

## RESOLUTIONS

### 1981/45. Role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling its resolutions 1978/60 of 3 August 1978, 1978/75 of 8 November 1978 and 1979/48 of 31 July 1979,

Further recalling General Assembly resolution 34/137 of 14 December 1979, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, invited the Secretary-General to continue his detailed study of the role of the public sector and to submit, through the Economic and Social Council, a comprehensive report to the Assembly at its thirty-eighth session, paying special attention to several aspects of the question indicated in that resolution,

Noting the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,<sup>1</sup> in which it is stressed that due account should be taken of the positive role of the public sector in mobilizing internal resources, formulating and implementing overall national development plans and establishing national priorities,

Bearing in mind that every State has the sovereign and inalienable right to choose its economic and social system, in accordance with the will of its people and without outside interference,

1. Takes note of the progress report of the Secretary-General on the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries;<sup>2</sup>

2. Recommends that the progress report should be transmitted to the General Assembly, together with the comprehensive report of the Secretary-General to be submitted in accordance with Assembly resolution 34/137;

3. Decides to discuss the comprehensive report of the Secretary-General at the second regular session of the Council in 1983;

4. Reaffirms Council resolution 1978/60, in which it, *inter alia*, invited the regional commissions and other appropriate organizations of the United Nations system to assist the Secretary-General regularly in his continuing study of the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to accord high priority to the studies and reports on the role of the public sector in the economic development of developing countries;

6. Recognizes, in this connection, the important role of the International Centre for Public Enterprises in Developing Countries in promoting co-operation among developing countries in this field.

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### 1981/46. United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling resolution 122 (V) of 3 June 1979 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,<sup>3</sup> by which it endorsed, as one of its major priorities, a Comprehensive New Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries in two phases: an Immediate Action Programme (1979-1981) and a Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s,

Recalling also General Assembly resolutions 34/203 of 19 December 1979 and 35/205 of 16 December 1980, by which the Assembly decided to convene the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, with the objective of finalizing, adopting and supporting the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s,

Noting with great satisfaction that the Conference will be held in Paris in September 1981,

Recalling resolution 887 (XXXVII), adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, held at Nairobi in June 1981, on the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, by which all donors, States Members of the United Nations and international organizations were urged to make firm pledges during the Conference in order to launch effectively, immediately after the Conference, the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the least developed countries, to be finalized and adopted at the Conference,

Noting also General Assembly resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980, by which the Assembly adopted the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, and in particular the subsection on the least developed countries, in which the Assembly stated, *inter alia*, that, as an essential priority within the Strategy, the least developed countries—the economically weakest and poorest countries with the most formidable structural problems—required a special programme of sufficient size and intensity consistent with their national plans and priorities to make a decisive break from their past and present situation and their bleak prospects,<sup>4</sup>

Deeply concerned about the serious and deteriorating economic and social conditions of the least developed countries,

Noting with appreciation that some developed countries have taken positive steps towards the implementation of resolution 122 (V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,

1. Expresses deep concern that the Immediate Action Programme (1979-1981) has not been fully implemented

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> General Assembly resolution 35/56, annex, para. 136.

<sup>1</sup> General Assembly resolution 35/56, annex.

<sup>2</sup> E/1981/66.

more than two years after its adoption and nearly at the end of the programme period;

2. *Expresses its gratitude* to those Governments which have provided assistance for the preparation of the forthcoming United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and other United Nations bodies for their efforts in the preparation of the Conference;

4. *Takes note* of the statements made during the Council's second regular session of 1981 on the forthcoming Conference;

5. *Notes with appreciation* that the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity decided, *inter alia*, in resolution 887 (XXXVII), to call upon the current Chairman of the Organization of African Unity to address the Conference on behalf of that Organization;

6. *Urges* all donor Governments and States Members of the United Nations to attend the Conference at the highest possible political level and to make firm commitments to support and implement the measures agreed to at the Conference, in order to launch effectively, immediately after the Conference, the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the least developed countries, to be finalized and adopted at the Conference;

7. *Appeals* to all donor Governments, States Members of the United Nations and appropriate United Nations organizations and programmes to provide substantial financial and material assistance to the least developed countries to support their domestic efforts aimed at promoting rapid and self-sustained socio-economic development, in particular during the 1980s.

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**1981/47. Review of the economic situation in Togo with a view to the inclusion of that country in the list of the least developed countries**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 2768 (XXVI) of 18 November 1971, 3487 (XXX) of 12 December 1975, and 32/92 and 32/99 of 13 December 1977, establishing the current list of the least developed countries,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 34/121, 34/123, 34/124, 34/126, 34/131 and 34/132 of 14 December 1979,

*Recalling also* General Assembly resolutions 34/203 and 34/210 of 19 December 1979 and 35/205 of 16 December 1980 concerning the convening of a United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries,

*Having examined* the letter of 6 July 1981 addressed to the President of the Economic and Social Council by the Permanent Representative of Togo to the United

Nations Office and the specialized agencies at Geneva concerning the serious economic situation of his country,<sup>5</sup>

*Requests* the Committee for Development Planning to examine the economic situation of Togo, with a view to including that country in the List of the least developed countries on the basis of existing criteria and the most recent data relating to those criteria and that country, and to make a recommendation concerning Togo for consideration by the Council as early as possible.

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**1981/48. Assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Kenya**

*The Economic and Social Council*

*Recommends* to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution at its thirty-sixth session:

*"The General Assembly,*

*"Recalling* its resolutions 35/90 on assistance to the drought-stricken areas in Djibouti, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda, and 35/91 on assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia, of 5 December 1980,

*"Recalling also* Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/43 of 23 July 1980 on international efforts to meet humanitarian needs in emergency situations,

*"Requests* the Secretary-General to send, as a matter of urgency, after consultation with the Government of Kenya and under the terms of General Assembly resolution 35/90, a multi-agency mission to Kenya which would, *inter alia*, survey the drought-stricken areas of the country and assess the short-term, medium-term and long-term needs of the Government in the current situation, and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1982, on the results of the mission and on the progress achieved in the implementation of the present resolution."

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**1981/49. International assistance for the rehabilitation, reconstruction and development of Dominica**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 34/19 of 9 November 1979 and 35/102 of 5 December 1980, in which the Assembly expressed deep concern at the magnitude of the damage caused in Dominica by hurricanes "David" and "Frederic" in 1979 and hurricane "Allen" in 1980, and urged the Governments of Member States and international organizations to continue to provide, with the utmost urgency, assistance for the rehabilitation, reconstruction and development of Dominica, as called for in resolution 418 (PLEN.13) adopted on 19 October 1979 by the Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America,<sup>6</sup>

<sup>5</sup> E/1981/94.

<sup>6</sup> See E/CEPAL/PLEN.13/G.6, para. 57.