

5. *Recommends* that the General Assembly should keep under review the implementation of the present resolution.

*40th plenary meeting  
23 July 1981*

#### **1981/65. Expansion of the conference facilities of the Economic Commission for Africa at Addis Ababa**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* that the Economic Commission for Africa was established at Addis Ababa in 1958,

*Appreciating* the important contribution made by the Commission to the development of Africa over the past two decades,

*Recalling* that the present conference facilities of the Commission were made available by the Government of Ethiopia,

*Further recalling* that the conference facilities were designed to service the limited number of African countries that were States Members of the United Nations in the late 1950s,

*Noting with satisfaction* the increase in the number of independent States of Africa as a result of the process of decolonization,

*Noting further* that there are at present fifty African States Members of the United Nations and that there is the prospect of others joining the United Nations family,

*Recalling* the Lagos Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Monrovia Strategy for the Economic Development of Africa,<sup>52</sup> adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its second extraordinary session, held at Lagos on 28 and 29 April 1980,

*Mindful* of the heavy responsibilities entrusted to the Economic Commission for Africa for the implementation of the Lagos Plan of Action in the decades to come,

*Noting* that the present conference facilities at the headquarters of the Commission may be insufficient to meet the needs of the large number of African States that have become members of the Commission since its establishment and the growing number of international, inter-governmental and regional organizations participating in conferences,

*Requests* the General Assembly to entrust the Secretary-General, within existing resources, with a study on the adequacy of conference facilities at the headquarters of the Economic Commission for Africa to meet the demands thereon as a result of its enlarged membership and increased activities and to ask him to report, through the Commission and through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1982, to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session.

*41st plenary meeting  
24 July 1981*

<sup>52</sup> See A/S-11/14, annex I.

#### **1981/66. Regional co-operation**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on regional co-operation,<sup>53</sup>

*Noting with appreciation* the statements made to the Council by the executive secretaries of the regional commissions during the general discussion of international economic and social policy, including regional and sectoral developments, held at the second regular session of 1981 of the Council,

*Recognizing* the need to intensify and expedite the efforts to decentralize economic and social activities to the regional commissions, as envisaged by the General Assembly in its resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system,

*Conscious* of the desirability of decentralizing administrative and management responsibilities to the regional commissions as part of the transfer to them of substantive activities,

*Aware* that the regional commissions for Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Latin America and Western Asia adopted, at their plenary sessions in 1981, resolutions relating to General Assembly resolutions 32/197 of 20 December 1977 and 33/202 of 29 January 1979, and to Assembly decision 35/440 of 16 December 1980,<sup>54</sup>

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on regional co-operation;

2. *Recommends* that the General Assembly, in considering the report of the Secretary-General referred to in its decision 35/440 and the resolutions adopted by the regional commissions pursuant to that decision, should request all intergovernmental organizations and the Secretariat bodies concerned to intensify and expedite the decentralization of economic and social activities to the regional commissions within the overall context of Assembly resolution 32/197;

3. *Requests* the General Assembly accordingly to consider accelerating the redeployment to the regional commissions of staff and financial resources commensurate with the substantive activities which are being transferred to them.

*41st plenary meeting  
24 July 1981*

#### **1981/67. Transport and Communications Decade in Africa**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 1979/61 of 3 August 1979 and 1980/46 of 23 July 1980 on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,

<sup>53</sup> E/1981/80 and Add.1 and 2.

<sup>54</sup> See resolutions 427 (XVI) of the Economic Commission for Africa, 219 (XXXVII) of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, 431 (XIX) of the Economic Commission for Latin America and 105 (VIII) of the Economic Commission for Western Asia.