

Organizations and to report thereon to the Council at its second regular session of 1981;

3. *Decides* to consider the draft resolution contained in document E/1981/L.26 at its second regular session of 1981 in the light of the report of the President.

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**1981/44. Review of the future activities of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Taking note* of the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations,<sup>74</sup> in particular annex II thereto, containing a summary of the suggestions made on item 5 of the Committee's agenda, entitled "Review of future activities",

*Recognizing* the growth in the number of non-governmental organizations, totalling over six hundred, which have been granted consultative status with the Council,

*Acknowledging* the variety of experience, professionalism and fields of activity represented by non-governmental organizations and their increasing contribution to the implementation of United Nations programmes in the economic and social fields,

*Bearing in mind* the fact that a large number of non-governmental organizations are making a valuable contribution to the development of developing countries through, *inter alia*, the mobilization of financial, technical and human resources and of public opinion,

*Aware* of the various *ad hoc* arrangements for the participation of non-governmental organizations in United Nations bodies and in major *ad hoc* conferences of the United Nations,

1. *Requests* the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to undertake a review of current practice related to the implementation of Council resolution 1296 (XLIV) of 23 May 1968, bearing in mind paragraph

15 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977, in consultation with Member States, bodies and organizations of the United Nations system, the Secretariat staff concerned and representatives of non-governmental organizations, with a view to increasing the effectiveness of contributions by non-governmental organizations to the work of the Council, as well as to the relevant organs of the General Assembly and to *ad hoc* conferences of the United Nations in which non-governmental organizations are invited to participate;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the necessary information and assistance required by the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to undertake such a review;

3. *Also requests* the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to report its findings and recommendations to the Council at its first regular session of 1983;

4. *Agrees* that the review called for in paragraph 1 above will be conducted by the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations after the Council has taken action at its second regular session of 1981 to give effect to paragraph 1 of its resolution 1981/43 of 8 May 1981;

5. *Urges* non-governmental organizations to schedule their activities in relation to preparations for various *ad hoc* conferences of the United Nations in a manner that will enable them to make timely and effective contributions to those conferences;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in his proposed draft standard rules of procedure for special conferences of the United Nations, called for in General Assembly resolution 35/10 C of 3 November 1980, a set of harmonized procedures for inviting non-governmental organizations to such conferences;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General, pending the outcome of the review referred to in paragraph 1 above, to ensure full compliance with the provisions of Council resolution 1296 (XLIV) of 23 May 1968, as well as with the relevant provisions of Council resolution 1297 (XLIV) of 27 May 1968.

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<sup>74</sup> E/1981/29 and Corr. 1.