To request the Group of Experts to complete its consideration of a draft model bilateral convention at its Eighth Meeting in 1979, welcoming the Secretary-General's recommendation contained in paragraph 15 of his report;

(d) To endorse the recommendations of the Secretary-General contained in paragraphs 17 and 18 of his report, regarding the "Manual for the negotiation of tax treaties between developed and developing countries";

(e) To request the Secretary-General to provide to the Council in 1980, together with the documents referred to in paragraphs (c) and (d) above, further information as to how he would propose to implement the recommendation, contained in paragraph 19 of his report, regarding the suggested programme of subregional, regional or interregional co-operation in this field.

⁸⁶ E/1978/28.

⁸⁷ E/1978/18.

⁸⁸ See E/1978/37.

⁸⁹ E/1978/36.

1978/15. Classification and reclassification of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council

At its 15th plenary meeting, on 5 May 1978, the Council decided:

(a) To reclassify the following non-governmental organization from category II to category I:

International Federation of Business and Professional Women

(b) To reclassify the following three non-governmental organizations from the Roster to category II:

Council of European and Japanese National Ship-owners' Associations (CENSA)

Experiment in International Living

International Federation on Ageing

(c) To maintain the following two organizations in their current status:

World Women's Christian Temperance Union (category II)

International Association of Gerontology (Roster)

(d) To place the following three non-governmental organizations in consultative status, category II:

Catholic Relief Services—United States Catholic Conference, Inc.

Democratic Youth Community of Europe

International Union of Latin Notariat

(e) To place the following seven non-governmental organizations on the Roster:

Altrusa International, Inc.

Federation of European Manufacturers of Friction Materials

International Association for the Defence of Religious Liberty

International Association of Airport and Seaport Police

International Iron and Steel Institute

International Press Institute (IPI)

International Research Institute for Immigration and Emigration Policies

(f) To confer no status on the following non-governmental organization:

Human Rights International.

1978/16. Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status, categories I and II, with the Economic and Social Council

At its 15th plenary meeting, on 5 May 1978, the Council decided:

(a) To note that 195 non-governmental organizations in consultative status, categories I and II, with the Council had submitted quadrennial reports on their activities in compliance with Council resolutions 1296 (XLIV) of 23 May 1968 and 1919 (LVIII) of 5 May 1975 and Council decisions 227 (LXII) of 13 May 1977 and 278 (LXIII) of 4 August 1977; those reports had been requested by the Council for the purpose of determining the extent to which those organizations had complied with the principles governing their consultative status and how their activities had contributed towards the work of the United Nations;

(b) To express its appreciation for the valuable work being done by many non-governmental organizations in the promotion of its objectives;

(c) To note the concerns expressed in the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations that some non-governmental organizations had not complied totally with the principles governing their consultative status;

(d) To urge non-governmental organizations to abide by the provisions set forth in Council resolution 1296 (XLIV); and to appeal to the non-governmental organizations in the spirit of the Charter of the United Nations, taking into consideration United Nations resolutions, to support the work of the United Nations and to promote knowledge of its principles and activities, in accordance with their own aims and purposes;

(e) To appeal to non-governmental organizations to exercise particular care in the selection of their representatives to United Nations bodies;

(f) That the organizations listed below which had not submitted reports under Council decision 227 (LXII) and which failed to do so by 15 May 1978, as requested by the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations at its session held from 16 to 27 January 1978,⁹⁰ would be subject to sanctions, in accordance with paragraphs 35 and 36 of Council resolution 1296 (XLIV), to be determined by the Council at its second regular session of 1978 upon the recommendation of the Committee:

Afro-Asian Organization for Economic Co-operation
Anti-Apartheid Movement
Association for the Study of the World Refugee Problem
Centre for Latin American Monetary Studies
Federation of Arab Economists
Inter-American Council of Commerce and Production
International Association for the Promotion and Protection of Private Foreign Investments
International Association of Educators for World Peace
International Union of Producers and Distributors of Electrical Energy
United Kingdom Standing Conference on the Second United Nations Development Decade

(g) To request the following organizations to provide additional information within six months as requested by the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, since their reports did not contain the necessary information for a valid assessment:

Catholic International Union for Social Service
Inter-American Press Association
International Abolitionist Federation
International Association Against Painful Experiments on Animals
International Institute of Public Finance
International Society of Social Defence
International Union for Inland Navigation (IUN)
Movement for Colonial Freedom
Organization for International Economic Relations (IER)
Rotary International
World Federation for the Protection of Animals

(h) To request the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to consider at its regular session in 1979 the reports submitted in accordance with paragraphs (f)

and (g) above, together with the reports of the organizations listed below which were received too late for consideration by the Committee at its session held from 16 to 27 January 1978, and to report to the Council at its first regular session of 1979:

European Insurance Committee
International Council of Social Democratic Women
International Union of Railways
Socialist International
Universal Federation of Travel Agents' Associations
War Resisters International
World Energy Conference
World Movement of Mothers.

1978/17. Distribution of income: trends and policies

At its 15th plenary meeting, on 5 May 1978, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Distribution of income: trends and policies"⁹¹ and decided to include it in the documentation for item 3 of the agenda of its second regular session of 1978 (General discussion of international economic and social policy, including regional and sectoral developments), together with the comments made during the discussion of item 12 of the agenda of the first regular session of 1978 (Social development questions).⁹²

1978/18. United Nations Volunteers programme

At its 15th plenary meeting, on 5 May 1978, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "United Nations Volunteers programme".⁹³

1978/19. National experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress

At its 15th plenary meeting, on 5 May 1978, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on national experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress.⁹⁴

1978/20. Further promotion and encouragement of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the question of the programme and methods of work of the Commission on Human Rights; alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

At its 15th plenary meeting, on 5 May 1978, the Council, taking note of resolution 26 (XXXIV) of 8 March 1978 of the Commission on Human Rights,⁹⁵ authorized the establishment of an open-ended working group of the Commission, which would meet for one week immediately before the Commission's thirty-fifth session to continue the consideration of matters mentioned in Commission decision 4 (XXXIII) of 21 February 1977, as well as those referred to the Commission by the General Assembly in its resolution 32/130 of

⁹¹ E/1978/29.

⁹² See E/1978/C.2/SR.3-7 and 9 and E/1978/C.2/SR.1-23/Corrigendum.

⁹³ A/32/205.

⁹⁴ E/1978/19 and Add.1.

⁹⁵ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 4 (E/1978/34)*, chap. XXVI.

⁹⁰ See E/1978/13, chap. I.

16 December 1977, and decided to request the Secretary-General to bring to the attention of the General Assembly Commission resolution 26 (XXXIV) and the relevant chapter of the Commission's report⁹⁶ in pursuance of Assembly resolution 32/130.

1978/21. Election of members of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities

At its 15th plenary meeting, on 5 May 1978, the Council took note of decision 10 (XXXIV) of 24 February 1978 of the Commission on Human Rights⁹⁷ and decided that the twelve seats allocated to African and Asian States in the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities referred to in paragraph 2 of Council resolution 1334 (XLIV) of 31 May 1968 should be subdivided as follows:

African States: seven seats

Asian States: five seats.

1978/22. Adverse consequences for the enjoyment of human rights of political, military, economic and other forms of assistance given to colonial and racist régimes in southern Africa

At its 15th plenary meeting, on 5 May 1978, the Council approved:

(a) The recommendation made by the Commission on Human Rights in paragraph 4 of its resolution 6 (XXXIV)⁹⁷ that the Special Rapporteur of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities for the study on the adverse consequences for the enjoyment of human rights of political, military, economic and other forms of assistance given to colonial and racist régimes in southern Africa should be invited to present his report⁹⁸ to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session and to attend the meetings of the Assembly at which it is discussed;

(b) The recommendation made by the Commission on Human Rights in paragraph 3 of its resolution 6 (XXXIV) that the report of the Special Rapporteur for the study on the adverse consequences for the enjoyment of human rights of political, military, economic and other forms of assistance given to colonial and racist régimes in southern Africa should be printed in its final form and given wide distribution.

1978/23. Study of reported violations of human rights in Chile, with particular reference to torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment

At its 15th plenary meeting, on 5 May 1978, the Council approved the decision taken by the Commission on Human Rights in its resolution 12 (XXXIV) of 6 March 1978,⁹⁷ in response to General Assembly resolution 32/118 of 16 December 1977, to extend the mandate of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group on the Situation of Human Rights in Chile, within the terms of the Commission resolution, and decided to request the Assembly to make arrangements for the provision of adequate financial resources and staff for the implementation of that resolution.

⁹⁶ *Ibid.*, chap. IX.

⁹⁷ *Ibid.*, chap. XXVI.

⁹⁸ E/CN.4/Sub.2/383/Rev.1.

1978/24. Draft convention on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment

At its 15th plenary meeting, on 5 May 1978, the Council approved the recommendation made by the Commission on Human Rights in paragraph 2 of its resolution 18 (XXXIV) of 7 March 1978⁹⁷ that it should authorize a working group open to all members of the Commission to meet for one week immediately before the thirty-fifth session of the Commission with the task of preparing concrete drafting proposals for a draft convention on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment. The Council also decided to request the Secretary-General to transmit to the General Assembly, at its thirty-third session, resolution 18 (XXXIV), together with the relevant chapter of the Commission's report,⁹⁹ as requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 32/62 of 8 December 1977.

1978/25. Organization of a symposium in southern Africa

At its 15th plenary meeting, on 5 May 1978, the Council approved the decision taken by the Commission on Human Rights, in its decision 2 (XXXIV) of 22 February 1978,¹⁰⁰ to hold the symposium described therein in July 1978.

1978/26. Study of situations which reveal a consistent pattern of gross violations of human rights as provided in Commission on Human Rights resolution 8 (XXIII) and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1235 (XLII) and 1503 (XLVIII)

At its 15th plenary meeting, on 5 May 1978, the Council approved the decision taken by the Commission on Human Rights in its decision 4 (XXXIV) of 3 March 1978¹⁰⁰ to set up a working group composed of five of its members to meet for one week prior to the thirty-fifth session of the Commission to examine such particular situations as may be referred to it by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities at its thirty-first session under Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII) of 27 May 1970 and those situations which the Commission has decided to keep under review.

1978/27. Enlargement of the Commission on Human Rights

At its 15th plenary meeting, on 5 May 1978, the Council decided to defer until its first regular session of 1979 consideration of the draft resolution entitled "Enlargement of the Commission on Human Rights".¹⁰¹

1978/28. Report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts of the Commission on Human Rights on allegations regarding infringements of trade union rights in the Republic of South Africa

At its 15th plenary meeting, on 5 May 1978, the Council, recalling its decision 236 (LXII) of 13 May 1977 concerning allegations regarding infringements of trade union rights in the Republic of South Africa, took note with appreciation of the report of the *Ad Hoc*

⁹⁹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 4 (E/1978/34), chap. VIII.*

¹⁰⁰ *Ibid.*, chap. XXVI.

¹⁰¹ E/1978/C.2/L.6.

Working Group of Experts¹⁰² submitted in pursuance of the above-mentioned decision and decided to request the *Ad Hoc* Working Group to continue to study the question and to report thereon to the Commission on Human Rights and the Council at such times as it might consider appropriate.

1978/29. Report of the Commission on Human Rights

At its 15th plenary meeting, on 5 May 1978, the Council took note of the report of the Commission on Human Rights on its thirty-fourth session.¹⁰³

1978/30. Special session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

At its 15th plenary meeting, on 5 May 1978, the Council decided to defer consideration of the draft resolution entitled "Special session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs", recommended to it for adoption by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its fifth special session,¹⁰⁴ until the appropriate session of 1979 when it would take up the draft calendar of conferences and meetings for 1980 and 1981.

1978/31. World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

At its 15th plenary meeting, on 5 May 1978, the Council decided, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/129 of 16 December 1977, to designate Mrs. Sonja Fredgardh to represent the Commission on the Status of Women in the capacity of observer at the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination to be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 14 to 25 August 1978.

1978/32. The Commission on the Status of Women in the context of the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system

At its 15th plenary meeting, on 5 May 1978, the Council took note of resolution 9 (XXVII) of 4 April 1978 of the Commission on the Status of Women, entitled "The Commission on the Status of Women in the context of the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system".¹⁰⁵

1978/33. Contributions of the regional commissions to the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women

At its 15th plenary meeting, on 5 May 1978, the Council took note of the note by the Secretariat on the contributions of the regional commissions to the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women,¹⁰⁶ prepared in pursuance of Council resolution 2062 (LXII), of 12 May 1977.

1978/34. Research within the United Nations system on the role and position of women in development and on ways and means to organize and finance further research

At its 15th plenary meeting, on 5 May 1978, the Council took note of the note by the Secretary-General

on research within the United Nations system on the role and position of women in development and on ways and means to organize and finance further research,¹⁰⁷ prepared in pursuance of resolution 14 of the World Conference of the International Women's Year as endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 3520 (XXX) of 15 December 1975 and following Council decision 240 (LXII) of 13 May 1977.

1978/35. Report of the Commission on the Status of Women

At its 15th plenary meeting, on 5 May 1978, the Council took note of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its twenty-seventh session.¹⁰⁸

1978/36. Appointment of a special rapporteur to prepare a study on the impact of the mass communication media on the changing roles of women and men

At its 16th plenary meeting, on 8 May 1978, the Council decided to deal with the appointment of the special rapporteur called for in paragraph 8 of its resolution 2063 (LXII), of 12 May 1977, at its second regular session of 1978.

1978/37. Membership of the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women

At its 16th plenary meeting, on 8 May 1978, the Council took note of the nomination by the President, in conformity with Council resolution 2062 (LXII) of 12 May 1977, of the following twenty-three Member States as members of the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: AUSTRALIA, BRAZIL, CUBA, EGYPT, GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, INDIA, IRAN, JAPAN, MADAGASCAR, MEXICO, NETHERLANDS, NIGER, NIGERIA, NORWAY, PAKISTAN, PHILIPPINES, SENEGAL, UGANDA, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, VENEZUELA and YUGOSLAVIA.

1978/38. Changes in the calendar of conferences and meetings for 1978 and 1979

1. At its 6th, 7th and 14th plenary meetings, on 19 and 21 April and 4 May 1978, the Council decided to make the following changes in the calendar of conferences and meetings for 1978 and 1979:¹⁰⁹

(a) The eighteenth session of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination would be held in two parts, the first from 22 May to 9 June 1978 and the second would be held from 28 August to 15 September 1978;

(b) At the invitation of the Government of Austria, the fourth session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations would be held from 16 to 26 May 1978 at Vienna instead of at Headquarters;

¹⁰⁷ E/1978/31.

¹⁰⁸ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 2 (E/1978/32/Rev.1)*.

¹⁰⁹ The revised calendar of conferences and meetings for 1978 and 1979, incorporating the changes and revisions made to the calendar originally approved by the Council at its sixty-third session (see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second session, Supplement No. 3 (A/32/3)*, annex III), was circulated as document E/1978/INF/3 of 17 February 1978. See also decisions 1978/3, 1978/60 and 1978/80.

¹⁰² E/1978/L.23.

¹⁰³ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 4 (E/1978/34)*.

¹⁰⁴ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 5 (E/1978/35), chap. I.

¹⁰⁵ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 2 (E/1978/32/Rev.1), chap. IX.

¹⁰⁶ E/1978/23.

(c) At the invitation of the Government of Austria, the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control would meet from 5 to 16 June 1978 at Vienna instead of at Headquarters;

(d) At the invitation of the Government of Austria, the first session of the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women would be held from 19 to 30 June 1978 at Vienna instead of at Headquarters;

(e) *Ad Hoc* Working Group I of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development would meet in Paris from 22 to 27 May 1978 (instead of at Headquarters from 6 to 10 March 1978);

(f) The meeting of *Ad Hoc* Working Group II of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development, scheduled for five days at Geneva during the third quarter of 1978, was postponed until October 1978;

(g) The Regional Group for Countries of the Economic Commission for Latin America of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development, scheduled for three days at Santiago during the first or second quarter of 1978, would meet at Mexico City;

(h) The twentieth session of the Statistical Commission would be held at Headquarters from 20 February to 2 March 1979 (instead of from 15 to 26 January 1979);

(i) The resumed fifth session of the *Ad Hoc* Intergovernmental Working Group on the Problem of Corrupt Practices would be held at Headquarters from 26 to 30 June 1978, on the understanding that the Working Group would meet in a small conference room. The Council authorized the Secretary-General to convene the resumed session at Geneva if conference facilities became available without programme budget implications;

(j) The third session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development would be held at Headquarters from 18 to 29 September 1978 (instead of from 5 to 15 September), on the understanding that the session would not overlap with the meetings of the Second Committee of the General Assembly;

(k) The special session of the Committee on Natural Resources devoted to the question of water would be held at Headquarters from 15 to 24 January 1979.

2. At its 7th plenary meeting, on 21 April 1978, the Council noted that:

(a) The sixth session of the Committee on Natural Resources would be held at Ankara from 5 to 15 June 1979;

(b) The meetings of Working Group II of the Committee for Development Planning, scheduled for Geneva in 1978, had been cancelled.

3. At its 14th plenary meeting, on 4 May 1978, the Council noted that the fifth session of the Economic Commission for Western Asia had been postponed until a later date during 1978.

1978/39. Election of members of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control

At its 7th plenary meeting, on 21 April 1978, the Council, having noted that the term of office of the current members of the Committee on Crime Prevention

and Control would expire at the end of 1978, decided that the elections to membership in that Committee would be held in 1979.

1978/40. Elections

1. At its 11th and 12th plenary meetings, on 2 and 3 May 1978, the Council held elections to fill the seats falling vacant on 31 December 1978 in three of its functional commissions. At its 11th meeting, it also took other action in respect of a fourth functional commission.

COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

The following ten Member States were elected for a four-year term: BOLIVIA, CHAD, CYPRUS, INDIA, NICARAGUA, NORWAY, ROMANIA, SENEGAL, TOGO and UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND.

Membership in 1979¹¹⁰

	<i>Term expires on 31 December</i>
Bolivia	1982
Chad	1982
Chile	1980
Cyprus	1982
Denmark	1980
Dominican Republic	1979
Ecuador	1980
France	1979
Grenada	1979
Guinea	1980
Hungary	1979
India	1982
Indonesia	1979
Iraq	1980
Italy	1980
Lesotho	1979
Madagascar	1980
Mongolia	1979
Netherlands	1979
Nicaragua	1982
Norway	1982
Philippines	1980
Poland	1980
Romania	1982
Senegal	1982
Sierra Leone	1979
Togo	1982
Turkey	1980
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1979
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1982
United States of America	1979

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

The following ten Member States were elected for a three-year term: BENIN, BULGARIA, BURUNDI, CANADA, CUBA, GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF, IRAQ, MOROCCO, PORTUGAL and URUGUAY.

Membership in 1979

	<i>Term expires on 31 December</i>
Australia	1980
Austria	1979
Benin	1981
Brazil	1980
Bulgaria	1981

¹¹⁰ The Council decided to postpone until a future session the election of one member from African States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1979.

STATISTICAL COMMISSION

	<i>Term expires on 31 December</i>
Burundi	1981
Canada	1981
Colombia	1980
Cuba	1981
Cyprus	1979
Egypt	1980
France	1980
Germany, Federal Republic of	1981
India	1979
Iran	1980
Iraq	1981
Ivory Coast	1980
Morocco	1981
Nigeria	1979
Pakistan	1979
Panama	1979
Peru	1979
Poland	1980
Portugal	1981
Senegal	1980
Sweden	1979
Syrian Arab Republic	1979
Uganda	1979
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1979
United States of America	1980
Uruguay	1981
Yugoslavia	1980

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

The following eleven Member States were elected for a four-year term: CZECHOSLOVAKIA, FINLAND, GHANA, IRAQ, MALAYSIA, PANAMA, SENEGAL, UGANDA, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Membership in 1979

	<i>Term expires on 31 December</i>
Belgium	1980
Bulgaria	1980
Cuba	1979
Czechoslovakia	1982
Denmark	1979
Ethiopia	1979
Finland	1982
France	1979
German Democratic Republic	1979
Germany, Federal Republic of	1980
Ghana	1982
India	1980
Iran	1979
Iraq	1982
Japan	1980
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	1980
Madagascar	1980
Malaysia	1982
Mexico	1979
New Zealand	1980
Niger	1980
Pakistan	1979
Panama	1982
Peru	1980
Senegal	1982
Togo	1979
Trinidad and Tobago	1980
Uganda	1982
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1982
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1982
United States of America	1982
Venezuela	1979

The Council postponed until a future session the election of one member from African States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1981.

2. At its 11th and 13th plenary meetings, on 2 and 4 May 1978, the Council also held elections to fill vacancies in the following bodies: Commission on Human Settlements, Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, Committee on Science and Technology for Development, Committee on Natural Resources, Commission on Transnational Corporations and Committee on Review and Appraisal. It also nominated Member States for election by the General Assembly to the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination.

COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME AND CO-ORDINATION

In accordance with the procedure instituted under its decision 139 (ORG-76), the Council nominated the following seven Member States for election by the General Assembly at its thirty-third session, for a term of three years beginning on 1 January 1979: BELGIUM, DENMARK, PAKISTAN, ROMANIA, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and YUGOSLAVIA.

COMMISSION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

The following nineteen Member States were elected for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1979: AUSTRALIA, BANGLADESH, CHILE, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF, GREECE, GUATEMALA, INDIA, ITALY, JORDAN, KENYA, MALAWI, POLAND, SENEGAL, SRI LANKA, TOGO, UNITED REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON, VENEZUELA and VIET NAM.

The Council also elected BENIN, PAKISTAN and TUNISIA for a term beginning on the date of election and the SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC for a term beginning on 1 January 1979. In accordance with Council decision 1978/5, the terms of office, indicated below, were determined by drawing lots.

Membership in 1979

	<i>Term expires on 31 December</i>
Argentina	1980
Australia	1981
Austria	1979
Bangladesh	1981
Benin	1980
Bulgaria	1979
Burundi	1980
Canada	1979
Central African Empire	1980
Chile	1981
Colombia	1979
Cuba	1979
Czechoslovakia	1981
Ecuador	1980
Egypt	1979
Finland	1979
France	1979
German Democratic Republic	1979
Germany, Federal Republic of	1981
Greece	1981
Guatemala	1981
India	1981
Iran	1980
Iraq	1979
Italy	1981
Jamaica	1980
Japan	1980

	<i>Term expires on 31 December</i>
Jordan	1981
Kenya	1981
Malawi	1981
Malaysia	1979
Mexico	1980
Netherlands	1979
Nigeria	1979
Pakistan	1980
Papua New Guinea	1979
Peru	1979
Philippines	1980
Poland	1981
Portugal	1980
Rwanda	1980
Senegal	1981
Sierra Leone	1979
Sri Lanka	1981
Sudan	1980
Sweden	1980
Syrian Arab Republic	1979
Togo	1981
Tunisia	1979
Uganda	1979
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1980
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1980
United Republic of Cameroon	1981
United Republic of Tanzania	1980
United States of America	1980
Venezuela	1981
Viet Nam	1981
Yugoslavia	1980

COMMITTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

The following twelve Member States were elected for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1979: CHILE, CUBA, FRANCE, GHANA, INDIA, IRAQ, KENYA, SWEDEN, UKRAINIAN SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

The Council decided to postpone until a future session the election of one member from African and Asian States.

COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT

The following seventeen Member States were elected for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1979: BRAZIL, BULGARIA, BYELORUSSIAN SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC, ECUADOR, FRANCE, INDIA, ITALY, IVORY COAST, NIGERIA, PAKISTAN, PERU, POLAND, ROMANIA, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, TUNISIA, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

The Council also elected FIJI to fill a vacant seat allocated to Asian States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1979.

Membership in 1979¹¹¹

	<i>Term expires on 31 December</i>
Algeria	1980
Argentina	1980
Australia	1980
Austria	1979
Belgium	1980
Brazil	1982

¹¹¹ The Council postponed until a future session the election of one member from Asian States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1979.

	<i>Term expires on 31 December</i>
Bulgaria	1982
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	1982
Canada	1979
Central African Empire	1979
Cuba	1980
Dominican Republic	1979
Ecuador	1982
Egypt	1979
Fiji	1979
France	1982
Germany, Federal Republic of	1980
Ghana	1979
Greece	1979
India	1982
Indonesia	1979
Iran	1979
Italy	1982
Ivory Coast	1982
Jamaica	1980
Japan	1980
Jordan	1979
Kenya	1980
Madagascar	1980
Mauritania	1979
Mexico	1980
Mongolia	1979
Morocco	1979
Netherlands	1979
Nigeria	1982
Pakistan	1982
Peru	1982
Philippines	1979
Poland	1982
Portugal	1980
Romania	1982
Senegal	1980
Sierra Leone	1980
Spain	1979
Sudan	1980
Thailand	1979
Trinidad and Tobago	1982
Tunisia	1982
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1980
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1982
United States of America	1982
Venezuela	1980
Yugoslavia	1980

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

The following twenty-five Member States were elected for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1979: ARGENTINA, AUSTRALIA, BHUTAN, BULGARIA, CHAD, FINLAND, FRANCE, GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, IRAN, IRAQ, ITALY, IVORY COAST, NETHERLANDS, NIGERIA, PAKISTAN, POLAND, SENEGAL, SPAIN, SWEDEN, TOGO, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, TURKEY, UGANDA, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and YUGOSLAVIA.

The Council also elected EGYPT to fill a vacant seat allocated to African States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1980. The election to fill a vacant seat allocated to Asian States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1978 was deferred.

Membership in 1979 and 1980¹¹²

	<i>Term expires on 31 December</i>
Algeria	1980
Argentina	1982

¹¹² The Council postponed until a future session the election of two members from Asian States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1979.

	<i>Term expires on 31 December</i>
Australia	1982
Bangladesh	1980
Bhutan	1982
Brazil	1980
Bulgaria	1982
Burundi	1980
Canada	1980
Central African Empire	1980
Chad	1982
Colombia	1980
Egypt	1980
Finland	1982
France	1982
German Democratic Republic	1982
Germany, Federal Republic of	1980
Greece	1980
India	1980
Iran	1982
Iraq	1982
Italy	1982
Ivory Coast	1982
Jamaica	1980
Japan	1980
Malaysia	1980
Mexico	1980
Netherlands	1982
Nigeria	1982
Pakistan	1982
Panama	1980
Paraguay	1980
Peru	1980
Philippines	1980
Poland	1982
Romania	1980
Senegal	1982
Sierra Leone	1980
Spain	1982
Swaziland	1980
Sweden	1982
Togo	1982
Trinidad and Tobago	1982
Turkey	1982
Uganda	1982
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1980
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1980
United States of America	1982
Venezuela	1980
Yugoslavia	1982
Zaire	1980
Zambia	1980

COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS

The following sixteen Member States were elected for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1979: ALGERIA, CANADA, INDIA, IRAN, IRAQ, ITALY, IVORY COAST, JAMAICA, NIGERIA, PAKISTAN, PERU, POLAND, SWAZILAND, TURKEY, VENEZUELA and YUGOSLAVIA.

Membership in 1979¹¹³

	<i>Term expires on 31 December</i>
Algeria	1981
Argentina	1980
Benin	1980
Brazil	1979
Canada	1981
Colombia	1980
Cuba	1979
Fiji	1980
France	1980

¹¹³ The Council postponed until a future session the election of two members from Asia.. States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1980.

	<i>Term expires on 31 December</i>
German Democratic Republic	1980
Germany, Federal Republic of	1980
Ghana	1980
India	1981
Indonesia	1979
Iran	1981
Iraq	1981
Italy	1981
Ivory Coast	1981
Jamaica	1981
Japan	1980
Kenya	1979
Kuwait	1979
Madagascar	1979
Mexico	1979
Netherlands	1979
Nigeria	1981
Pakistan	1981
Panama	1979
Peru	1981
Poland	1981
Romania	1980
Surinam	1980
Swaziland	1981
Sweden	1979
Switzerland	1980
Thailand	1979
Tunisia	1980
Turkey	1981
Uganda	1979
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1979
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1979
United States of America	1979
Venezuela	1981
Yugoslavia	1981
Zaire	1979
Zambia	1980

COMMITTEE ON REVIEW AND APPRAISAL

The Council elected the IVORY COAST to fill a vacant seat allocated to African States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1981.

It postponed until a future session the election of three members from African States and three members from Asian States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1981 and the election of one member from African States and two members from Asian States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1979.

3. At its 13th plenary meeting, on 4 May 1978, the Council held elections to the following bodies: Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund, Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes.

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND

The following ten states were elected for a three-year term beginning on 1 August 1978: BYELORUSSIAN SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC, GHANA, INDIA, NETHERLANDS, PHILIPPINES, SENEGAL, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and VENEZUELA.

Membership from 1 August 1978

	<i>Term expires on 31 July</i>
Afghanistan	1980
Barbados	1980
Brazil	1979

	<i>Term expires on 31 July</i>
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	1981
Canada	1980
Chile	1980
France	1979
Germany, Federal Republic of	1980
Ghana	1981
India	1981
Italy	1979
Japan	1979
Jordan	1980
Morocco	1979
Netherlands	1981
Norway	1980
Pakistan	1980
Philippines	1981
Poland	1979
Senegal	1981
Sweden	1981
Switzerland	1981
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1979
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1981
United Republic of Cameroon	1979
United Republic of Tanzania	1979
United States of America	1979
Venezuela	1981
Yugoslavia	1980
Zambia	1980

GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The following sixteen Member States were elected for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1979: AUSTRIA, BANGLADESH, CHINA, COLOMBIA, CUBA, EGYPT, FIJI, GAMBIA, GREECE, ITALY, JAPAN, MEXICO, SIERRA LEONE, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Membership in 1979

	<i>Term expires on 31 December</i>
Argentina	1980
Australia	1979
Austria	1981
Bangladesh	1981
Belgium	1979
Brazil	1979
Burundi	1979
Canada	1979
China	1981
Colombia	1981
Congo	1979
Cuba	1981
Czechoslovakia	1980
Democratic Yemen	1980
Ecuador	1980
Egypt	1981
Fiji	1981
Finland	1980
France	1979
Gambia	1981
Germany, Federal Republic of	1980
Greece	1981
Guinea	1979
Indonesia	1980
Italy	1981
Ivory Coast	1980
Japan	1981
Jordan	1980
Kenya	1980
Kuwait	1979
Madagascar	1979
Mexico	1981

	<i>Term expires on 31 December</i>
Netherlands	1980
Norway	1979
Pakistan	1979
Poland	1980
Romania	1979
Senegal	1980
Sierra Leone	1981
Spain	1980
Swaziland	1979
Sweden	1979
Switzerland	1980
Thailand	1979
Trinidad and Tobago	1980
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1981
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1981
United States of America	1981

COMMITTEE ON FOOD AID AND PROGRAMMES

The following five Member States were elected for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1979: JAPAN, NEW ZEALAND, NIGER, PAKISTAN and SWEDEN.

Membership in 1979

	<i>Term expires on 31 December</i>
<i>Members elected by the Economic and Social Council</i>	
Argentina	1979
Bangladesh	1980
Greece	1980
Guatemala	1979
Hungary	1980
Ireland	1979
Japan	1981
New Zealand	1981
Niger	1981
Norway	1980
Pakistan	1981
Sweden	1981
Tunisia	1980
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1979
Zaire	1979

Members elected by the FAO Council¹¹⁴

Australia	1980
Canada	1980
Egypt	1979
France	1979
Germany, Federal Republic of	1979
Guinea	1979
India	1980
Saudi Arabia	1980
Trinidad and Tobago	1979
United States of America	1980

APPOINTMENT TO FILL A VACANCY ON THE
COMMITTEE ON CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL

4. At its 11th plenary meeting, on 2 May 1978 the Council, on the recommendation of the Secretary-General,¹¹⁵ appointed Mr. Stanislav V. Borodin (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) to fill the vacancy in the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control created by the resignation of Mr. Boris Viktorov (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) for a term beginning on the date of the appointment and expiring on 31 December 1978.

¹¹⁴ The five remaining seats are to be filled by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations at its session to be held in the fourth quarter of 1978.

¹¹⁵ See E/1978/73.

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1978/36. Enlargement of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The Economic and Social Council

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

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 1166 (XII) of 26 November 1957, in which it provided for the establishment of an Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme, as well as its resolutions 1958 (XVIII) of 12 December 1963 and 2294 (XXII) of 11 December 1967 in which it provided for subsequent increases in the membership of the Executive Committee,

"Bearing in mind the interest in the work of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the range of refugee problems confronting the Office,

"Noting that the Executive Committee has currently a membership of thirty-one States Members of the United Nations or members of any of the specialized agencies,

"1. Decides to increase the membership of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme by up to nine additional members;

"2. Requests the Economic and Social Council, at its first regular session of 1979, to elect, in consultation with regional groups, up to nine additional members of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme from those States with a demonstrated interest in and devotion to the solution of the refugee problem."

*32nd plenary meeting
21 July 1978*

1978/37. Implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region and implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the region

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, particularly Assembly resolutions 3253 (XXIX) of 4 December 1974, 3512 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, 31/180 of 21 December 1976, and 32/159 and 32/170 of 19 December 1977 and Council resolutions 1918 (LVIII) of 5 May 1975 and 2103 (LXIII) of 3 August 1977,

Noting with satisfaction the decisive role played by the United Nations Sahelian Office, on the one hand in helping to combat the effects of the drought and to implement the priority medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme adopted by the States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel and on the other hand in mobilizing the necessary resources to finance priority projects,

Considering decision 6/11 B of 24 May 1978 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme¹¹⁶ and decision 25/10 of 27 June 1978 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme,¹¹⁷ concerning the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the medium-term and long-

¹¹⁶ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/33/25)*, annex I.

¹¹⁷ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 13 (E/1978/53/Rev.1)*, chap. XX.

term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region,¹¹⁸ and the note by the United Nations Development Programme on the designation of the United Nations Sahelian Office as the mechanism to co-ordinate United Nations efforts to assist in the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region.¹¹⁹

I

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEDIUM-TERM AND LONG-TERM RECOVERY AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMME IN THE SUDANO-SAHELIAN REGION

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region;

2. *Expresses its profound gratitude* to the Governments, United Nations bodies, intergovernmental organizations, private organizations and individuals that have contributed to the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme drawn up by the States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel;

3. *Urges* all Governments, United Nations bodies, intergovernmental organizations, private organizations and individuals to continue to respond favourably, either bilaterally or through the United Nations Sahelian Office or any other intermediary, to the requests for assistance made by the Governments of the Sudano-Sahelian countries and by the Permanent Inter-State Committee;

4. *Reaffirms* the role of the United Nations Sahelian Office as the focal point and main body for co-ordinating United Nations efforts to assist the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region in carrying out their recovery and rehabilitation programme, as well as relations with other participating institutions or organizations, such as the Club du Sahel;

5. *Requests* the United Nations Sahelian Office to continue its close co-operation with the Permanent Inter-State Committee and its efforts to ensure co-operation and co-ordination between United Nations programmes and bodies, with a view to the implementation of medium-term and long-term assistance programmes;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to report to the General Assembly through the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and the Economic and Social Council on the implementation of the recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region;

II

DESIGNATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS SAHELIAN OFFICE AS THE MECHANISM TO CO-ORDINATE UNITED NATIONS EFFORTS TO ASSIST IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN OF ACTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION IN THE SUDANO-SAHELIAN REGION

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of and endorses decision 6/11 B of 24 May 1978 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme and decision 25/10 of 27 June 1978 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to

designate the United Nations Sahelian Office, in addition to its current responsibilities, as the United Nations mechanism to assist, on behalf of the United Nations Environment Programme, the 15 countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region south of the Sahara and north of the Equator in the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;

2. *Recommends* to the General Assembly that it should enlarge the organization and functions of the United Nations Sahelian Office, as well as the organization and functions of its regional office at Ouagadougou, to cover the additional responsibilities mentioned in paragraph 1 of the present section, that enterprise to be carried out as a joint venture by the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Environment Programme;

3. *Invites* the specialized agencies and other programmes and organizations of the United Nations system concerned to co-operate fully with the United Nations Sahelian Office to ensure the full efficiency of the enlarged Office in assisting the 15 countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region in the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;

4. *Recommends* to the General Assembly that it should review annually a report on the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region.

*32nd plenary meeting
21 July 1978*

1978/38. 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,¹²⁰ the report of the President of the Economic and Social Council¹²¹ and the annual report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination for 1977/78,¹²² 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 32/36 of 28 November 1977 and Council resolution 2101 (LXIII) of 3 August 1977,

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 on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples 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,

¹¹⁸ DP/326 and Corr.1.

¹¹⁹ DP/L.323.

¹²⁰ A/33/109.

¹²¹ E/1978/104.

¹²² E/1978/43, para. 10.

Deeply conscious of the continuing critical need of the peoples of Zimbabwe and Namibia 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,

Noting with concern that, although progress has been maintained in the extension of assistance to refugees from Zimbabwe and Namibia, the action taken hitherto by the organizations and agencies concerned in the provision of assistance to the peoples of those territories through their national liberation movements is still far from adequate to meet the urgent and growing needs of those peoples,

Noting the closer contacts established and the consultations held between the specialized agencies and United Nations institutions and the Organization of African Unity and the national liberation movements of Zimbabwe and Namibia in the formulation of assistance programmes,

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 United Nations 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 United Nations bodies, 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. *Urges* the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, in the light of the intensification of the liberation struggle in Zimbabwe and Namibia, to do everything possible as a matter of urgency to render, in consultation with the Organization of African Unity, increased assistance to the peoples of those territories and their national liberation movements in their struggle for liberation;

5. *Urges further* those specialized agencies and organizations within the United Nations system which have not already done so to include in the agenda of the regular meetings of their governing bodies a separate item on the progress made by those organizations in their implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and the other relevant resolutions of United Nations bodies;

6. *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 to 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 Zimbabwe and Namibia their inalienable right to self-determination and independence,

and to refrain from taking any action which might imply recognition of or support for the illegal domination of the territories by those régimes;

7. *Notes with satisfaction* the arrangements made by several specialized agencies and United Nations organizations which enable representatives of the national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity to participate fully as observers in the proceedings relating to matters concerning their respective countries, and calls upon those international institutions which have not yet done so to follow that example and make the necessary arrangements without delay;

8. *Recommends* that all Governments should 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 on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and other relevant resolutions of United Nations bodies and, in that connexion, should accord priority to the question of providing assistance on an emergency basis to the peoples of the colonial territories and their national liberation movements;

9. *Urges* the executive heads of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, having regard to the recommendations contained in paragraph 4 above, to formulate, with the active co-operation of the Organization of African Unity, and to submit, as a matter of priority, to their governing and legislative organs concrete proposals for the full implementation of the relevant United Nations decisions, in particular specific programmes of assistance to the peoples of the colonial territories and their national liberation movements;

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 second regular session of 1978 of the Council;

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.

*32nd plenary meeting
21 July 1978*

1978/39. Humanitarian assistance programmes of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in the Horn of Africa

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the statement made to the Council by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on 21 July 1978 concerning his humanitarian assistance programmes in the Horn of Africa,¹²³

Taking note of the appeal launched by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, in his telegram dated 10 April 1978, for urgent assistance to refugees and displaced persons in the Horn of Africa,

Noting with appreciation the assistance thus far provided to the refugees and displaced persons in the region,

¹²³ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Plenary Meetings, 32nd meeting.*

Realizing that the assistance thus far received falls far short of the needs and requirements of the countries in the region,

Recognizing the plight of the refugees and displaced persons and the formidable burden imposed on the limited resources of the Governments of the countries in the region,

1. *Requests* all States to respond generously and expeditiously to the appeal of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to enable him to mobilize the maximum international support in order to alleviate the sufferings of the refugees and displaced persons in the Horn of Africa;

2. *Requests* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, in co-operation with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, the World Food Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Health Organization and other specialized agencies, as well as non-governmental organizations, to render the maximum possible assistance to the Governments of the countries in the region;

3. *Invites* the High Commissioner to continue to intensify humanitarian assistance to the refugees and displaced persons in the region;

4. *Requests* the High Commissioner to include in his annual report to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1979 information regarding the steps he has taken to implement the present resolution.

*35th plenary meeting
1 August 1978*

1978/40. International Year of the Child

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the progress report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund on the International Year of the Child, 1979,¹²⁴

Convinced of the need for all States to pay increased attention to the welfare, protection and education of children in a spirit of solidarity, equality and respect among all nations,

Noting with satisfaction that to date the Governments of 141 countries have indicated their intention to respond to General Assembly resolution 31/169 of 21 December 1976, by which the Assembly proclaimed the year 1979 International Year of the Child, and that 91 of those countries have already established national commissions for the Year,

Noting with appreciation the equally positive response from the organizations of the United Nations system and the no less positive response from non-governmental organizations,

Bearing in mind Council resolution 1978/18 of 5 May 1978 concerning the question of a convention on the rights of the child,

Recalling the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly which laid the foundations for a new international economic order, as well as other pertinent resolutions and decisions of United Nations organizations,

Taking note of the message sent by the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund to the General Assembly at its tenth special session devoted to

¹²⁴ E/1978/101.

disarmament,¹²⁵ which appeals to Governments to ensure that an adequate portion of any savings that may result from a reduction in expenditures on armaments is channelled through national or multinational programmes towards meeting the minimum requirements of children everywhere,

Commending the work of the Interagency Advisory Group for the International Year of the Child and the creation of a single Committee of Non-Governmental Organizations for the Year, which Committee is a member of the Advisory Group,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the United Nations Children's Fund for the manner in which it has carried out the responsibility of lead agency entrusted to it by the General Assembly in its resolution 31/169;

2. *Reaffirms* that the International Year of the Child is intended to be a Year for action at the national level, supported, where called for, by activities and consultations at the regional and international levels;

3. *Expresses the strong hope* that each country will take this occasion to review the situation of its children in depth, to elaborate plans, including the setting of realistic goals, for the initiation, extension or improvement of services meeting the particular needs of its children, and to put those plans into operation in the course of 1979;

4. *Urges*, in addition, the Governments of Member States to increase their assistance to programmes benefiting children in the developing countries, with a view to helping the Governments of those countries to ensure that all children will be provided with at least the most essential services by the end of the century;

5. *Urges* the United Nations Children's Fund and other United Nations agencies concerned to give appropriate attention during the International Year of the Child, in their programmes to assist children, to those children who find themselves in special circumstances that might not be adequately covered in paragraphs 3 and 4 above, in particular children living under colonial rule, *apartheid* and foreign occupation, and requests such agencies to consult with their respective recognized representatives and other interested governmental and non-governmental bodies, in order to identify the particular problems and needs of those children and give them the necessary assistance and care;

6. *Commends* those Governments which have made voluntary contributions towards the cost of the secretariat of the International Year of the Child and urges Governments which have not yet taken such action to do so.

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1978/41. Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971, 3243 (XXIX) of 29 November 1974, 3440 (XXX) of 9 December 1975, 31/173 of 21 December 1976 and 32/56 of 8 December 1977, and Council resolution 2102 (LXIII) of 3 August 1977,

Mindful of the need to ensure a sound and enduring financial basis for the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator in order to facilitate the ac-

¹²⁵ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 14 (E/1978/54)*, para. 13.

tivities of the core programme and the recruitment and retention of qualified staff,

Aware of the importance of promoting disaster preparedness and prevention in disaster-prone developing countries through technical co-operation,

Reaffirming the co-ordinating role of the Office as the focal point for disaster relief matters in the United Nations system,

Noting with satisfaction that the Co-ordinator has concluded co-operation agreements with a number of international organizations,

Recalling the concern already expressed in the General Assembly and the Council that Governments and others involved in relief operations should implement measures to remove obstacles and expedite international relief assistance to the victims of disasters,

Noting with satisfaction the annual report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator¹²⁶ and the statements made by the Co-ordinator at the second regular session of 1978 of the Council,¹²⁷

1. *Commends* the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator for his continued efforts on behalf of the victims of disasters;

2. *Recognizes* the need for the effective promotion of technical co-operation for disaster preparedness and prevention in developing countries through the United Nations system, and in accordance with the national priorities of the countries concerned, making use of United Nations Development Programme country programming and, when appropriate, with the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator as an executing agency;

3. *Invites* Governments to ensure for the immediate future the continuation of technical co-operation activities in the field of disaster preparedness and prevention by contributing either to the sub-account for technical assistance created under General Assembly resolution 3440 (XXX) or, through the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator or bilaterally, to projects developed by disaster-prone developing countries individually or in conjunction with that Office;

4. *Requests* the Co-ordinator to continue his efforts to conclude co-operation agreements with other appropriate organizations;

5. *Calls again upon* Governments, intergovernmental agencies and non-governmental organizations concerned with relief operations to consider the adoption of appropriate legislative, administrative or operational measures to remove obstacles and expedite international relief assistance to the victims of disasters;

6. *Transmits* the annual report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session.

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1978/42. Consumer protection

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 2111 (LXIII) of 4 August 1977 on consumer protection,

¹²⁶ A/33/82.

¹²⁷ See E/1978/C.3/SR.4 and 6 and E/1978/C.3/SR.1-20/Corrigendum.

Aware of the need for the protection of individual consumers throughout the world, but noting the wide disparities in the scope and degree of consumer protection in different countries and the lack of essential legal and administrative measures in many countries for providing such protection,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Consumer protection: a survey of institutional arrangements and legal measures";¹²⁸

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, within existing resources, in the light of information already provided and of additional information, and bearing in mind the discussion during the second regular session of 1978 of the Council, a comprehensive report incorporating options for action on consumer protection and taking into account in particular the specific problems and priorities of developing countries and the possible means for technical co-operation and assistance in this field, and to submit that report to the Council at its second regular session of 1979.

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1978/43. Application of computer science and technology to development

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, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation, which laid the foundations for the establishment of a new international economic order, and recalling in this context Assembly resolution 31/184 of 19 December 1976, by which the Assembly decided to convene the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development during 1979,

Considering that the application of computer science and technology has been considered by the General Assembly¹²⁹ and the Council¹³⁰ continuously since 1968,

Noting that the Council in its resolution 1903 (LVII) of 1 August 1974 requested the Secretary-General to propose activities and studies concerning the application of computer science and technology for the benefit of the developing countries, and to accompany the proposals with a list and order of priority of such activities and studies and ways and means of carrying them out, and that that request resulted in the submission of the report of the Secretary-General on the application of computer science and technology to development,¹³¹ which contains proposals for agreed implementation by all the organizations concerned in the United Nations system with the assistance of the Intergovernmental Bureau for Informatics,

1. *Reaffirms* the considerable importance of making better use of information, computers and communications for achieving the economic and social objectives of Member States, particularly of developing countries, and the need to encourage the formulation of policies

¹²⁸ E/1978/81.

¹²⁹ See Assembly resolutions 2450 (XXIII), 2458 (XXIII) and 2804 (XXVI).

¹³⁰ See Council resolutions 1566 (L), 1571 (L), 1824 (LV), 1903 (LVII) and 2036 (LXI).

¹³¹ E/C.8/37.

and programmes in this field at the national, regional and international levels;

2. *Notes with interest* that an Intergovernmental Conference on Strategies and Policies for Informatics sponsored jointly by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Intergovernmental Bureau for Informatics, will take place from 28 August to 6 September 1978 at Torremolinos, Spain;

3. *Invites* the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, in co-operation with the Director-General of the Intergovernmental Bureau for Informatics, to report to the Council at its resumed second regular session of 1978 on the results of that Conference.

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1978/44. World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting that the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development has been convened by the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations for eight working days, beginning on 12 July 1979,¹³²

Conscious of the distressing economic and social conditions prevailing in the rural areas of many developing countries, where a large proportion of the population lives in extreme poverty,

Recalling Council resolutions 1967 (LIX) of 30 July 1975 on rural development and 1978/34 of 5 May 1978 on women in development and international conferences,

Aware that the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development complements the world conferences on other important issues relating to development and economic co-operation that have been organized in recent years by the United Nations system, and that it has an important bearing on the socio-economic development of the developing countries and on the establishment of the new international economic order,

1. *Endorses* the view expressed by the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations that the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development should result in well-defined and action-oriented programmes which would enhance agrarian reform and investment in the rural areas, increase production and raise the economic and social standards of the rural population;

2. *Takes note with appreciation* of the close co-operation established for the preparation of the World Conference between the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations and the other interested organizations and programmes of the United Nations system, within the framework of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination;

3. *Affirms* that the interagency approach to poverty-oriented rural development should result in an important system-wide input for the World Conference;

4. *Welcomes* the action taken by a great number of States to contribute to the World Conference by presenting country review papers analysing their experience and outlining their future programmes in this field;

¹³² See Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, *Report of the Conference of FAO, Nineteenth Session, Rome, 12 November-1 December 1977* (C 77/REP), para. 278, resolution 13/77.

5. *Urges* all States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency to participate in the World Conference, to arrange representation at a high level, taking into account the multidisciplinary character of the subject matter, and to consider the inclusion in their national delegations of representative bodies, for example, organizations of farmers, of rural workers, and related organizations.

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1978/45. World Climate Programme

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that climatic factors have a direct bearing on many national programmes and activities in the economic and social fields,

Considering further that recent events, both in developing and developed countries, have shown the increasing vulnerability of national economies to climate and to climate variability,

Noting that the World Meteorological Organization is preparing a plan for a World Climate Programme which will be submitted to the Eighth World Meteorological Congress in 1979 for adoption,¹³³

Noting further that the plan will provide for a new and comprehensive approach to the study of climate in all its aspects and will have particular reference to the impact of climate on human activities,

Aware that the co-operation of other appropriate programmes and organizations within the United Nations system has been sought and is being given in the preparation of the plan.

1. *Commends* the World Meteorological Organization for its initiative in deciding to prepare a plan for a new World Climate Programme;

2. *Endorses* that decision fully;

3. *Requests* the World Meteorological Organization to give particular attention to those aspects of the World Climate Programme which will give prompt and effective assistance to national planners and decision-makers in formulating economic and social programmes and activities in their respective countries;

4. *Invites* all other appropriate programmes and organizations within the United Nations system to continue to co-operate as fully as possible with the World Meteorological Organization in the preparation of the plan for the World Climate Programme and in its subsequent implementation;

5. *Requests* the World Meteorological Organization to report to the Council at its second regular session of 1979 on the details of the World Climate Programme, as adopted, and other developments in this connexion.

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1978/46. Assistance to Zambia

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling previous resolutions adopted by the Security Council concerning the question of assistance to Zambia,¹³⁴ in particular resolution 329 (1973) of 10 March 1973,

¹³³ See World Meteorological Organization, *Annual Report of the World Meteorological Organization, 1977* (WMO-No.502), pp. 28 and 29.

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolutions 2012 (LXI) of 3 August 1976 and 2093 (LXIII) of 26 July 1977,

Recognizing that the Government of Zambia has incurred both direct costs and the costs of contingency measures as a result of its decision to apply sanctions against the illegal racist régime in Southern Rhodesia, as well as losses due to the diversion of limited financial and human resources from the country's normal development,

Recognizing further that the influx of refugees has imposed an additional burden on the economy of Zambia,

Expressing its appreciation to the Secretary-General for the measures taken to organize an international programme of assistance to Zambia,

Expressing its appreciation also to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for mobilizing assistance programmes on behalf of the refugees in Zambia,

Noting with satisfaction the assistance thus far provided to Zambia by various States and by various regional and international organizations,

Expressing deep concern, however, that the total assistance received to date to meet the economic sacrifices made by Zambia in the enforcement of sanctions still falls far short of requirements to cope with the situation,

Taking note of the urgent economic needs of Zambia as identified in the report of the review mission annexed to the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to Zambia,¹³⁴

1. *Endorses* the assessment and recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to Zambia;

2. *Commends* the Government of Zambia for its decision to implement United Nations mandatory sanctions against Southern Rhodesia, in spite of the substantial economic sacrifices entailed;

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

4. *Calls upon* all States and all regional and inter-governmental organizations concerned to provide Zambia with ample and appropriate assistance, bilaterally and multilaterally, whenever possible in the form of grants, to enable Zambia to bear the cost arising from the implementation of sanctions and to carry out its normal development programme;

5. *Requests* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to continue his humanitarian assistance programmes on behalf of refugees in Zambia and urges the international community to provide him speedily with the necessary means to carry out those programmes;

6. *Requests* the United Nations and all the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to make every effort to assist Zambia;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To mobilize financial, technical and economic assistance from the international community in order to meet the short-term and long-term needs of Zambia until the situation in relation to the illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia is resolved satisfactorily;

(b) To ensure that adequate financial and budgetary arrangements are made to continue the mobilization of resources and the co-ordination of the programme of assistance to Zambia;

¹³⁴ E/1978/114.

(c) To keep the situation in Zambia under constant review, to hold consultations, as appropriate, with representatives of Governments of all interested Member States, regional organizations, intergovernmental agencies, interregional and international financial institutions and the specialized agencies, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session.

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1978/47. Assistance to Lesotho

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling Security Council resolution 402 (1976) of 22 December 1976 concerning the serious situation created by South Africa's closure of certain border posts between South Africa and Lesotho aimed at coercing Lesotho into according recognition to the bantustan of the Transkei,

Further recalling the condemnation by the Security Council of any action by South Africa to coerce Lesotho into according recognition to the Transkei,

Commending the decision of the Government of Lesotho not to recognize the Transkei in compliance with General Assembly resolution 31/6 A of 26 October 1976,

Recognizing that the decision of the Government of Lesotho not to recognize the Transkei has imposed a special economic burden upon Lesotho.

Recalling also Security Council resolution 407 (1977) of 25 May 1977, in which the Council fully endorsed the assessment and recommendations contained in the report of the mission dispatched to Lesotho under its resolution 402 (1976), transmitted by a note by the Secretary-General dated 30 March 1977,¹³⁵

Taking note of General Assembly resolution 32/98 of 13 December 1977, in which the Assembly endorsed the assessment and recommendations contained in the note by the Secretary-General dated 30 March 1977 and in a note dated 9 November 1977,¹³⁶

Having examined the report of the mission to Lesotho sent by the Secretary-General in March 1978 in response to an urgent request from the Government of that country after the imposition of new restrictions on the travel of citizens of Lesotho to South Africa, transmitted in a report of the Secretary-General of 5 June 1978,¹³⁷

Having examined also the report of the second review mission to Lesotho sent by the Secretary-General in June 1978 to carry out a review of the economic situation in compliance with General Assembly resolution 32/98, transmitted in a report of the Secretary-General of 14 July 1978,¹³⁸

1. *Expresses concern* at the imposition of new restrictions on the travel of citizens of Lesotho to South Africa, which have added to the difficulties faced by Lesotho as a result of its decision not to recognize the so-called independent Transkei;

2. *Expresses also its full support* for Lesotho in meeting those difficulties;

¹³⁵ *Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-second Year, Supplement for January, February and March 1977*, document S/12315.

¹³⁶ *Ibid.*, *Supplement for October, November and December 1977*, document S/12438.

¹³⁷ A/33/112.

¹³⁸ A/33/112/Add.1.

3. *Fully endorses* the assessment and recommendations for dealing with the situation contained in the reports of the Secretary-General of 5 June and 14 July 1978;

4. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for the measures he has taken to mobilize the resources necessary to deal with the urgent economic problems confronting the Government of Lesotho;

5. *Notes with appreciation* the response made thus far by the international community to the special economic assistance programme for Lesotho, which has enabled it to proceed with the implementation of parts of the recommended programme;

6. *Calls upon* all States, regional and interregional organizations and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to continue to respond to the appeals of the Security Council, the General Assembly and the Secretary-General to provide assistance on a generous scale to Lesotho;

7. *Requests* the appropriate specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, in particular the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the World Food Programme, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, to increase their programmes of assistance to Lesotho in order to enable it to carry out its planned development projects without interruption, and requests them to cooperate closely with the Secretary-General in organizing an effective international programme of assistance;

8. *Requests* the appropriate specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to report regularly to the Secretary-General on the action they have taken and the resources they have made available to assist Lesotho;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue his efforts to mobilize the resources necessary for an effective programme of financial, technical and material assistance to Lesotho;

(b) To keep the situation in Lesotho under constant review, to maintain close contact with all States, regional and other intergovernmental organizations, the specialized agencies and international financial institutions, and to report on the question to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session.

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1978/48. Assistance to Botswana

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling Security Council resolutions 403 (1977) of 14 January 1977 and 406 (1977) of 25 May 1977 concerning the complaint by the Government of Botswana of acts of aggression committed against its territory by the illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia,

Recalling also Security Council resolutions 232 (1966) of 16 December 1966 and 253 (1968) of 29 May 1968, by which the Council determined and reaffirmed, respectively, that the situation in Southern Rhodesia constituted a threat to international peace and security,

Deeply concerned at the loss of human life and damage to property caused by the continued aggression against Botswana by the illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia,

Recognizing the urgent need for Botswana to strengthen its security in order to safeguard its sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence,

Noting with appreciation Botswana's action in accord- ing asylum to political refugees fleeing from Southern Rhodesia,

Fully cognizant of the plight of the refugees and the additional burden imposed upon Botswana by their in- flux in increasing numbers,

Recognizing the special economic hardships suffered by Botswana as a result of the diverting of funds from current and planned development projects to unplanned and unbudgeted security arrangements, arising directly from the country's urgent need to defend itself effectively against attacks and threats by the illegal régime in South- ern Rhodesia,

Taking note of General Assembly resolution 32/97 of 13 December 1977, by which the Assembly endorsed the assessment and recommendations contained in the notes by the Secretary-General dated 28 March 1977¹³⁹ and 26 October 1977,¹⁴⁰

Taking note of General Assembly resolution 32/160 of 19 December 1977 concerning the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,

Having examined the latest report on the situation in Botswana, annexed to the report of the Secretary- General on assistance to Botswana¹⁴¹ submitted in re- sponse to General Assembly resolution 32/97,

Noting with appreciation the assistance thus far pro- vided to Botswana by the international community,

1. *Fully endorses* the revised programme of assis- tance contained in the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to Botswana;

2. *Draws the attention* of States and international and intergovernmental organizations particularly to the projects in the field of transport and communications recommended for urgent implementation in the report of the Secretary-General;

3. *Strongly endorses* the appeals of the Security Council, the General Assembly and the Secretary- General to all States and international and intergovern- mental organizations to continue to provide assistance to Botswana for the implementation of the remaining projects referred to in the report of the Secretary- General;

4. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary- General for his action in mobilizing the resources neces- sary to enable Botswana to carry out its planned development;

5. *Requests* the appropriate programmes and or- ganizations of the United Nations system, in particular the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the World Food Programme, the United Nations Conference

¹³⁹ *Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-second Year, Supplement for January, February and March 1977, document S/12307.*

¹⁴⁰ *Ibid., Supplement for October, November and December 1977, document S/12421.*

¹⁴¹ A/33/166 and Corr.1.

on Trade and Development, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations Fund for Population Activities and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to increase their programmes of assistance to Botswana to enable it to carry out its planned development projects without interruption, and requests them to co-operate closely with the Secretary-General in organizing an effective international programme of assistance;

6. *Requests* the appropriate specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to report regularly to the Secretary-General on the action they have taken and the resources they have made available to assist Botswana;

7. *Requests* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to strengthen further his humanitarian assistance programmes on behalf of refugees in Botswana and urges the international community to provide him speedily with the necessary means to carry out those programmes;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue his efforts to mobilize the resources necessary for an effective programme of financial, technical and material assistance to Botswana;

(b) To keep the situation in Botswana under constant review, to maintain close contact with States, international and regional and other intergovernmental organizations, the appropriate specialized agencies and international financial institutions, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session.

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1978/49. Assistance to the Comoros

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 31/42 of 1 December 1976, by which the Assembly urgently appealed to Member States and to the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to assist the Government of the Comoros in an effective and continuous manner,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 32/92 of 13 December 1977, by which the Assembly endorsed the assessment and recommendations of the United Nations mission to the Comoros¹⁴² and requested the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to mobilize the necessary resources for an effective programme of financial, technical and material assistance to the Comoros,

Noting that the Comoros has been included in the list of the least developed countries,¹⁴³

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Comoros,¹⁴⁴ which contains, *inter alia*, a statement on the progress made in the implementation of the special economic assistance programme recommended by the United Nations mission to the Comoros,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the assistance thus far contributed or pledged to the Comoros by States, regional and intergovernmental organizations and the organizations in the United Nations system;

2. *Expresses deep concern* that the total assistance provided falls short of the needs of the Comoros;

¹⁴² See A/32/208/Add.1 and 2.

¹⁴³ See General Assembly resolutions 2768 (XXVI) and 3484 (XXX).

¹⁴⁴ A/33/170.

3. *Appeals* to the international community to respond generously and to continue to assist the Comoros in carrying out its short-term and long-term development programme;

4. *Requests* the United Nations and all specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to make every effort to assist the Comoros in its development efforts, and to co-operate closely with the Secretary-General in his efforts to organize a programme of assistance to the Comoros;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue his efforts to mobilize the necessary resources for an effective programme of financial, technical and material assistance to the Comoros;

(b) To keep the situation in the Comoros under constant review and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session.

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1978/50. Assistance to Sao Tome and Principe

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 32/96 of 13 December 1977, arising from the Assembly's concern about the serious economic and social situation in Sao Tome and Principe as a result of the country's total lack of infrastructure for development,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 31/156 of 21 December 1976, in which the Assembly urged all Governments to lend their support to specific action in favour of developing island countries,

Recalling also that in its resolution 32/96 the General Assembly noted that the appeal made in its resolution 31/187 of 21 December 1976 on assistance to Sao Tome and Principe had not elicited the desired response,

Recalling further that the Committee for Development Planning, in paragraph 99 of the report on its fourteenth session,¹⁴⁵ concluded that, in view of special circumstances, Sao Tome and Principe, among other countries, should be assisted during the remainder of the current decade,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to Sao Tome and Principe,¹⁴⁶ to which was annexed the report of the mission which he sent to Sao Tome and Principe as requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 32/96,

1. *Fully endorses* the assessment and recommendations, including the programme of development recommended for assistance, contained in the report of the mission to Sao Tome and Principe;

2. *Draws the attention* of all States and international organizations, and of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, to the recommendation in paragraph 99 of the report of the Committee for Development Planning on its fourteenth session;

3. *Calls upon* all States, regional and interregional organizations and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to respond to the appeal of the General Assembly and to provide assistance to Sao Tome and Principe on a generous scale to enable it to meet its short-term and long-term needs;

4. *Requests* the appropriate specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system,

¹⁴⁵ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 6 (E/1978/46 and Corr.1).*

¹⁴⁶ A/33/120.

in particular the United Nations Development Programme, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the International Monetary Fund, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the World Food Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Health Organization, to provide effective and continuous assistance to Sao Tome and Principe and to co-operate closely with the Secretary-General in organizing an effective international programme of assistance;

5. *Requests* the appropriate specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to report regularly to the Secretary-General on the steps they have taken and the resources they have made available to assist Sao Tome and Principe;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue his efforts to mobilize the resources necessary for an effective programme of financial, technical and material assistance to Sao Tome and Principe;

(b) To keep the situation in Sao Tome and Principe under constant review and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session.

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1978/51. Assistance to Cape Verde

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 32/99 of 13 December 1977, in which the Assembly noted with concern the grave economic situation existing in Cape Verde as a result of nine successive years of drought, the total lack of development infrastructure and the grave effects of the international economic situation on the entire economy of the country, and in which the Assembly also expressed its appreciation for the assistance already provided to Cape Verde but noted that the international response had nevertheless fallen short of the requirements of the situation,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 31/156 of 21 December 1976, in which the Assembly urged all Governments to lend their support to specific action in favour of developing island countries,

Recalling also General Assembly resolutions 3054 (XXVIII) of 17 October 1973 and 3512 (XXX) of 15 December 1975 concerning the Sudano-Sahelian region,

Recalling further that Cape Verde is a member of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel and is included in the list of the least developed countries,¹⁴⁷

1. *Expresses deep concern* that the total assistance provided falls short of the needs of Cape Verde;

2. *Calls upon* all States, regional and interregional organizations and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to respond to the appeal of the General Assembly and to provide assistance to Cape Verde on a generous scale to enable it to expand and strengthen its economic and social base and to initiate an accelerated development programme;

3. *Requests* the appropriate specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to provide effective and continuous assistance to Cape Verde and to co-operate closely with the Secretary-General in organizing an effective international programme of assistance;

4. *Requests* the appropriate specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to report regularly to the Secretary-General on the steps they have taken and the resources they have made available to assist Cape Verde;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to mobilize the resources necessary for an effective programme of financial, technical and material assistance to Cape Verde.

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1978/52. Assistance to Guinea-Bissau

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3339 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, by which the Assembly invited Member States to provide economic assistance to the then newly independent State of Guinea-Bissau,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3421 (XXX) of 8 December 1975, in which the Assembly urged organizations within the United Nations system to extend assistance to the newly independent and emerging States,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 32/100 of 13 December 1977 concerning the serious economic situation prevailing in Guinea-Bissau as a result of more than eleven years of a war of national liberation, the return of large numbers of refugees and the total lack of infrastructure for development,

Recalling further that the Committee for Development Planning in paragraph 99 of the report on its fourteenth session,¹⁴⁸ concluded that, in view of special circumstances, Guinea-Bissau, among other countries, should be assisted during the remainder of the current decade.

1. *Draws the attention* of all States and international organizations and of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, to the recommendation in paragraph 99 of the report of the Committee for Development Planning on its fourteenth session;

2. *Calls upon* all States, regional and interregional organizations and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to respond to the appeal of the General Assembly and to provide assistance to Guinea-Bissau on a generous scale to enable it to meet its short-term and long-term development needs;

3. *Requests* the appropriate specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to maintain and increase their current and future programmes of assistance to Guinea-Bissau and to co-operate closely with the Secretary-General in organizing an effective international programme of assistance;

4. *Requests* the appropriate specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to report regularly to the Secretary-General on the steps they have taken and the resources they have made available to assist Guinea-Bissau;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to mobilize the resources necessary for an effective programme of financial, technical and material assistance to Guinea-Bissau.

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¹⁴⁷ See General Assembly resolutions 2768 (XXVI) and 3487 (XXX).

¹⁴⁸ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 6 (E/1978/46 and Corr.1).*

1978/53. Assistance to Djibouti

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 32/93 of 13 December 1977, in which the Assembly expressed its deep concern at the situation prevailing in Djibouti and strongly appealed to Member States and to the international institutions concerned to give effective and sustained assistance to Djibouti to enable it to deal with the critical situation arising from the drought and its economic difficulties,

Aware that the Government of Djibouti faces complex problems, Djibouti being a newly independent country with a need to improve and enlarge its economic and social infrastructure,

Recalling also that the Committee for Development Planning, in paragraph 99 of the report on its fourteenth session,¹⁴⁹ concluded that, in view of special circumstances, Djibouti, among other countries, should be assisted during the remainder of the current decade,

Noting that the situation in Djibouti has been adversely affected by recent events in the area and the influx of refugees,

1. *Strongly endorses* the appeal of the General Assembly to provide assistance to Djibouti;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for the measures he has taken to organize an international economic assistance programme for Djibouti;

3. *Draws the attention* of all States and international organizations, and of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, to the recommendation in paragraph 99 of the report of the Committee for Development Planning on its fourteenth session;

4. *Calls upon* all States and all regional and inter-governmental organizations concerned to provide Djibouti with ample and appropriate assistance, bilaterally and multilaterally, whenever possible in the form of grants, to enable Djibouti to cope with its special economic hardships;

5. *Requests* the appropriate specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to provide effective and continuous assistance to Djibouti and to co-operate closely with the Secretary-General in organizing an effective international programme of assistance;

6. *Requests* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to continue and increase his humanitarian assistance programmes on behalf of refugees in Djibouti and urges the international community to provide him speedily with the necessary means to carry out these programmes;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue his efforts to mobilize financial, technical and material assistance to Djibouti;

(b) To keep the situation in Djibouti under constant review, and in this connexion to maintain close contact with Member States, regional and other intergovernmental organizations, the specialized agencies and international financial institutions.

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¹⁴⁹ *Ibid.*

1978/54. Assistance to Seychelles

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 32/101 of 13 December 1977 concerning assistance to Seychelles, in which the Assembly appealed to Member States and international institutions to provide technical and financial assistance to Seychelles to enable it to establish the social and economic infrastructure essential for the well-being of its people,

Commending the Government of Seychelles for its determination to provide a stable, growing and diversified economy in which the benefits of economic growth would be widely distributed,

Concerned at the difficult task facing the Government of Seychelles, which, upon the attainment of independence in June 1976, found its economy heavily dependent upon a single industry and its budget heavily dependent on grants-in-aid from the former colonial Power,

Recalling also that the Committee for Development Planning, in paragraph 99 of the report on its fourteenth session,¹⁵⁰ concluded that, in view of special circumstances, Seychelles, among other countries, should be assisted during the remainder of the current decade,

1. *Endorses* the appeal of the General Assembly to provide assistance to Seychelles;

2. *Expresses* its appreciation to the Secretary-General for the measures he has taken to organize an international economic assistance programme for Seychelles;

3. *Draws the attention* of all States and international organizations, and of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, to the recommendation in paragraph 99 of the report of the Committee for Development Planning on its fourteenth session;

4. *Calls upon* all States and all regional and inter-governmental organizations concerned to provide Seychelles with ample and appropriate assistance, bilaterally and multilaterally, whenever possible in the form of grants, to enable Seychelles to cope with its special economic hardships;

5. *Requests* the appropriate specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to provide effective and continuous assistance to Seychelles and to co-operate closely with the Secretary-General in organizing an effective international programme of assistance;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue his efforts to mobilize the resources necessary for a programme of financial and technical assistance to Seychelles;

(b) To keep the situation in Seychelles under constant review, and in this connexion to maintain close contact with Member States, regional and other inter-governmental organizations, the specialized agencies and international financial institutions.

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1978/55. Assistance to South African student refugees

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 31/126 of 16 December 1976, by which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to organize and provide emergency

¹⁵⁰ *Ibid.*

assistance for the care, subsistence and education of South African student refugees.

Recalling also Security Council resolution 417 (1977) of 31 December 1977, by which the Council, *inter alia*, requested the international community to contribute generously towards educational assistance to South African student refugees,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 32/119 of 16 December 1977, by which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to strengthen their efforts for the mobilization of emergency financial and other appropriate forms of assistance to South African student refugees,

Noting with deep concern that the Government of South Africa continues to take repressive measures against students in that country, thus causing many South African students to seek refuge in neighboring countries, particularly Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland, and Zambia,

Recognizing that the needs of those South African student refugees continue to impose serious pressures on the facilities made available to them by the host countries, in particular on the educational systems of those countries,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to South African student refugees,¹⁵¹ containing the findings of the review missions sent by the Secretary-General to the host countries and submitted in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/119.

1. *Endorses* the assessment and recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to South African student refugees;

2. *Notes with appreciation* the generous response of the Governments of Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland and Zambia in continuing to provide asylum and to make educational and other facilities available to the student refugees;

3. *Endorses* the measures taken by the Secretary-General and by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, as co-ordinator of assistance within the United Nations system to South African student refugees, for the mobilization of a programme of assistance to South African student refugees in the countries of asylum;

4. *Notes with satisfaction* the contributions thus far made by States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and United Nations agencies for South African student refugees;

5. *Expresses concern* at the continuing and increasing needs of those student refugees, including in particular the need for additional educational assistance and opportunities;

6. *Urges all* Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and United Nations agencies to contribute generously towards the assistance programmes for those student refugees, both through financial support and through the provision of further possibilities for their care and maintenance and for their educational and vocational training;

7. *Requests* all programmes and organizations of the United Nations system, including, in particular, the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Trust

Fund for South Africa and the World Food Programme, to continue to assist the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in carrying out the humanitarian task entrusted to him;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to continue all efforts to mobilize the resources necessary for an effective programme of educational and other essential assistance to South African student refugees in Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland and Zambia;

9. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to continue to keep the matter under review and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session.

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1978/56. United Nations Children's Fund

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its session held at United Nations Headquarters from 15 May to 26 May 1978,¹⁵²

Noting with satisfaction that many developing countries, in conformity with their own aspirations and their desire to contribute actively to the success of the International Year of the Child, are preparing enlarged programmes for meeting the needs of their children, in certain instances envisaging country-wide coverage and providing at least some elements of basic services for children during the 1980s or by the end of the present century,

Bearing in mind that, to reach those short-term and longer-range goals, a significant increase in external assistance from the international community will be required, in keeping with the targets for external assistance called for in General Assembly resolution 32/181 of 19 December 1977 and established in pursuance of the objectives of the new international economic order,

Considering further that the United Nations Children's Fund, on the assumption that its levels of revenue are rising, would make a very significant contribution towards meeting the important objectives which will be established by developing countries as a result of the International Year of the Child,

Noting with approval the activities of the Fund as reflected in the report of the Executive Board, especially the programmes assisted by the Fund and its initiation of steps towards medium-term planning, as well as the positive response of the Fund to General Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977, in particular its efforts to improve the co-ordination and the coherence of the United Nations development system with regard to programmes benefiting children,

1. *Endorses* the report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund and the conclusions contained therein;

2. *Endorses*, in particular, the target of \$240 million in annual revenue for the Fund in 1980, approved by the Executive Board, and appeals to all Governments to increase their voluntary contributions to the Fund so that it may reach that target, bearing in mind the relevant paragraphs of General Assembly resolution 32/110 of 15 December 1977;

¹⁵¹ A/33/163 and Corr.1.

¹⁵² Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 14 (E/1978/54).

3. *Reaffirms* the policies of the United Nations Children's Fund and expresses its appreciation of the initiatives taken by it in furtherance of the objectives of the new international economic order.

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1978/57. United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3504 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, by which the Assembly decided to establish a special fund for the land-locked developing countries to compensate for their additional transit and transport costs,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 31/177 of 21 December 1976, by which the Assembly approved the statute of the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries and requested the Secretary-General to convene a pledging conference for the Fund,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 32/113 of 15 December 1977, by which the Assembly *inter alia* expressed its concern at the fact that the Fund had not yet become operational as envisaged in General Assembly resolution 31/177,

Aware of the special problems and particular needs of the land-locked developing countries, as recognized by the international community,

Reaffirming that, owing to the disadvantaged situation of the land-locked developing countries, their development efforts are affected by particular problems, especially with regard to additional transit, transport and transshipment costs,

1. *Takes note* of decision 25/15 of 28 June 1978 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme;¹⁵³

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make a fresh appeal to all countries, in particular the developed countries, to make generous contributions to the Fund and to become members of its Board of Governors, so as to enable the Fund to become operational as soon as possible.

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1978/58. Report of the Committee for Development Planning

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 31/187 and 31/188 of 21 December 1976, and 32/93, 32/94, 32/100 and 32/101 of 13 December 1977, in which, taking into account the special difficulties and upheavals experienced by Sao Tome and Principe, Angola, Djibouti, Tonga, Guinea-Bissau and Seychelles, the Assembly *inter alia* requested the Committee for Development Planning to consider the question of the inclusion of those countries in the list of the least developed countries,¹⁵⁴

Having examined the relevant conclusions reached by the Committee for Development Planning, contained in chapter IV of the report on its fourteenth session,¹⁵⁵

¹⁵³ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 13 (E/1978/53/Rev.1), chap. XX.

¹⁵⁴ See General Assembly resolutions 2768 (XXVI) and 3487 (XXX).

¹⁵⁵ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 6 (E/1978/46 and Corr.1).*

Noting the Committee's conclusion that, on the basis used in the 1975 general review, the six above-mentioned countries did not satisfy the existing criteria, applicable during the Second United Nations Development Decade, for inclusion in the list of the least developed countries,

Having regard to the Committee's opinion that the special difficulties and upheavals faced by those countries require special measures of assistance in their favour,

Urges all States to take the view of the Committee for Development Planning into account in formulating their assistance programmes and policies, with regard to both terms and volume, towards Sao Tome and Principe, Angola, Djibouti, Tonga, Guinea-Bissau and Seychelles.

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1978/59. United Nations Transport and Communications Decade in Africa

The Economic and Social Council,

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

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970, containing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

"Noting with satisfaction the initiative taken by the Organization of African Unity and the Economic Commission for Africa to establish an integrated African road network and to rationalize Africa's railway systems and other transport systems in order to facilitate the promotion of multinational economic co-operation in Africa, intra-African trade and the political, social and economic integration of Africa, as well as the work carried out since June 1977,

"Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 2097 (LXIII) of 29 July 1977 on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,

"Recalling further General Assembly resolution 32/160 of 19 December 1977, by which the Assembly, *inter alia*, proclaimed a Transport and Communications Decade in Africa during the years 1978-1988 and requested the Secretary-General to mobilize all necessary resources to make the Decade a success,

"Taking note of resolution ECO(XVIII)/Res. 2, adopted by the Executive Committee of the Economic Commission for Africa at its eighteenth meeting, held at Khartoum from 2 to 4 May 1978,¹⁵⁶ in which measures were proposed for the implementation of the global strategy and comprehensive programme of work for the Decade,

"Noting with appreciation the work carried out so far by the Economic Commission for Africa and the Organization of African Unity in preparation for the Decade,

"1. *Endorses* resolution ECO(XVIII)/Res.2, by which the Executive Committee of the Economic Commission for Africa decided to convene early in

¹⁵⁶ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 10, Addendum (E/1978/50/Add.1), chap. II.*

1979 a meeting of African Ministers concerned with matters relating to transport, communications, works and planning, in order to adopt Africa's global strategy and a comprehensive plan of action for the implementation of the United Nations Transport and Communications Decade in Africa;

"2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the Economic Commission for Africa, as the lead agency for the Decade, with the necessary financial and staff resources to enable it to make all preparatory arrangements for the Decade, including the preparations for and the convening of the meeting of Ministers referred to in paragraph 1 above;

"3. *Requests further* the Secretary-General to make all necessary arrangements, as appropriate, for the convening of a pledging conference of donor countries and institutions in the first half of 1979 on the basis of the global strategy and the comprehensive plan of action and of specific projects contained therein;

"4. *Urges* the international community, in particular the developed countries, to give full support and to contribute substantially to the implementation of the programmes and projects for the attainment of the objectives of the United Nations Transport and Communications Decade in Africa."

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1978/60. Role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking into account the suggestions presented by the Secretary-General in his report on the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries,¹⁵⁷

Noting with appreciation the initiatives taken by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization¹⁵⁸ and by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific in its resolution 181 (XXXIV) of 17 March 1978,¹⁵⁹ in the field of strengthening the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries,

Bearing in mind that every State has the sovereign and inalienable right to choose its economic and social system in accordance with the will of its people, without outside interference,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to proceed with the further implementation of General Assembly resolution 32/179 of 19 December 1977, taking into account the comments and suggestions made by delegations during the second regular session of 1978 of the Council;

3. *Invites* the regional commissions and other organizations concerned within the United Nations system to assist the Secretary-General regularly in his continuing study on the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries;

4. *Further invites* the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive progress report on the subject to the

¹⁵⁷ E/1978/76.

¹⁵⁸ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/33/16)*, chap. XV and annex I.

¹⁵⁹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 8 (E/1978/48)*, chap. IV.

Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1979.

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1978/61. United Nations conference on new and renewable sources of energy

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, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation and 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970, containing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,

Aware of the importance of increasing the industrial capacity of the developing countries,

Cognizant of the importance of ensuring the availability of new and renewable sources of energy in order to meet requirements for continued economic and social development, particularly in the developing countries,

Bearing in mind the need to identify concrete measures for the transfer and development of the relevant technology to developing countries and for financing arrangements in new and renewable sources of energy through the United Nations system, directed towards the special needs of developing countries,

Recalling further Council resolution 2119 (LXIII) of 4 August 1977,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the feasibility of holding an international conference on new and renewable sources of energy;¹⁶⁰

2. *Stresses* the importance of international action in the development and utilization of new and renewable sources of energy, including the holding of an international conference on the subject, and especially international co-operation in favour of the developing countries;

3. *Recommends* that the General Assembly at its thirty-third session should give favourable consideration to, and take definitive action on, convening at the earliest possible time a United Nations conference on new and renewable sources of energy, and should in that context define the objectives, scope, nature and timing of such a conference, as well as the required preparatory arrangements, including intergovernmental machinery.

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1978/62. International co-operation relating to the environment

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the work of its sixth session,¹⁶¹

Having also considered the study of the group of specialists in the international financing of projects and programmes of additional measures and means of financing for the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification,¹⁶² together with paragraphs

¹⁶⁰ E/1978/68.

¹⁶¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/33/25)*.

¹⁶² See UNEP/GC.6/9/Add.1.

306 to 311 of the report of the Governing Council, which reflect the differing views expressed in the Governing Council on the matter, and the report of the Secretary-General on the establishment of a special account for financing the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification,¹⁶³

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the work of its sixth session, welcomes the activities of the United Nations Environment Programme and welcomes also in particular the decisions, contained in annex I to the report, relating to the establishment of a system-wide medium-term environment programme based on thematic joint programming, to the emphasis to be given to project and programme evaluation, to the preparatory process for the consideration by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination of matters relating to the environment, to the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification, and to the reporting thereon by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to the Governing Council;

2. *Invites* all Governments to contribute urgently and generously to the Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme, bearing in mind decision 6/13 of 24 May 1978 of the Governing Council, so as to meet the approved target;

3. *Decides* to transmit the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme to the General Assembly, taking into account the views expressed thereon at the second regular session of 1978 of the Economic and Social Council;

4. *Invites* the General Assembly to approve the report of the Governing Council and the recommendations, as adopted, contained therein.

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1978/63. Assistance to Mozambique

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the decision of the Government of Mozambique to implement mandatory sanctions against the illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia in accordance with Security Council resolution 253 (1968) of 29 May 1968,

Noting with concern the substantial economic sacrifices made by Mozambique as a consequence of its decision to enforce sanctions and to close its borders with Southern Rhodesia,

Recalling Security Council resolution 386 (1976) of 17 March 1976, in which the Council appealed to all States to provide immediate financial, technical and material assistance to Mozambique and requested the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the appropriate organizations of the United Nations system, to organize all forms of financial, technical and material assistance to enable Mozambique to carry out its economic development programme normally and to enhance its capacity to implement fully the United Nations mandatory sanctions,

Recalling further its own resolutions, particularly its resolution 2094 (LXIII) of 29 July 1977, and the resolutions of the General Assembly, particularly resolution 32/95 of 13 December 1977, endorsing the appeal of the Security Council,

Recognizing the plight of the refugees and the added burden that their continuing influx imposes upon Mozambique,

Having examined the report of the mission to Mozambique annexed to the report of the Secretary-General of 12 July 1978,¹⁶⁴ describing the current situation in Mozambique and the status of urgent projects identified in previous reports,

Noting that the Committee for Development Planning, at its fourteenth session,¹⁶⁵ recommended that the current list of the least developed countries should stand until the end of the Second United Nations Development Decade,¹⁶⁶

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for the measures he has already taken to mobilize assistance for Mozambique;

2. *Fully endorses* the assessment and recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General;

3. *Notes with satisfaction* the assistance thus far provided to Mozambique by various States and by various regional and international organizations;

4. *Expresses deep concern* that the total assistance provided to date falls short of Mozambique's needs;

5. *Draws the attention* of the international community to the additional financial, economic and material assistance urgently required by Mozambique;

6. *Strongly endorses* the appeals of the Security Council to the international community to provide financial, technical and material assistance to Mozambique;

7. *Urges* all States and all regional and intergovernmental organizations concerned to provide Mozambique with appropriate assistance, bilaterally and multilaterally, whenever possible in the form of grants;

8. *Invites* all States to consider granting to Mozambique, for the remainder of the Second United Nations Development Decade, in view of its difficult economic situation, the same treatment as that enjoyed by the least developed among the developing countries;

9. *Requests* the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to grant special additional assistance to Mozambique in carrying out its planned development projects without interruption, and to co-operate closely with the Secretary-General in organizing a programme of assistance;

10. *Requests* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to strengthen his humanitarian assistance programmes on behalf of refugees in Mozambique and urges the international community to provide him speedily with the necessary means to carry out those programmes;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To mobilize financial, technical and material assistance to Mozambique;

(b) To keep the situation in Mozambique under constant review, to hold consultations in this connexion, as appropriate, with representatives of Governments of all interested States, and with regional organizations, intergovernmental agencies, interregional and international financial institutions and the specialized agencies and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session.

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¹⁶⁴ A/33/173 and Corr.1.

¹⁶⁵ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 6 (E/1978/46 and Corr.1)*, para. 99.

¹⁶⁶ See General Assembly resolutions 2768 (XXVI) and 3487 (XXX).

1978/64. Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States

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, which lay stress on the fact that the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States¹⁶⁷ constitutes an effective instrument towards the establishment of a new system of international economic relations based on equity, sovereign equality, mutual interest and the co-operation of developing and developed countries,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3486 (XXX) of 12 December 1975, by which the Assembly decided to entrust the Economic and Social Council with the task of reviewing the implementation of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, and bearing in mind article 34 of that Charter, according to which the Assembly should undertake a systematic and comprehensive consideration of its implementation,

Convinced of the need for the Council to promote concerted international measures for the accelerated economic and social progress of all countries, in particular the developing countries,

Taking into account the work being undertaken towards the elaboration of the third international development strategy within the context of the implementation of the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order,

Noting with regret the slow pace of the progress made in the search for solutions to the issues concerning the establishment of the new international economic order and in particular the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,

1. Expresses concern at the slow progress made in the establishment of the new international economic order on the basis laid down by relevant General Assembly resolutions and the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States;

2. Urges all countries, in particular the developed countries, to intensify their efforts, through dialogues and negotiations in the various forums of the United Nations system, in order to bring about speedy results in the implementation of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States;

3. Urges also the Secretary-General to renew and intensify efforts in order to mobilize public opinion, with a view to obtaining a full understanding of the objectives and benefits of the new international economic order and of the relevance for international co-operation of ensuring full respect for and application of the provisions of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States;

4. Takes note with interest of the statements on the subject made by representatives of States at its second regular session of 1978 and requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session a progress report on the implementation of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States.

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¹⁶⁷ General Assembly resolution 3281 (XXIX).

1978/65. Industrial development co-operation

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, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation, which laid the foundations for the establishment of a new international economic order,

Recalling also the Lima Declaration and Plan of Action on Industrial Development and Co-operation¹⁶⁸ adopted by the Second General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, held at Lima from 12 to 26 March 1975,

Conscious of the role of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, as the central co-ordinating organ within the United Nations system for the promotion of industrial development co-operation, in promoting fulfilment of the measures and attainment of the targets contained in the Lima Declaration and Plan of Action,

Concerned for the accelerated implementation of the measures proposed for the achievement of industrial development co-operation within the United Nations system,

Having considered the report of the Industrial Development Board on the work of its twelfth session,¹⁶⁹

Taking note of the statement made in this connexion by the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization at the second regular session of 1978 of the Council,¹⁷⁰

1. Urges appropriate action by all countries, in particular the developed countries, to bring the United Nations Industrial Development Fund to the desirable funding level in voluntary contributions of \$50 million;

2. Requests the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to intensify its activities in the system of consultations with the participation of developed and developing countries at all appropriate levels, bearing in mind section IV, paragraph 3, of General Assembly resolution 3362 (S-VII), with a view to the promotion of investments in developing countries and the development of new industrial capacities therein and in order that practical steps may be taken with a sense of urgency in this area of industrial co-operation, and to pursue actively, in accordance with the provisions of resolution 47 (XI) of 6 June 1977 of the Industrial Development Board,¹⁷¹ measures for the development and strengthening of the industrial technological capabilities of developing countries through, *inter alia*, the transfer and acquisition of technology and access to information on industrial technology, as appropriate;

3. Further requests the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to adopt measures to strengthen the effectiveness of the senior industrial Development field advisers programme, and for this purpose, in co-operation *inter alia* with the United Nations Development Programme, to commission an independent and comprehensive appraisal, with a view to pre-

¹⁶⁸ See A/10112, chap. IV.

¹⁶⁹ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/33/16).

¹⁷⁰ See E/1978/C.1/SR.10 and E/1978/C.1/SR.8-35/Corrigendum.

¹⁷¹ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/32/16), annex I.

senting various options, including the possibility of an increase in the number of senior industrial development field advisers, for the effective provision of advice in the industrial sector to developing countries at their request, and to make recommendations thereon to the Industrial Development Board at its thirteenth session;

4. *Emphasizes* the need in the United Nations Industrial Development Organization for an adequate, substantial and continuous review and appraisal of progress in specific areas of industrial development co-operation, taking into account, in particular, constraints impeding the attainment of the targets contained in the Lima Declaration and Plan of Action on Industrial Development and Co-operation;

5. *Stresses* the need for urgent action to reinforce the central role of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in promoting and co-ordinating the activities in the field of industrialization within the United Nations system and to make it a more effective institution for that purpose.

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1978/66. International co-operation in human settlements

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, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 32/162 of 19 December 1977 on institutional arrangements for international co-operation in the field of human settlements, and resolution 32/173 of the same date on the resources of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation, in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to convene a pledging conference for the Foundation, and appealed to all States to contribute generously at the conference,

Having considered the report of the Commission on Human Settlements¹⁷² on the work of its first session and the report of the Secretary-General on specific measures to meet the need for a decent living environment for the most vulnerable groups of society,¹⁷³

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the work of its first session and of the report of the Secretary-General on specific measures to meet the need for a decent living environment for the most vulnerable groups of society;

2. *Welcomes* the appointment of the Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat);

3. *Welcomes* the decision of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme at its sixth session¹⁷⁴ regarding the establishment of close links

¹⁷² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 8 (A/33/8).*

¹⁷³ E/1978/91 and Add.1.

¹⁷⁴ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/33/25), annex I, decision 6/1, sect. IV.*

and co-operation between the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) in accordance with their respective mandates and urges the Centre to establish appropriate links with organs and organizations of the United Nations system concerned, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/162;

4. *Urges* the Executive Director of the Centre to proceed expeditiously with the necessary action to integrate the functions and activities previously undertaken by the Secretariat units referred to in section III, paragraph 3, of General Assembly resolution 32/162, with a view to ensuring the optimum utilization of resources, without jeopardizing on-going projects;

5. *Requests* the Commission on Human Settlements at its second session to examine, on the basis of the integrated programme of work of the Centre, the total resources available to the Centre in order to enable it to fulfil its mandate as set out in General Assembly resolution 32/162, and to submit a comprehensive report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session, through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1979;

6. *Recommends* that the General Assembly at its thirty-third session should examine the resources available to the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation, as now incorporated in the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), in the light of the outcome of the pledging conference to be held in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/173 and on the basis of proposals to be submitted by the Executive Director of the Centre;

7. *Urges* all States, particularly the developed countries, to increase their voluntary contributions for human settlements activities, especially for those activities directed towards fulfilling the objectives of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation, as now incorporated in the Centre, with a view to achieving the \$50 million target for the years 1978-1981;

8. *Decides* to transmit to the General Assembly, for consideration at its thirty-third session, the report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the work of its first session.

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1978/67. Activities of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific in the Pacific area

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting that the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, after thorough consideration at its thirty-fourth session of a report on increased participation in its activities by the island developing countries of the Pacific, unanimously adopted, at its 532nd meeting on 17 March 1978, resolution 188 (XXXIV)¹⁷⁵ by which it, *inter alia*, requested the Executive Secretary of the Commission to consider urgently the appointment of a suitably qualified senior officer in the Pacific area in order to improve working linkages and maintain effective liaison between the Commission and the countries of that area and to assist the Executive Secretary in the programming and implementation of activities relevant to the needs of the area.

¹⁷⁵ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 8 (E/1978/48), chap. IV.*

Decides that the implementation of resolution 188 (XXXIV) of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific constitutes an urgent need and that its provisions were of an unforeseeable nature at the time of the adoption of the 1978-1979 programme budget, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to make appropriate provision therefor in his supplementary budget estimates for 1978-1979, for consideration by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Fifth Committee during the thirty-third session of the General Assembly.

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1978/68. Report of the Economic Commission for Africa

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Economic Commission for Africa covering the period from 4 March 1977 to 3 March 1978¹⁷⁶ and the addendum thereto covering the period from 4 March to 4 May 1978,¹⁷⁷

Noting that Djibouti has become a Member of the United Nations since the Economic Commission for Africa last submitted its annual report to the Council.

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Economic Commission for Africa;

2. *Decides*, in accordance with the recommendation made by the Commission in paragraphs 3 and 4 of its report:

(a) To add Djibouti to the list of member countries contained in paragraph 5 of the terms of reference of the Commission;¹⁷⁸

(b) To delete, in paragraph 5 of the terms of reference, the passage reading "provided that States which shall cease to have any territorial responsibilities in Africa shall cease to be members of the Commission";

(c) To amend paragraph 5 of the terms of reference accordingly to read:

"Membership of the Commission shall be open to: Algeria, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burundi, Cape Verde, the Central African Empire, Chad, the Comoros, the Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Gabon, the Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, the Ivory Coast, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, the Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa,* the Sudan, Swaziland, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, the United Republic of Cameroon, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Upper Volta, Zaire and Zambia, and to any State in the area which may hereafter become a Member of the United Nations."

*The Council decided, by its resolution 974 D IV (XXXVI) of 30 July 1963, that the Republic of South Africa should not take part in the work of the Commission until the Council, on the recommendation of the Commission, should find that conditions for constructive co-operation had been restored by a change in its racial policy."

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¹⁷⁶ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 10 (E/1978/50) and E/1978/50/Add.2.*

¹⁷⁷ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 10, Addendum (E/1978/50/Add.1).

¹⁷⁸ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 11 (E/5783), annex III.*

1978/69. Mexico Declaration of the World Food Council

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, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation, which laid the foundations for the establishment of a new international economic order,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 32/52 of 8 December 1977, in which the Assembly decided to review, at its thirty-third session, the implementation of the Programme of Action to Eradicate Hunger and Malnutrition contained in the Manila Communiqué of the World Food Council,¹⁷⁹

Having considered the report of the World Food Council on the work of its fourth session, held at Mexico City from 12 to 15 June 1978,¹⁸⁰

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the World Food Council on the work of its fourth session and expresses its appreciation to the Government and people of Mexico for acting as host to the World Food Council at that session and for ensuring its outstanding success;

2. *Transmits* the report of the World Food Council to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session, pursuant to paragraph 7 of Assembly resolution 3348 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, and draws the attention of the Committee Established under General Assembly Resolution 32/174 of 19 December 1977 to that report;

3. *Endorses* the Mexico Declaration of the World Food Council,¹⁸¹ which contains that Council's review and recommendations concerning the world food situation and the implementation of the Manila Communiqué of the World Food Council;

4. *Emphasizes* and endorses fully the important recommendations and decisions of the World Food Council concerning the necessary action and modalities for:

(a) Increasing food production in the developing countries, including new arrangements for the responsibilities previously entrusted to the Consultative Group on Food Production and Investment in Developing Countries;

(b) Improving human nutrition;

(c) Providing assistance to the countries of the Sahelian zone of Africa;

(d) Improving world food security;

(e) Increasing and improving food aid;

(f) Making the international emergency reserve of 500,000 tons of grains a continuing reserve and improving its effectiveness and ready availability;

(g) Improving the contribution of trade to the solution of food problems;

5. *Calls upon* the World Food Council to give consideration at its fifth ministerial session to the effective contribution of food trade to the solution of world food

¹⁷⁹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 19 (A/32/19)*, part one, para. 1.

¹⁸⁰ *Ibid.*, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 19 (A/33/19 and Corr.1).

¹⁸¹ *Ibid.*, part one para. 1.

problems, particularly in the developing countries, and to put forward specific recommendations thereon;

6. *Strongly urges* all Governments, specialized agencies, organs and other bodies within and outside the United Nations system dealing with food, agriculture and human nutrition, to take urgent steps to further and to implement fully the Programme of Action to Eradicate Hunger and Malnutrition, contained in the Manila Communiqué and elaborated in the Mexico Declaration;

7. *Recommends* to the General Assembly the adoption of the Mexico Declaration of the World Food Council.

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1978/70. Science and technology

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, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation, as well as Assembly resolutions 32/115 and 32/184 of 15 and 19 December 1977,

Recalling also Council resolutions 2028 (LXI) and 2035 (LXI) of 4 August 1976, which concern in particular the preparatory arrangements for the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development, and Council resolution 2123 (LXIII) of 4 August 1977 referring to the co-ordination of the work of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development,

Bearing in mind the need for greater co-ordination among the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system concerned, with a view to determining the necessary operational and institutional links between science, technology and development, within the context of the new international economic order,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the state of preparations for the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development;¹⁸²

2. *Urges* all specialized agencies and other organizations concerned within and outside the United Nations system to ensure that the documents required for the future sessions of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development and for the Conference itself contain clear and specific recommendations, and that their efforts are effectively co-ordinated, in order to make the best use of available resources towards attaining the goals of the Conference;

3. *Requests* the Preparatory Committee at its third session to give careful consideration to the substantive issues, and particularly to the draft programme of action which will be dealt with by the Conference, bearing in mind the principles of the new international economic order;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development:

¹⁸² E/1978/82.

(a) To complete work as soon as possible on the documentation requested in resolution 4 (II) adopted by the Preparatory Committee at its second session;¹⁸³

(b) To transmit the documentation to the national focal points for consideration by Governments, in order to facilitate preparations for the third session of the Preparatory Committee;

(c) To convey the draft outline of the programme of action to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session for consideration under item 70 of the agenda, together with the Secretary-General's progress report;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the Conference to arrange consultations with the officers of the Preparatory Committee and interested delegations during the thirty-third session of the General Assembly, in accordance with Council resolution 2123 (LXIII), in order to maintain the momentum of the preparatory process and to take steps to ensure the participation of the specialized agencies and organizations concerned.

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1978/71. Transnational corporations: the code of conduct and the *Ad Hoc* Intergovernmental Working Group on the Problem of Corrupt Practices

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting the report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its fourth session,¹⁸¹

Recalling the establishment, by the Commission on Transnational Corporations at its second session, of the Intergovernmental Working Group on a Code of Conduct,¹⁸²

Recalling also its resolution 2041 (LXI) of 5 August 1976, by which the Council established the *Ad Hoc* Intergovernmental Working Group on the Problem of Corrupt Practices, and its resolution 2122 (LXIII) of 4 August 1977, by which it continued the *Ad Hoc* Intergovernmental Working Group,

Noting the progress made so far by the *Ad Hoc* Intergovernmental Working Group on the Problem of Corrupt Practices, as well as the pending issues defined by that Working Group and the views expressed thereon in the Council,

1. *Reaffirms* that the formulation of a code of conduct by the Commission on Transnational Corporations should be given the highest priority and that the conclusion of an international agreement on illicit payments should in no way interfere with or delay that priority;

2. *Urges* all States to expedite the formulation of the code of conduct;

3. *Endorses* the conclusion of the Commission on Transnational Corporations that the Intergovernmental Working Group on a Code of Conduct should hold three sessions of two weeks each before the fifth session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations in order to enable it to make expeditious progress towards the fulfilment of its mandate, and requests the Commission to report to the Council at its second regular

¹⁸³ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 43 (A/33/43 and Corr.1), annex I.*

¹⁸⁴ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 12 (E/1978/52 and Corr.1-3).*

¹⁸⁵ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 5 (E/5782), para. 51.*

session of 1979 on the progress made, in order to enable the Council to decide on the programme for completing work on the code of conduct at the earliest possible time;

4. *Takes note* of the reports of the *Ad Hoc* Intergovernmental Working Group on the Problem of Corrupt Practices on its fourth, fifth and resumed fifth sessions;¹⁸⁶

5. *Decides* to establish a Committee on an International Agreement on Illicit Payments, open to all interested States, to meet for two sessions of two weeks each, if necessary, for the purpose of advancing as far as possible the work on an international agreement on illicit payments, particularly in respect of the articles not yet discussed, and to report to the Commission on Transnational Corporations at its fifth session and to the Council at its second regular session of 1979 on the progress of its work;

6. *Decides also* that the Committee referred to in paragraph 5 above shall meet only if a quorum of four States from each interested geographical group is represented;

7. *Decides further*, in principle, to convene, if possible in 1980 and subject to a definitive decision by the Council at its second regular session of 1979, a conference of plenipotentiaries to conclude an international agreement on illicit payments, bearing in mind the progress of the work in the Committee referred to in paragraph 5 above.

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1978/72. Transnational corporations and permanent sovereignty over natural and other resources

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, and 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States.

Further recalling General Assembly resolutions on permanent sovereignty over natural resources, particularly their provisions supporting resolutely the efforts of the developing countries and peoples subjected to foreign occupation or colonial and racial domination in their struggle for self-determination and for the regaining of effective control over their natural and all other resources, wealth and economic activities,

1. *Reaffirms* the right of all countries and peoples under foreign occupation and peoples subjected to colonial domination, neo-colonialism, *apartheid*, racism and racial discrimination to full permanent sovereignty over their natural resources and all other resources, wealth and economic activities;

2. *Urges* all transnational corporations and investment institutions not to recognize or co-operate with or assist in any manner in all measures undertaken by the occupying Power or the colonial, *apartheid* or racial régime to exploit the human, natural or other resources, wealth and economic activities of the above-mentioned countries and peoples.

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¹⁸⁶ E/1978/39; E/1978/115.

1978/73. Activities of transnational corporations in southern Africa and their collaboration with the racist minority régimes in that area

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 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, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Recalling also the resolution adopted by the Commission on Transnational Corporations at its third session on the activities of transnational corporations in southern Africa and their collaboration with the racist minority régimes in that area,¹⁸⁷

Recalling further the Maputo Declaration in Support of the Peoples of Zimbabwe and Namibia and the Programme of Action for the Liberation of Zimbabwe and Namibia,¹⁸⁸ the Lagos Declaration for Action against *Apartheid*,¹⁸⁹ and General Assembly resolution S-9/2 of 3 May 1978,

Having considered the report of the Centre on Transnational Corporations entitled *Activities of Transnational Corporations in Southern Africa: Impact on Financial and Social Structures*,¹⁹⁰

Gravely concerned at the continued collaboration of transnational corporations with the racist minority régimes in southern Africa, in contravention of United Nations resolutions,

Considering that the cessation of the activities of transnational corporations in southern Africa would constitute an important step in the struggle against the racist minority régimes,

Conscious of the continued need to enlist the active support of the home Governments of transnational corporations and to mobilize world public opinion against the involvement and collaboration of those corporations with the racist minority régimes, which impede the exercise of the inalienable right of the peoples of southern Africa to self-determination and their exercise of permanent sovereignty over their natural resources and economic activities,

Welcoming as a positive step measures taken by some home Governments to curtail the activities of their transnational and other corporations in southern Africa,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Centre on Transnational Corporations entitled *Activities of Transnational Corporations in Southern Africa: Impact on Financial and Social Structures*;

2. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the indigenous peoples of southern Africa to permanent sovereignty over their natural resources and all economic activities;

3. *Recognizes* the urgent need to take further and effective measures, including sanctions, in order to terminate the continuing collaboration of transnational and

¹⁸⁷ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 5 (E/5986)*, para. 14. See also paras. 46-57 of the report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its fourth session (*Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 12 (E/1978/52 and Corr.1-3)*).

¹⁸⁸ See *Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-second Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1977*, document S/12344/Rev.1, annex V.

¹⁸⁹ A/CONF.91/9 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.77.XIV.2 and corrigendum), sect. X.

¹⁹⁰ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.78.II.A.6.

other corporations with the racist minority régimes in southern Africa;

4. *Strongly condemns* the continued investments and the exploitation of cheap black labour by transnational and other corporations which continue to collaborate with the racist minority régimes in southern Africa in contravention of United Nations resolutions, thereby contributing to the perpetuation of oppression and other inhuman practices perpetrated against the majority indigenous population by the racist minority régimes;

5. *Urges* all transnational corporations to comply strictly with the relevant United Nations resolutions by terminating all further investments in southern Africa and by ending their collaboration with the racist minority régimes;

6. *Commends* all anti-apartheid movements, churches, trade unions, universities and other organizations which have taken concrete steps, including shareholder action, to discourage and oppose the collaboration of transnational corporations with the racist minority régimes in southern Africa;

7. *Calls upon* all Governments which have not yet done so to take legislative, administrative, judicial and other measures in respect of their nationals and transnational corporations of their nationality owning or operating enterprises in southern Africa, in order to put an end to such activities;

8. *Calls further* upon all States to terminate all forms of collaboration by their nationals and transnational and other corporations of their nationality with the racist minority régimes in southern Africa and, in particular:

(a) To refrain from supplying petroleum, petroleum products or other strategic materials to the racist minority régimes;

(b) To refrain from extending loans, investments and technical assistance to the racist minority régimes in southern Africa and to corporations registered in those territories;

(c) To prohibit economic and financial interests under their national jurisdiction from co-operating with the racist minority régimes and enterprises registered in southern Africa;

(d) To refrain from all activities which may directly or indirectly contribute to the strengthening of the military capability of the racist minority régimes;

(e) To deny tariff and other preferences to exports from the territories occupied by the racist minority régimes in southern Africa, and any inducements or guarantees for investment and trade in the area;

(f) To prohibit all persons and enterprises of their nationality from making any royalty or tax payments to, or from knowingly transferring any assets or other financial resources in contravention of United Nations resolutions to facilitate trade with or investments in, the territories occupied by the racist minority régimes;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To instruct the Secretariat to continue its useful research on the activities of transnational corporations in southern Africa and their collaboration with the racist minority régimes in the area;

(b) To submit a report to the Commission on Transnational Corporations at its fifth session on the implementation of the present resolution, including in the report an in-depth study of the extent of the collaboration of the transnational corporations in the industrial, mining and military sectors;

(c) To annex to the above-mentioned report a list of transnational corporations which recognize and negotiate with non-white and multiracial trade unions, as well as a list of those which do not recognize such trade unions;

(d) To continue to collect and publicize information on the activities of transnational corporations which collaborate directly or indirectly with the racist minority régimes in southern Africa in contravention of United Nations resolutions.

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1978/74. Regional co-operation and development

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, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation and 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970 containing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,

Recalling also Council resolution 2043 (LXI) of 5 August 1976 on the strengthening of the regional commissions for regional and interregional co-operation,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system.

Convinced that the regional commissions are in a particularly advantageous position to promote subregional, regional and interregional co-operation in their respective regions,

Considering the need to achieve, in the economic and social programmes of the United Nations, complementarity and a better co-ordination of the tasks performed at United Nations Headquarters and those performed by the secretariats of the regional commissions, in accordance with the directives set forth in the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197,

Noting further that in paragraph 23 of the annex to resolution 32/197 it is stated that, without prejudice to the special needs and conditions of each region, and taking into account the plans and priorities of the Governments concerned, the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council should take measures to enable the regional commissions to function expeditiously as executing agencies for intersectoral, subregional, regional and interregional projects and, in areas which do not fall within the purview of the sectoral responsibilities of specialized agencies and other United Nations bodies, for other subregional, regional and interregional projects,

Recalling that in paragraph 26 of the annex to resolution 32/197 it is stated that, in order to enable the regional commissions effectively to discharge their responsibilities, the necessary authority should be delegated to them and adequate budgetary and financial provision should be made,

Noting with satisfaction that the Secretary-General has organized consultations between the representatives of the regional commissions and the departments concerned at United Nations Headquarters and those of the

United Nations Development Programme, to make practical and concrete arrangements such as those relating to the role of the regional commissions as executing agencies for projects.¹⁹¹

Welcoming in particular the decision to make 1 January 1979 the target date for the completion of the decentralization to regional commissions of the execution of the first set of appropriate subregional and regional projects currently being carried out by United Nations Headquarters.¹⁹¹

Recalling the responsibilities of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination,

1. *Reaffirms* that the regional commissions should be further enabled to exercise, in consultation with Governments concerned, the functions of executing agencies of the United Nations Development Programme, in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970, 3505 (XXX) of 15 December 1975 and 32/197 of 20 December 1977 and Council resolutions 1896 (LVII) of 1 August 1974 and 1952 (LIX) of 23 July 1975, while seeking to improve their performance in exercising those functions;

2. *Requests* the executive secretaries of the regional commissions to submit, where necessary and at the request of the countries concerned, to their respective commissions at their forthcoming sessions plans for an intensified programme for the promotion of subregional, regional and interregional co-operation in their respective regions in accordance with their mandates, and to pay particular attention to those activities which the

¹⁹¹ See E/1978/89, para. 9.

Governments concerned have designated as priority areas:

3. *Invites* the regional commissions to intensify co-operation with other regional and subregional bodies in their respective regions;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to intensify consultations, as appropriate, in order to make further progress in achieving complementarity and a better co-ordination of the tasks performed at United Nations Headquarters and those performed by the secretariats of the regional commissions, in accordance with the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make such arrangements as may be necessary to enable the regional commissions to promote more effective co-operation at the subregional, regional and interregional levels, in accordance with paragraphs 24 and 25 of the annex to resolution 32/197;

6. *Requests* the executive secretaries of the regional commissions to ask their respective commissions to consider further the directives set forth in the annex to resolution 32/197, with a view to rationalizing the structure of the commissions, including the streamlining of their subsidiary machinery;

7. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit, through the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1979 a report on the progress made in implementing the provisions of the above paragraphs.

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DECISIONS

1978/41. Allegations regarding infringements of trade union rights

At its 32nd plenary meeting, on 21 July 1978, the Council, noting that the consent of the Government of the United States of America had been obtained, as required under paragraph 1 (c) (i) of Council resolution 277 (X) of 17 February 1950, decided, in conformity with paragraph 1 (c) (ii) of that resolution, to transmit the complaint regarding infringements of trade union rights in Puerto Rico, presented by the World Federation of Trade Unions on 18 November 1977,¹⁹² to the Fact-Finding and Conciliation Commission on Freedom of Association of the International Labour Organisation, through the Governing Body of that Organisation; the Council also decided that, in accordance with the procedure outlined in its resolution 277 (X), the Commission's findings should be transmitted to the Council as soon as possible, in keeping with the Commission's established practice.

1978/42. Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations

At its 32nd plenary meeting, on 21 July 1978, the Council, recalling paragraph (f) of its decision 1978/16, decided:

(a) To note that the Anti-Apartheid Movement, the Federation of Arab Economists, the International

¹⁹² E/1978/57, annex II.

Union of Producers and Distributors of Electrical Energy and the United Kingdom Standing Conference on the Second United Nations Development Decade had submitted reports as required, and to request the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to examine those reports at its next regular session in 1979;

(b) To note that the International Association for the Promotion and Protection of Private Foreign Investments had relinquished consultative status with the Council;

(c) That the Association for the Study of the World Refugee Problem should be accorded an additional extension of two months to submit its report, in view of the postal delays which had prevented it from receiving the notifications from the United Nations Secretariat, that if the Association failed to submit its report within that time its consultative status with the Council would be automatically suspended for a period of one year, after which time its consultative status would be automatically withdrawn, and that the Association's report would be examined by the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations at its next regular session in 1979;

(d) That, since the Afro-Asian Organization for Economic Co-operation, the Centre for Latin American Monetary Studies, the Inter-American Council of Commerce and Production and the International Association of Educators for World Peace had not complied with Council decisions 227 (LXII) and 1978/16, their consultative status with the Council should, in accordance with paragraphs 36 and 37 of Council resolution 1296

(XLIV) of 23 May 1968, be suspended for a period of one year, after which time their consultative status would be automatically withdrawn if they failed to submit a report on their activities.

1978/43. Assistance to the Palestinian people

At its 32nd plenary meeting, on 21 July 1978, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people.¹⁹³

1978/44. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

At its 35th plenary meeting, on 1 August 1978, the Council took note of the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees¹⁹⁴ and decided to transmit it, together with the comments made thereon at the Council's second regular session of 1978, to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session.

1978/45. Technical co-operation among developing countries

At its 35th plenary meeting, on 1 August 1978, the Council took note of the report of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries on its third session¹⁹⁵ and of the views expressed thereon in the Council at its second regular session of 1978, and decided to request the Conference to submit its conclusions and recommendations to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session, through the Council at its resumed second regular session of 1978.

1978/46. Promotion of tourism and membership of the World Tourism Organization

At its 35th plenary meeting, on 1 August 1978, the Council took note of:

(a) The note by the Secretary-General on the promotion of tourism;¹⁹⁶

(b) The note by the Secretary-General on membership of the World Tourism Organization.¹⁹⁷

1978/47. International years and anniversaries

At its 35th plenary meeting, on 1 August 1978, the Council decided:

(a) To take note of the note by the Secretariat on international years and anniversaries¹⁹⁸ and of the note verbale dated 9 November 1977 from the Permanent Mission of Liberia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General;¹⁹⁹

(b) To request the Secretary-General to prepare a report, taking into account experiences of previous international years which could form the basis for establishing uniform criteria and procedures to be applied to the proclamation, organization and evaluation of all future international years;

(c) To consider that report at its second regular session of 1979.

¹⁹³ E/1978/55 and Add.1-3.

¹⁹⁴ E/1978/75. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/33/12)*.

¹⁹⁵ A/CONF. 79/3.

¹⁹⁶ E/1978/98.

¹⁹⁷ E/1978/99.

¹⁹⁸ E/1978/94.

¹⁹⁹ E/1978/7.

1978/48. World Communications Year

At its 35th plenary meeting, on 1 August 1978, the Council took note of the note by the Secretary-General entitled "World Communications Year"²⁰⁰ and of the indication to the Council that preliminary consultations among the organizations concerned had identified 1983 as the most appropriate year for designation as World Communications Year.²⁰¹ and decided to consider the subject again in 1979.

1978/49. Progress report on the United Nations Transport and Communications Decade in Africa

At its 35th plenary meeting, on 1 August 1978, the Council took note of the progress report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Transport and Communications Decade in Africa.²⁰²

1978/50. Application of computer science and technology to development

At its 35th plenary meeting, on 1 August 1978, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the application of computer science and technology to development.²⁰³

1978/51. Study of the interrelationships between population, resources, environment and development

At its 35th plenary meeting, on 1 August 1978, the Council took note of the progress report of the Secretary-General concerning the study of the interrelationships between population, resources, environment and development²⁰⁴ and decided to request the Secretary-General to submit a report on the substance of the matter for consideration at the second regular session of 1979.

1978/52. Administrative expenses of the United Nations Capital Development Fund

At its 36th plenary meeting, on 2 August 1978, the Council, recalling its decision 259 (LXIII) of 3 August 1977, decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the administrative expenses of the United Nations Capital Development Fund should be met from voluntary contributions made to that Fund, in accordance with paragraph 12 of decision 25/19 of 30 June 1978 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme.²⁰⁵

1978/53. United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration

At its 36th plenary meeting, on 2 August 1978, the Council, pursuant to paragraph 3 of decision 25/14 of 26 June 1978 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme,²⁰⁶ decided to postpone for two years, until 1981, the review specified in paragraph 1 (m) and (p) of Economic and Social Council resolution 1762 (LIV) of 18 May 1973.

²⁰⁰ E/1978/95.

²⁰¹ E/1978/C.3/SR.12, para. 21.

²⁰² E/1978/96.

²⁰³ E/C.8/54.

²⁰⁴ E/1978/79.

²⁰⁵ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 13 (E/1978/53/Rev.1)*, chap. XX.

²⁰⁶ *Ibid*

1978/54. Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its twenty-fifth session

At its 36th plenary meeting, on 2 August 1978, the Council took note with approval of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its twenty-fifth session²⁰⁷ and of the conclusions and recommendations contained therein, and decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly at its thirty-third session to the views expressed thereon in the Economic and Social Council during its second regular session of 1978.

1978/55. United Nations Special Fund

At its 37th plenary meeting, on 3 August 1978, the Council took note of the report of the Board of Governors of the United Nations Special Fund on its fifth session²⁰⁸ and decided to transmit it to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session.

1978/56. Development and international economic co-operation

At its 37th plenary meeting, on 3 August 1978, the Council took note of the following documents:

(a) Report of the Committee for Development Planning on its fourteenth session;²⁰⁹

(b) Progress report of the Secretary-General on long-term trends in the economic development of world regions;²¹⁰

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the review of progress in the implementation of special measures in favour of the least developed among the developing countries;²¹¹

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on the review of progress in the implementation of special measures and specific action related to the particular needs of the land-locked developing countries;²¹²

(e) Report of the Secretary-General on the network for the exchange of technological information and the industrial and technological information bank;²¹³

(f) Note by the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action adopted by the Tripartite World Conference on Employment, Income Distribution, Social Progress and the International Division of Labour.²¹⁴

1978/57. Reports of the Secretary-General on coal and on research in non-conventional sources of energy

At its 37th plenary meeting, on 3 August 1978, the Council took note of:

(a) The interim report of the Secretary-General on coal;²¹⁵

(b) The report of the Secretary-General on research in non-conventional sources of energy.²¹⁶

²⁰⁷ *Ibid.* Supplement No. 13 (E/1978/53/Rev.1).

²⁰⁸ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 21 (A/33/21).*

²⁰⁹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 6 (E/1978/46 and Corr.1).*

²¹⁰ E/1978/71.

²¹¹ E/1978/86 (parts I and II).

²¹² E/1978/87 (parts I and II).

²¹³ E/1978/72 and Corr.1.

²¹⁴ E/1978/88.

²¹⁵ E/1978/59.

²¹⁶ E/C.8/56 and Corr.1.

1978/58. Report of the Secretary-General requested by the Council in its resolution 2121 (LXIII) entitled "Report of the United Nations Water Conference"

At its 37th plenary meeting, on 3 August 1978, the Council, recalling its decision 1978/38, in paragraph 1 (k) of which it had decided to convene at United Nations Headquarters from 15 to 24 January 1979 the special session of the Committee on Natural Resources devoted to the question of water, decided to request the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session, through the Council, the report on the results of the special session of the Committee requested in paragraph 14 of Council resolution 2121 (LXIII) of 4 August 1977.

1978/59. Migratory labour in southern Africa

At its 37th plenary meeting, on 3 August 1978, the Council took note of the draft resolution entitled "Migratory labour in southern Africa"²¹⁷ and decided to transmit it to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session for consideration.

1978/60. Changes in the calendar of conferences and meetings for 1978 and 1979²¹⁸

1. At its 37th plenary meeting, on 3 August 1978, the Council decided that:

(a) Three additional sessions of the Intergovernmental Working Group on a Code of Conduct for Transnational Corporations, should be convened at Headquarters, the first from 18 to 29 September 1978, with limited conference facilities; the second from 8 to 19 January 1979; and the third from 12 to 23 March 1979;

(b) The fifth session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations should be convened at Headquarters from 14 to 25 May 1979 (instead of from 12 to 23 March 1979);

(c) The second session of the Commission on Human Settlements should be convened at Nairobi from 26 March to 6 April 1979;

(d) The Second United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas should be convened at Mexico City from 3 to 14 September 1979 (instead of during February 1979);

(e) The next meeting of the Drafting Committee of the Group of Experts on Tax Treaties between Developed and Developing Countries should be held at Headquarters from 22 to 26 January 1979.

2. At the same meeting, the Council noted that the meeting of the Working Committee for International Oceanographic Data Exchange would take place at Headquarters from 15 to 19 January 1979 (instead of from 21 to 25 August 1978).

3. At its 38th plenary meeting, on 4 August 1978, the Council decided that:

(a) Its organizational session for 1979 would be held from 6 to 9 February 1979;

²¹⁷ E/1978/L.46.

²¹⁸ The revised calendar of conferences and meetings for 1978 and 1979, incorporating the changes and revisions made to the calendar originally approved by the Council at its sixty-third session (see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second session, Supplement No. 3 (A/32/3), annex III*), was circulated as document E/1978/INF/3 of 17 February 1978. See also decisions 1978/3, 1978/38 and 1978/80.

(b) The third session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development should be convened from 22 January to 2 February 1979 (instead of from 18 to 29 September 1978), and that the fourth session of the Preparatory Committee should be convened from 7 to 18 May 1979 (instead of from 5 to 16 February 1979).

1978/61. Transmittal of reports to the General Assembly for consideration

At its 37th plenary meeting, on 3 August 1978, the Council authorized the Secretary-General to transmit to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session the following documents, unless the Council should be invited, at the request of either a member or the Secretary-General, to consider any of them at its resumed second regular session of 1978:

(a) Report of the Council of the United Nations University;²¹⁹

(b) Report of the Group of High-Level Government Experts on the Effects of the World Inflationary Phenomenon on the Development Process,²²⁰ established by the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development pursuant to General Assembly resolution 32/175 of 19 December 1977;

(c) Report of the Trade and Development Board;²²¹

(d) Annual report of the Human Rights Committee.²²²

1978/62. Report of the Industrial Development Board

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 4 August 1978, the Council took note of the report of the Industrial Development Board on the work of its twelfth session.²²³

1978/63. Report of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 4 August 1978, the Council took note of the report of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific²²⁴ covering the period from 1 May 1977 to 17 March 1978 and of the recommendations and resolutions contained in chapters III and IV thereof.

1978/64. Report of the Economic Commission for Latin America

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 4 August 1978, the Council decided:

(a) To take note of the report of the Economic Commission for Latin America²²⁵ covering the period from 7 May 1977 to 6 May 1978;

(b) To note with appreciation the results of the third session of the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee, held in Belize from 12 to 18

April 1978,²²⁶ and to commend to the Economic Commission for Latin America at its eighteenth session the conclusions reached by that Committee;

(c) To note further that the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee at its third session, within the framework of the work programme adopted by it at its first session and endorsed by the Economic Commission for Latin America at its seventeenth session, selected a limited number of areas and projects to be accorded the highest priority and to be implemented urgently, as indicated in paragraphs 14 and 19 of the report of the Commission;²²⁷

(d) To express its concurrence in the view of the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee that the implementation of those priority projects constituted an urgent need which could not be foreseen at the time of the adoption of the 1978-1979 programme budget, and to request the Secretary-General to make appropriate provision therefor in his supplementary budget estimates for 1978-1979 for consideration by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Fifth Committee in the course of the thirty-third session of the General Assembly.

1978/65. Introduction of Arabic as the third working language of the Economic Commission for Africa

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 4 August 1978, the Council took note of resolution ECO (XVIII)/Res.6 of the Executive Committee of the Economic Commission for Africa, entitled "Introduction of Arabic as the third working language of the Economic Commission for Africa"²²⁸ and decided to recommend that the General Assembly should provide in its next biennial budget the necessary funds for the implementation of its decision of 15 December 1975,²²⁹ and of the provision in paragraph 5 of Council resolution 1950 (LIX) of 22 July 1975 concerning the inclusion of Arabic among the working languages of the Commission.

1978/66. Report of the Economic Commission for Europe

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 4 August 1978, the Council took note of the report of the Economic Commission for Europe²³⁰ covering the period from 1 May 1977 to 22 April 1978, of the views expressed during the discussions in the Commission, of the resolutions and other decisions adopted by the Commission at its thirty-third session, contained in chapters III and IV of that report, and of the Commission's programme of work, contained in chapter V.

1978/67. Interim report of the Economic Commission for Western Asia

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 4 August 1978, the Council took note of the interim report of the Economic Commission for Western Asia,²³¹ covering the period from 1 May 1977 to 1 May 1978.

²¹⁹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 31 (A/33/31)*.

²²⁰ TD/B/704.

²²¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/33/15)*.

²²² *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 40 (A/33/40).

²²³ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 16 (A/33/16).

²²⁴ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 8 (E/1978/48) and E/1978/48/Add.1*.

²²⁵ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 11 (E/1978/51).

²²⁶ *Ibid.*, paras. 13-19.

²²⁷ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 10, Addendum (E/1978/50/Add.1), chap. II.

²²⁸ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 34 (A/10034)*, decision entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council", subpara. (b), p. 78.

²²⁹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 7 (E/1978/47 and Add.1)*.

²³⁰ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 9 (E/1978/49).

1978/68. Report of the Secretary-General on the meetings of the executive secretaries of the regional commissions

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 4 August 1978, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the meetings of the executive secretaries of the regional commissions.²³¹

1978/69. Report of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 4 August 1978, the Council took note of the third annual report of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes.²³²

1978/70. Implementation of the recommendations contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 entitled "Restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system"

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 4 August 1978, the Council decided:

(a) To take note of:

- (i) The progress report submitted by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination pursuant to paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 32/197;²³³
- (ii) The report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the conclusions and recommendations annexed to General Assembly resolution 32/197;²³⁴
- (iii) The notes by the Secretary-General on the implementation by the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Environment Programme, respectively, of the relevant recommendations annexed to General Assembly resolution 32/197;²³⁵
- (iv) The progress report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization submitted pursuant to paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 32/197;²³⁶

(b) To welcome the establishment of the office of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation, to declare that it looks forward to the speedy elaboration of the specific functions and responsibilities of the Director-General's office, on the basis of paragraph 64 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197, and in that connexion to affirm the need for the Director-General to provide, *inter alia*, effective leadership, over-all guidance, orientation and co-ordination to the relevant services and organs within the United Nations and the various components of the United Nations system in the field of development and international economic co-operation, and also to request that the views expressed during the regular sessions of 1978 of the Council should be taken fully into account in that process;

(c) To take note with appreciation of the initial measures taken by the Secretary-General for the establishment of new organizational entities within the United

Nations Secretariat, in accordance with section VIII of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197;

(d) To invite the Secretary-General to pursue actively, in accordance with paragraph 63 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197, the process of rationalizing and streamlining the organizational entities concerned, including the necessary redeployment of staff, and in that context to assess the capacity of those entities to meet the demands made upon them;

(e) To express its appreciation of the measures outlined in the progress report submitted by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, referred to in paragraph (a) (i) above, to commend them to the General Assembly for consideration, together with the views expressed thereon during the Council's second regular session of 1978, and to invite the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to continue to report, through the Council, on the further implementation of General Assembly resolution 32/197, including the streamlining of the Council's subsidiary machinery;

(f) To invite the organizations of the United Nations system to continue to report, through the Council, on progress made in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 32/197;

(g) To invite the Secretary-General to take fully into account, in preparing the further report envisaged in paragraph 4 of his report referred to in paragraph (a) (ii) above, the views expressed at the Council's second regular session of 1978 concerning the further implementation of General Assembly resolution 32/197 and issues requiring further clarification.

1978/71. Implementation of the conclusions and recommendations contained in section II of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 entitled "Restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system"

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 4 August 1978, the Council decided:

(a) To request the Chairman of the First (Economic) Committee to prepare a new working paper²³⁷ on the implementation of the conclusions and recommendations contained in section II of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977, taking into account the views expressed by delegations at the second regular session of 1978;

(b) To request the Chairman of the First (Economic) Committee to convene informal consultations to consider the above-mentioned working paper and to report on the results of such consultations to the Council at its resumed second regular session of 1978;

(c) To take a definitive decision at its resumed second regular session of 1978 on the implementation of the conclusions and recommendations contained in section II of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197.

1978/72. Date of convening of the organizational sessions of the Council

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 4 August 1978, the Council decided that:

(a) In order to ensure better preparation for the organizational sessions of the Council, those sessions should

²³¹ E/1978/89 and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1.
²³² WFP/CFA: 5/17; transmitted to the Council as document E/1978/90.

²³³ E/1978/107.

²³⁴ E/1978/118.

²³⁵ E/1978/110; E/1978/112.

²³⁶ E/1978/111.

²³⁷ See decision 1978/11 above.

in future be convened on the first Tuesday in February of each year;

(b) Rule 2 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council should be amended accordingly.

1978/73. Organization of the work of the General Assembly in the economic and social sectors

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 4 August 1978, the Council decided:

(a) To transmit to the General Assembly, for consideration by the Second and Third Committees, the note by the Secretariat entitled "Organization of the work of the General Assembly in the economic and social sectors",²³⁸ drawing in particular the attention of the Second Committee to paragraph 9 thereof;

(b) To transmit also to the General Assembly the comments made by delegations when the Council considered the question;²³⁹

(c) To request the Bureau of the Council to hold consultations with the officers of the Second and Third Committees of the General Assembly with regard to the consideration by the latter of issues dealt with in the report of the Council to the Assembly.²⁴⁰

1978/74. The "brain drain" problem

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 4 August 1978, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "The 'brain drain' problem: outflow of trained personnel from developing to developed countries"²⁴¹ and decided to transmit that report, together with the comments made thereon during the second regular session of 1978, to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session and to the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development at its third session.

²³⁸ E/1978/L.49.

²³⁹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Plenary Meetings*, 37th and 38th meetings.

²⁴⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/33/3)*.

²⁴¹ E/1978/92.

1978/75. Study on the impact of the mass communication media on the changing roles of women and men

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 4 August 1978, the Council decided:

(a) To request the President of the Economic and Social Council to consult the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the preparation of a study on the impact of the mass communication media on the changing roles of women and men, in the light of Council resolution 2063 (LXII) of 12 May 1977 and taking into account the views expressed on the subject in the Commission on the Status of Women;

(b) To take a decision on the question at its resumed second regular session of 1978.

1978/76. Establishment of an *Ad Hoc* Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 4 August 1978, the Council decided to consider at its resumed second regular session of 1978 the draft decision, entitled "Establishment of an *Ad Hoc* Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting", recommended by the Commission on Transnational Corporations for adoption by the Council.²⁴²

1978/77. Summary of estimates of programme budget implications of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Council during its first and second regular sessions of 1978

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 4 August 1978, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General containing the summary of estimates of programme budget implications of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Council during its first and second regular sessions of 1978.²⁴³

²⁴² See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 12 (E/1978/52 and Corr.1-3)*, chap. I.

²⁴³ E/1978/140.

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^a *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 38.*

RESOLUTION

1978/75. Fifth Meeting of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1978/6 of 4 May 1978 entitled "Public administration and finance for development in the 1980s" in general, and paragraph 6 thereof in particular,

Requests the Secretary-General to convene the Fifth Meeting of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance early in 1980 with the following terms of reference:

(a) On the basis of the work carried out by the Secretariat as required under Council resolution 1978/6, paragraph 3, and General Assembly resolution 32/179 of 19 December 1977, the Meeting shall make recommendations on appropriate measures in conjunction with the preparatory work for the international development strategy for the 1980s;

(b) The Meeting shall review the modalities of implementation of the Programme in the light of changing circumstances, the relevant decision of the legislative bodies, and the evaluation conducted by the Joint Inspection Unit;²⁴⁴

(c) The Meeting shall recommend substantive priorities for the Programme for the 1980s in order to assist in the formulation of future medium-term plans and programmes.

*42nd plenary meeting
8 November 1978*

²⁴⁴ E/1978/42 and Corr.1 and E/1978/42/Add.1 and 2.

DECISIONS

1978/78. United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries

At its 39th plenary meeting, on 12 October 1978, the Council took note with appreciation of the report of the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries,²⁴⁵ held at Buenos Aires from 30 August to 12 September 1978, and decided to transmit the report to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session, together with the comments made thereon;²⁴⁶ the Council also urged all Governments, the entire United Nations development system and the international community as a whole to take effective action for the implementation of the decisions of the Conference.

1978/79. Appointment of a special rapporteur to prepare a study on the impact of the mass communication media on the changing roles of women and men

At its 41st plenary meeting, on 30 October 1978, the Council decided, on the proposal of the President, to appoint Mrs. Esmeralda Arboleda de Cuevas (Colombia) as the special rapporteur entrusted with preparing a study on the impact of the mass communication media on the changing roles of men and women, as called for in paragraph 8 of its resolution 2063 (LXII) of 12 May 1977; the Council also decided that the work of the special rapporteur should be carried out in full co-operation

²⁴⁵ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.78.II.A.11 and corrigendum.

²⁴⁶ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Plenary Meetings, 39th meeting.*

with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and should take into account other activities in the field of information in the United Nations.

1978/80. Changes in the calendar of conferences and meetings for 1979

1. At its 41st and 44th plenary meetings, on 30 October and 27 November 1978, the Council approved the following changes in the calendar of conferences and meetings for 1979:²⁴⁷

(a) The Committee on an International Agreement on Illicit Payments would be convened at United Nations Headquarters from 29 January to 9 February 1979 and from 26 March to 6 April 1979;

(b) The Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development would hold its session at Geneva from 5 to 16 March 1979 (instead of from 22 January to 2 February);

(c) The Regional Group for Countries of the Economic Commission for Latin America of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development, scheduled to meet at Santiago for three days in 1979, would meet at Mexico City from 28 to 30 May 1979;

(d) The second session of the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women would be held at United Nations Headquarters from 27 August to 7 September 1979 (instead of from 16 to 27 July).

²⁴⁷ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/33/3)*, annex III. See also decisions 1978/3, 1978/38 and 1978/60.

2. At its 45th plenary meeting, on 19 December 1978, the Council further decided that, in the event that the General Assembly should decide to resume its thirty-third session, the eighth session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names should be convened at United Nations Headquarters from 26 February to 9 March 1979 (instead of from 5 to 16 March).

1978/81. Report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the results of the Intergovernmental Conference on Strategies and Policies for Informatics

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 27 November 1978, the Council decided to consider the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the results of the Intergovernmental Conference on Strategies and Policies for Informatics²⁴⁸ at its second regular session of 1979.

1978/82. Annual report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination for 1977/78 and report on the Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination

At its 42nd plenary meeting, on 8 November 1978, the Council took note of:

(a) The annual report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination for 1977/78;²⁴⁹

(b) The report of the Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on the Joint Meetings of the two Committees.²⁵⁰

1978/83. Nomination of members of the World Food Council

At its 42nd plenary meeting, on 8 November 1978, the Council decided, as provided for in General Assembly resolution 3348 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, to nominate the following twelve States for election by the Assembly to membership in the World Food Council:

- (a) *African States*: Botswana, Ethiopia and Liberia;
- (b) *Asian States*: India, Iraq and Thailand;
- (c) *Latin American States*: Colombia and Mexico;
- (d) *Socialist States of Eastern Europe*: Yugoslavia;
- (e) *Western European and other States*: Canada, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

1978/84. Proposed medium-term plan for the period 1980-1983 and programming procedures

At its 42nd plenary meeting, on 8 November 1978, the Council:

(a) Welcomed the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the work of its eighteenth session;²⁵¹

(b) Expressed its regret that the text of the proposed medium-term plan for 1980-1983²⁵² had been submitted too late to permit its meaningful examination;

(c) Took note of the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination,²⁵³ as well as the views expressed thereon in the Council;²⁵⁴

(d) Approved the decision of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination to study in depth, at its nineteenth session, the process of planning and programming;

(e) Decided to consider at one of its sessions in 1979 the proposed medium-term plan for 1980-1983, with a view to ensuring that the policies laid down by the General Assembly and the Council were fully reflected in the plan and to make the necessary recommendations to that end;

(f) Noted with appreciation the progress achieved by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination in implementing the relevant recommendations set forth in the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system;

(g) Drew the attention of the General Assembly to the progress report prepared by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination²⁵⁵ pursuant to paragraph 7 of Assembly resolution 32/197 and requested the Assembly to take the necessary measures to enable the Committee to discharge its increased responsibilities and, in particular, to carry out the work programme which it had decided upon for 1979.

1978/85. World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women

At its 43rd plenary meeting, on 15 November 1978, the Council decided:

(a) To transmit to the General Assembly for its consideration the report of the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women on its first session,²⁵⁶ the draft resolution referred to the General Assembly therein²⁵⁷ and the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Preparatory Committee at its first session,²⁵⁸ together with comments made thereon in the Council;²⁵⁹

(b) To review, at its organizational session for 1979, in the light of the provisional agenda for the Conference,²⁶⁰ the related programmes of work of the Council and the Commission on the Status of Women, with a view to making consequential modifications thereto and to the related documentation;

(c) To authorize the Secretary-General to submit directly to the General Assembly the report requested by the Preparatory Committee on a programme of information activities for the Conference.²⁶¹

²⁴⁸ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 6 (A/33/6/Rev.1).

²⁴⁹ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 38 (A/33/38), chap. I.

²⁵⁰ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Plenary Meetings*, 40th to 42nd meetings.

²⁵¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/33/38)*, para. 675.

²⁵² A/CONF.94/PC/4.

²⁵³ *Ibid.*, para. 118.

²⁵⁴ A/33/339 and Corr.1.

²⁵⁵ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Plenary Meetings*, 43rd meeting.

²⁵⁶ See A/33/339 and Corr.1, annex I.

²⁵⁷ A/33/339/Add.1.

²⁴⁸ E/1978/143, annex.

²⁴⁹ E/1978/43 and Add.1 and 2.

²⁵⁰ E/1978/93.

²⁵¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/33/38)*.

1978/86. Study of the interagency programme for the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace

At its 43rd plenary meeting, on 15 November 1978, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the study of the interagency programme for the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace²⁶² and decided to transmit the report to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session, together with the comments made thereon in the Council.²⁶³

1978/87. Work of the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

At its 43rd plenary meeting, on 15 November 1978, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination.²⁶⁴

1978/88. Measures for achieving better co-ordination between social and other development activities within the United Nations system

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 27 November 1978, the Council decided:

(a) To consider in depth at its first regular session of 1979 the report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on measures for achieving better co-ordination between social and other development activities within the United Nations system;²⁶⁵

(b) To consider at its organizational session for 1979 the question of the establishment of the *ad hoc* working group recommended in Council resolution 2079 (LXII) of 13 May 1977.

1978/89. Report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on expenditures of the United Nations system in relation to programmes

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 27 November 1978, 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.²⁶⁶

1978/90. Designation of an international year for science and technology for development

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 27 November 1978, the Council decided to consider at its second regular session of 1979 the recommendations of the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization concerning the designation of an international year for science and technology for development to be submitted to the General Assembly, through the Council, pursuant to Council resolution 2108 (LXIII) of 3 August 1977.

1978/91. Elections or appointments to subsidiary and related bodies of the Council

At its 44th and 45th plenary meetings, on 27 November and 19 December 1978, the Council took the following action with respect to vacancies on subsidiary and related bodies of the Council:

²⁶² E/1978/106.

²⁶³ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Plenary Meetings*, 43rd meeting.

²⁶⁴ A/33/262.

²⁶⁵ E/1978/102.

²⁶⁶ E/1978/105.

ELECTION TO THE STATISTICAL COMMISSION

At its 44th meeting, the Council elected EGYPT to fill a vacant seat allocated to African States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1981.

POSTPONEMENT OF ELECTIONS TO FILL VACANCIES IN OTHER BODIES

At the same meeting, since there were no candidates for the vacancies in the Commission for Social Development, the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, the Committee on Natural Resources, the Committee on Science and Technology for Development, the Committee on Review and Appraisal or the Commission on Transnational Corporations, the Council decided to postpone elections to those bodies until a later session.

APPOINTMENT TO FILL A VACANCY ON THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE APPLICATION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPMENT

At the same meeting, the Council, on the recommendation of the Secretary-General,²⁶⁷ appointed Mr. F. G. Torto (Ghana) to fill the vacancy in the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development created by the resignation of Mr. K. M. Sape (Ghana), for a term beginning on the date of appointment and expiring on 31 December 1980.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON CANDIDATURES FOR ELECTION TO THE INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD

At its 45th meeting, the Council, as provided in its resolution 1106 (XL) of 4 March 1966, set up a Committee on Candidatures to review candidatures for vacancies that would occur on the International Narcotics Control Board.²⁶⁸ The following States were elected to the Committee: ARGENTINA, GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF INDIA, JAPAN, SWEDEN, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

1978/92. Nomination of members of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 27 November 1978, in accordance with the procedure instituted under its decision 139 (ORG-76), the Council nominated NORWAY, in place of Denmark, which had withdrawn its candidature, for election by the General Assembly at its thirty-third session to the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination for a term of three years beginning on 1 January 1979.

1978/93. Revision of chapter 27 of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1980-1983

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 19 December 1978, the Council decided:

(a) To take note of the draft revision of sub-programmes 4 and 5 in chapter 27 of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1980-1983,²⁶⁹ contained in Conference Room Paper No. 1;

(b) To request the Secretary-General to issue in due course a revised version of chapter 27 as a whole, in

²⁶⁷ See E/1978/44.

²⁶⁸ See E/1978/145.

²⁶⁹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/33/6/Rev.1)*.

the light of the discussions at the Council's resumed second regular session of 1978;

(c) To continue its examination of the matters referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b) above, in the context of the Council's consideration in 1979 of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1980-1983 in conformity with paragraph (e) of its decision 1978/84.

1978/94. Restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system

1. At its 45th plenary meeting, on 19 December 1978, the Council decided:

(a) That, since the non-availability of some of the required documentation had prevented it from carrying out a full examination of the issues covered in the report of the Secretary-General on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system,²⁷⁰ that report should be transmitted to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session;

(b) To request the Secretary-General to submit the addendum to the report, dealing with the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation, directly to the General Assembly for consideration at its thirty-third session, expressing the hope that, in the circumstances, those important matters could be given full consideration by the Assembly;

(c) To consider at its organizational session for 1979 how best to carry out its important responsibilities in those matters, taking into account any relevant action by the Assembly.

2. The Council also took note of the second report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on the restructuring of its subsidiary machinery,²⁷¹ submitted in pursuance of paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977.

1978/95. Establishment of an *Ad Hoc* Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 19 December 1978, the Council, on the proposal of the President, decided to

²⁷⁰ A/33/410 and Corr.1 and 2.

²⁷¹ E/1978/144.

consider at its organizational session for 1979 the draft decision entitled "Establishment of an *Ad Hoc* Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting", recommended by the Commission on Transnational Corporations for adoption by the Council.²⁷²

1978/96. Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit

At its 42nd plenary meeting, on 8 November 1978, the Council took note of:

(a) The report of the Joint Inspection Unit on evaluation in the United Nations system²⁷³ and the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the comments of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on that report;²⁷⁴

(b) The report of the Joint Inspection Unit on programming and evaluation in the United Nations²⁷⁵ and the comments by the Secretary-General thereon;²⁷⁶

(c) The report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the United Nations public administration and finance programme, 1972-1976²⁷⁷ and the comments by the Secretary-General thereon.²⁷⁸

1978/97. Rationalization of the work of the Council

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 19 December 1978, the Council decided:

(a) To adopt a biennial programme of work as at 1 January 1979 and to request the Secretary-General, accordingly, to submit the draft programme of work for the Council on a biennial basis;

(b) To recommend to the General Assembly that it should decide that the report of the Council on the implementation of section II of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977 should be submitted to it at its thirty-fourth session.

²⁷² See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 12* (E/1978/52 and Corr. 1-3), chap. I.

²⁷³ See E/6003.

²⁷⁴ E/1978/12.

²⁷⁵ E/1978/41 and Corr.2.

²⁷⁶ E/1978/41/Add.1.

²⁷⁷ E/1978/42 and Corr.1 and Add.1.

²⁷⁸ E/1978/42/Add.2.

