

will be the subject of its agenda item on policy review for its twenty-ninth session;³²

9. *Endorses* Governing Council decision 81/34 of 27 June 1981, by which the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme was requested to continue to provide information on agency regular and extra-budgetary technical co-operation expenditures financed from sources other than the United Nations Development Programme, until alternative arrangements for the provision of such data have been made within the United Nations system.

*39th plenary meeting
22 July 1981*

1981/60. World Communications Year: development of communications infrastructures

The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing the fundamental importance of communications infrastructures in all countries as essential elements in their economic and social development,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 32/160 of 19 December 1977 on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa, which proposed the designation of one year during the Decade as World Communications Year,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 35/109 of 5 December 1980 on the World Communications Year, by which the Assembly endorsed the arrangements made by the Council concerning the Year,

Recalling further Council resolution 1980/69 of 23 July 1980, whereby the Council requested the Secretary-General to continue consultations with Governments and to submit revised proposals on programmes for the Year, and designated the International Telecommunication Union as the lead agency for the Year and requested it to submit a report on the state of preparations for the Year,

Convinced that a World Communications Year would provide the opportunity for all countries to undertake an in-depth review and analysis of their policies on communications development and to stimulate the accelerated development of communications infrastructures,

Having taken into account the guide-lines for future international years,³³

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General containing the proposed programme of activities,³⁴ the comments of the Administrative Council of the International Telecommunication Union thereon³⁵ and the report of the lead agency on the state of preparations for the Year and, in particular, on the financial resources that had already been pledged for the Year and pro-

grammes that might be of interest to developing countries,³⁶

Welcoming the progress made by the United Nations system and Governments in preparations for the Year,

1. *Proposes* that 1983 should be the World Communications Year;

2. *Recommends* that the General Assembly, at its thirty-sixth session, should proclaim the year 1983 as "World Communications Year: development of communications infrastructures", provided that all preliminary arrangements for its financing from voluntary contributions have been finalized before the adoption of the final decision;

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union to continue preparations and the mobilization of resources for the Year;

4. *Invites further* the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union, in preparing for the World Communications Year, to co-operate closely with the competent organizations and agencies in the United Nations system, especially the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Universal Postal Union, taking full account of their respective terms of reference, in order to avoid overlapping and duplication;

5. *Invites also* Governments to continue to participate actively in and to contribute to the programme of activities for the Year.

*40th plenary meeting
23 July 1981*

1981/61. Global Strategy for Health for All by the Year 2000

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 34/58 of 29 November 1979 entitled "Health as an integral part of development",

Having considered the Global Strategy for Health for All by the Year 2000 and the progress report thereon submitted by the Director-General of the World Health Organization,³⁷

1. *Commends* to the attention of the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session the full text of the Global Strategy for Health for All by the Year 2000;³⁸

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

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 34/58 of 29 November 1979 concerning health as an integral part of development,

"Noting with approval resolution WHA34.36, by which the Thirty-fourth World Health Assembly unanimously adopted on 22 May 1981 the Global Strategy for Health for All by the Year 2000,

³² For the provisional agenda for the twenty-ninth session, see Governing Council decision 81/45 of 1 July 1981.

³³ See General Assembly decision 35/424.

³⁴ E/1981/70.

³⁵ E/1981/70/Add.1.

³⁶ E/1981/70/Add.2.

³⁷ E/1981/88.

³⁸ Issued by the World Health Organization under the symbol A34/5.

"Considering that the Global Strategy fully reflects the spirit of General Assembly resolution 34/58,

"Considering that peace and security are important conditions for the preservation and improvement of the health of all people and that co-operation among nations on vital health issues can contribute substantially to peace,

"Noting further that the Global Strategy is based upon the principles of the Declaration of Alma-Ata³⁹ on primary health care, which implies an integrated approach to the solution of health care problems and requires the fullest support and involvement of all economic and social development sectors,

"Recognizing that the implementation of the Global Strategy will constitute a valuable contribution to the improvement of overall socio-economic conditions, and thus to the fulfilment of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

1. *Endorses* the Global Strategy for Health for All by the Year 2000 as a major contribution of Member States to the attainment of the world-wide social goal of health for all by the year 2000 and to the fulfilment of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade;

"2. *Urges* all Member States to ensure the implementation of the Global Strategy as part of their multi-sectoral efforts to implement the provisions contained in the International Development Strategy;

"3. *Also urges* all Member States to co-operate with one another and with the World Health Organization to ensure that the necessary international action is taken to implement the Global Strategy as part of the fulfilment of the International Development Strategy;

"4. *Requests* all appropriate organizations and institutions of the United Nations, including the United Nations Children's Fund, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations Fund for Population Activities and the World Bank, to collaborate fully with the World Health Organization in carrying out the Global Strategy;

"5. *Also requests* the Director-General of the World Health Organization to ensure that measures to implement the Global Strategy are taken into account in the review and appraisal of the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade."⁴⁰

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1981/62. Consumer protection

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1979/74 of 3 August 1979,

Considering the increasing need for the effective protection of consumers, particularly in developing countries, against practices harmful to the interests of consumers,

Conscious of the need for reliance on an international basic policy framework that provides guidance and encouragement for further efforts in consumer protection on a world-wide scale,

³⁹ See World Health Organization, *Primary Health Care: Report of the International Conference on Primary Health Care, Alma-Ata, USSR, 6-12 September 1978* (Geneva, 1978).

⁴⁰ See General Assembly resolution 35/56, annex, para. 175.

Taking into account that the primary responsibility for consumer protection rests with each State,

Having considered the comprehensive report of the Secretary-General on consumer protection,⁴¹

Having noted the recommendations of the Regional Consultation on consumer protection organized by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and held at Bangkok from 2 to 8 June 1981,⁴²

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on consumer protection and recommends that Governments should take his recommendations into account in the formulation of consumer protection policy measures at the national and international levels;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, drawing upon the views of individual Member States, United Nations organs, agencies and programmes concerned, and the regional commissions, to continue consultations on consumer protection, within existing resources, with the aim of pursuing, *inter alia*, the elaboration of a set of general guidelines for consumer protection, taking particularly into account the needs of the developing countries and, in the light of his findings, to submit a report with appropriate proposals, covering, *inter alia*, the possibility of convening an intergovernmental meeting on the guidelines, to the Council at its second regular session of 1983.

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1981/63. Strengthening of the co-ordination of information systems

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its interest in the co-ordination of information systems as expressed in Council resolution 1889 (LVII) of 31 July 1974, in which it recommended, *inter alia*, that the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination should strengthen the Inter-Organization Board for Information Systems and its staff,

Aware of the concern and serious need of recipients of services of the United Nations system for the strengthening of the planning and delivery of effective activities,

Recognizing the importance, for maximizing the development activities of the United Nations system in favour of developing countries, of the harmonization of information systems,

Stressing the importance to all Member States of easily accessible comprehensive information on the applications of the resources made available to the United Nations system,

Emphasizing the importance of rationalizing, co-ordinating and ensuring the useful compatibility of hardware, software, and data-set information systems,

⁴¹ E/1981/75.

⁴² See E/1981/C.3/L.2.