

1981/68. Particular problems facing Zaire with regard to transport, transit and access to foreign markets

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling resolution 293 (XIII), adopted on 26 February 1977 by the Economic Commission for Africa at its thirteenth session (fourth meeting of the Conference of Ministers),⁶⁰ and Council decision 249 (LXIII) of 25 July 1977,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 32/160 of 19 December 1977, in which the Assembly recalled Council resolution 2097 (LXIII) of 29 July 1977 and proclaimed the period 1978-1988 as the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,

Recalling further resolution 110 (V) of 3 June 1979, adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its fifth session, held at Manila from 7 May to 3 June 1979,⁶¹

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 34/193 of 19 December 1979, requesting the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps to enable the Economic Commission for Africa to accelerate the implementation of Conference resolution 110 (V),

Aware of the particular difficulties confronting Zaire as a result of the problems encountered in its foreign trade with regard to transport, transit and access to foreign markets,

Convinced that this situation is prejudicial to the development of the Zairian economy,

1. *Recommends* that the Secretary-General and the General Assembly should give strong support to efforts by the appropriate organs of the United Nations to provide the necessary technical assistance as soon as possible, so that studies on the particular problems facing Zaire with regard to transport, transit and access to foreign markets can be undertaken and completed without delay;

2. *Requests* the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to give urgent consideration to the question of financing the studies requested in General Assembly resolutions 34/193 of 19 December 1979 and 35/59 of 5 December 1980 and to report to the Assembly at its thirty-sixth session;

3. *Invites* the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to take all the measures necessary to ensure the full implementation of General Assembly resolution 34/193 and to submit the conclusions of his studies to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1982.

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24 July 1981*

⁶⁰ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 7 (E/5941 and Add.1), vol. I, part III.*

⁶¹ See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Fifth Session, vol. I, Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.79.II.D.14), part one, sect. A.

1981/69. Human settlements

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International co-operation in the field of 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 resolutions 32/162 of 19 December 1977 on institutional arrangements for international co-operation in the field of human settlements and 34/116 of 14 December 1979 on the strengthening of human settlements activities,

Further recalling its resolution 1980/47 of 23 July 1980 on international co-operation in the field of human settlements,

Affirming the importance of the role which human settlements activities can play in fostering national economic and social development,

Reaffirming that human settlements development should be viewed within the context of national plans and priorities and the development objectives of all countries, in particular the developing countries,

Noting that the promotion of human settlements development has been recognized as a distinct and important policy measure for the attainment of the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980,

Having considered the report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the work of its fourth session,⁶²

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the work of its fourth session and decides to transmit it to the General Assembly for consideration and decision at its thirty-sixth session;

2. *Recommends* to the General Assembly for consideration and decision those resolutions and decisions adopted by the Commission at its fourth session which require action by the Assembly;

3. *Welcomes* the adoption by the Commission of the work programme for the biennium 1982-1983 of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)⁶³ and its approval of the draft medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989;⁶⁴

4. *Notes* the need for adequate financing for the proper implementation of the projected activities set

⁶² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 8 (A/36/8).*

⁶³ *Ibid.*, annex I, sect. B, decision 4/18.

⁶⁴ *Ibid.* decision 4/17.