

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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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

A

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.

out in the draft work programme and programme budget of the Centre for the biennium 1982-1983⁶⁵ and the draft medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989;⁶⁶

5. *Reiterates* the urgent appeal by the Centre to Member States to continue and, if possible, to increase their contributions, and to those that have not yet contributed, particularly developed countries and other countries in a position to do so, to make voluntary contributions to the activities of the Centre;

6. *Calls upon* the United Nations Commission on Human Settlements to take account of and to provide adequate support to technical co-operation among developing countries in the formulation and implementation of its programmes on human settlements;

7. *Stresses* the importance of the Centre in providing its project and advisory assistance to developing countries, particularly the least developed countries.

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B

Proposal to declare an international year of shelter for the homeless

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 35/76 of 5 December 1980, in which the Assembly expressed the view that an international year devoted to the problems of homeless people in urban and rural areas in the developing countries could be an appropriate occasion to focus the attention of the international community on those problems, and requested the Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) to submit a report to the Council, through the Commission on Human Settlements at its fourth session, on the implications of declaring such an international year,

Considering that human settlements activities constitute an 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,

Considering also that the improvement of human settlements is one of the essential elements for enhancing the quality of life,

Taking note of the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)⁶⁷ and of the note of the Secretary-General on the proposal to declare an international year devoted to the problems of the homeless,⁶⁸

⁶⁵ See HS/C/4/6.

⁶⁶ See HS/C/4/5.

⁶⁷ HS/C/4/2/Add.2.

⁶⁸ E/1981/83.

Noting the recommendation set forth by the Commission on Human Settlements in its resolution 4/2 of 6 May 1981 that the General Assembly should proclaim 1986 as the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless,

Recalling in this context Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67 of 25 July 1980, in the annex to which are set forth the guide-lines for future international years,

1. *Recommends* to the General Assembly the year 1987 as an appropriate year for the holding of the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless, provided that the arrangements necessary for its financing have been made, which should in principle be based on voluntary contributions;

2. *Also recommends* that the General Assembly should, at its thirty-sixth session, request the Secretary General to prepare a report on the financial and organizational implications of holding the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless in 1987, to be submitted, through the Commission on Human Settlements at its fifth session, to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1982.

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C

Renewable sources of energy for human settlements

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1980/47 of 23 July 1980, by which it called upon the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) to elaborate concrete and specific proposals aimed at making an effective and meaningful contribution to the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy, to be held at Nairobi in August 1981, and to report thereon, through the Commission on Human Settlements, to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1981,

Noting Commission on Human Settlements decision 4/23 of 6 May 1981, in which the Commission requested the Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) to forward his report⁶⁹ and any other documents or reports which he might prepare for the Conference to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1981,

Noting with satisfaction the report on renewable sources of energy for human settlements,⁷⁰ submitted by the Centre,

1. *Welcomes* the contributions made by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) to the preparations for the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy;

⁶⁹ HS/C/4/2/Add.3.

⁷⁰ E/1981/82.

2. *Requests* the Executive Director of the Centre to make available the relevant reports and documents prepared by the Centre, including the report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the work of its fourth session and the report on renewable sources of energy for human settlements, to the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy;

3. *Also requests* the Executive Director, within the framework of the work programme of the Centre, to initiate follow-up activities involving research and development, technical co-operation and the dissemination of information in the field of energy as it relates to human settlements, based on the recommendations for action contained in the report on new and renewable sources of energy for human settlements.⁷¹

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1981/70. World Food Day

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that food is a requisite for human survival and well-being and a fundamental human necessity,

Recalling resolution 1/79 of 28 November 1979, adopted by the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations at its twentieth session,⁷² and General Assembly resolution 35/70 of 5 December 1980, calling for the annual observance of World Food Day on 16 October, the anniversary of the founding of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in 1945,

Recalling also that the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations was established to take all necessary and appropriate action for "ensuring humanity's freedom from hunger",⁷³

Urges Governments and national, regional and international organizations to contribute to the greatest possible extent to the effective celebration of World Food Day on 16 October 1981.

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1981/71. Food and agriculture

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, the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,

⁷¹ *Ibid.*, paras. 13-22.

⁷² See *Report of the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Twentieth Session, Rome, 10-28 November 1979* (C 79/REP and Corr.2), para. 43.

⁷³ See *Basic Texts of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, vols. I and II (1980 edition)*, vol. I, Constitution, preamble, p. 3.

contained in Assembly resolution 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, Assembly resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation, and the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, contained in Assembly resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980, which laid the foundations for the new international economic order,

Reaffirming General Assembly resolutions 35/68 on the report of the World Food Council and 35/69 on the situation of food and agriculture in Africa, adopted on 5 December 1980,

Welcoming the report of the World Food Council on its seventh ministerial session, held at Novi Sad, Yugoslavia, from 25 to 29 May 1981,⁷⁴

Expressing its appreciation to the Government and people of Yugoslavia for acting as hosts to the Council at that session and for the generous hospitality accorded to the participants,

Emphasizing the need for the implementation of effective measures at the national and international levels for accelerating the rate of growth in food and agricultural production in developing countries, with a view to achieving the 4 per cent growth rate in food production, as envisaged in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

Recognizing that the long-term solution to the problems of food and agriculture in the developing countries involves the overall development of those countries within the framework of the reordering of economic conditions on a world-wide basis,

Noting with concern the lack of progress in the negotiations for a new Wheat Trade Convention and recognizing the implications of such a convention for world food security,

Noting also the sixth annual report of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes,⁷⁵

Considering that food is a requisite for human survival and well-being and a fundamental human necessity,

Recognizing that the long-term solution in respect of food security rests upon increased food production and the accelerated development of the developing countries,

Recognizing also that a substantial increase in the export earnings of developing countries is essential if they are to finance adequately their overall economic development and their imports of food and of agricultural inputs, and that trade barriers constitute a serious handicap to the international community in its efforts to overcome recession and inflation and to expand overall productivity, and in particular to the developing countries in their efforts to realize their economic potential,

Taking note with satisfaction of the efforts made by food-exporting developing and developed countries in contributing to the Food Aid Convention,⁷⁶

⁷⁴ WFC/1981/17; for the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 19 (A/36/19)*.

⁷⁵ WFP/CFA: 11/18.

⁷⁶ For the text of the Convention, see TD/WHEAT.6/13.