

preparatory meeting organized by the Intergovernmental Bureau for Informatics in June 1981,

1. *Recommends* that Member States should collaborate in the preparatory activities and the achievement of the objectives of the Second Intergovernmental Conference on Strategies and Policies for Informatics;

2. *Invites* the United Nations and its specialized agencies, particularly the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the International Telecommunication Union, the International Labour Organisation, the World Health Organization and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and also the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, to collaborate actively with the Intergovernmental Bureau for Informatics in the preparations for the Conference;

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General to submit to the Economic and Social Council at a future session a progress report on the preparations for the Second Intergovernmental Conference on Strategies and Policies for Informatics.

*39th plenary meeting
22 July 1981*

1981/53. International centre for public accounting and auditing

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 33/193 of 29 January 1979 on preparations for an international development strategy for the third United Nations development decade, particularly section I, paragraph 3 (c), thereof, concerning the development of institutional and physical infrastructure in the various development sectors in the developing countries, and 32/179 of 19 December 1977, 33/144 of 20 December 1978 and 34/137 of 14 December 1979 on the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries,

Recalling also its resolutions 1978/6 of 4 May 1978 and 1980/12 of 28 April 1980 on public administration and finance for development in the 1980s, and 1978/60 of 3 August 1978 and 1979/48 of 31 July 1979 on the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries,

Further recalling its resolution 1979/47 of 31 July 1979 on public accounting and auditing for national development,

Reiterating the necessity and importance of the role of public accounting and auditing in the effective management of national development plans and programmes in developing countries and the urgency of the need to organize training activities at all levels in order to support national efforts to improve the accounting and auditing systems of those countries,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the proposal for the establishment of an international centre for public accounting and auditing,¹³ and of the views expressed thereon by Member States;

¹³ E/1981/67.

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1982 a feasibility study, including a project proposal for the centre, taking into account work being carried out by existing regional centres and international institutions;

3. *Recognizes* that the proposed centre could serve as a focal point for strengthening international technical co-operation in the field of public accounting and auditing, with a view to:

(a) Promoting the training of trainers and the professionalization of standards for public officials of developing countries, particularly the least developed countries, in the relevant disciplines;

(b) Providing effective support to national, subregional and regional institutes concerned with public accounting and auditing in strengthening their technical and training capabilities;

(c) Promoting co-operation among national and regional supreme audit institutions and accounting agencies of developing countries, with a view to facilitating the exchange of experience and technical expertise and the identification of issues of common interest in the field of training;

(d) Promoting the exchange of experience and information between developed and developing countries in training in the field of public accounting and auditing;

4. *Considers* that the proposed centre would be financed on a voluntary basis.

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1981/54. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and assistance to the oppressed people of South Africa and their national liberation movement 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-General¹⁴ and the reports of the President of the Economic and Social Council concerning the items 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"¹⁵ and "Assistance to the oppressed people of South Africa and their national liberation movement by agencies and institutions within the United Nations system",¹⁶

Having heard the statement of the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,¹⁷

¹⁴ A/36/154 and Add.1.

¹⁵ E/1981/89.

¹⁶ E/1981/90.

¹⁷ See E/1981/C.3/SR.4.