

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.<sup>71</sup>

*41st plenary meeting  
24 July 1981*

### 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,<sup>72</sup> 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",<sup>73</sup>

*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,

<sup>71</sup> *Ibid.*, paras. 13-22.

<sup>72</sup> 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.

<sup>73</sup> 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,<sup>74</sup>

*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,<sup>75</sup>

*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,<sup>76</sup>

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

<sup>75</sup> WFP/CFA: 11/18.

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