

## RESOLUTIONS

### FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF 1981

#### 1981/1. 1983 World Programme of Industrial Statistics

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Taking note of the report of the Statistical Commission on its twenty-first session<sup>1</sup> with reference to its strong endorsement of the 1983 World Programme of Industrial Statistics and of the emphasis it placed on the need for the Statistical Office, the regional commissions and other interested organizations to take an active role in promoting the participation of the developing countries in the Programme,

Recalling that the Statistical Commission endorsed the concept of the Programme at its twentieth session,<sup>2</sup> at which it also requested the Secretary-General to encourage regional commissions to organize working groups to consider the recommendations for the Programme as a means of advancing their implementation at the country level,

Recalling further that the Second General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, held at Lima from 12 to 26 March 1975, adopted the Lima Declaration and Plan of Action on Industrial Development and Co-operation,<sup>3</sup> in which both developing and developed countries were called upon to take specific measures to create conditions conducive to the industrial growth of the developing countries in keeping with the spirit embodied in the new international economic order, and to provide periodic reports on the actions taken and progress achieved,

Noting that, in accordance with the Statistical Commission's endorsement, the Statistical Office is publishing and distributing to countries the final version of the recommendations for the Programme,

Noting that the limited success of past programmes in this field has been primarily attributed to the lack of technical assistance support services for the developing countries,

1. *Reconfirms* the value and importance of the principles of the 1983 World Programme of Industrial Statistics as a means of accelerating the development of industrial statistics programmes in developing countries to provide reliable and timely information on their progress in industrialization;

2. *Recommends* that provision should be made for technical assistance to permit developing countries to participate in the Programme and urges the multilateral and bilateral agencies to provide resources, within the framework of their technical co-operation activities, to help developing countries implement their plans for the Programme;

3. *Strongly urges* that all countries should compile basic data on industry for 1983 or a year close to 1983, taking into account as far as possible the international recommendations on this subject, and recommends

that developing countries should avail themselves of technical co-operation wherever necessary in order to complete the Programme successfully;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in close co-operation with the regional commissions, the specialized agencies, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and other multilateral and bilateral agencies, to co-ordinate technical co-operation activities in support of the Programme;

5. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the above-mentioned organizations, to submit a progress report to the Statistical Commission at its twenty-second session.

*13th plenary meeting  
4 May 1981*

#### 1981/2. International energy statistics

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recognizing the importance of energy in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, adopted by the General Assembly on 5 December 1980,<sup>4</sup>

Recalling paragraph 4 (f) of General Assembly resolution 33/148 of 20 December 1978, in which the Assembly stressed the importance of the promotion of adequate information flows regarding all aspects of new and renewable sources of energy, especially to the developing countries,

Recalling its resolution 2054 (LXII) of 5 May 1977, by which it recognized the crucial role played by training in the over-all development of statistical services of Member States which are developing countries and expressed concern that, because of the lack of necessary financial and personnel resources, many developing countries, particularly the least developed, are unable on their own to set up and maintain an effective vehicle to train all levels of statisticians,

Recalling also its resolution 1978/61 of 3 August 1978, in which it expressed cognizance of the importance of ensuring the availability of new and renewable sources of energy in order to meet requirements for continued economic and social development, particularly in the developing countries, and aware of the importance of a statistical base as an integral part of planning,

Recalling further that the Statistical Commission at its twentieth session recognized that energy statistics remained an important field that continued to require further urgent consideration, co-operation and harmonization by all central statistical offices and relevant agencies,<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981. Supplement No. 2 (E/1981/12).*

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, 1979. *Supplement No. 3 (E/1979/23)*, para. 13.

<sup>3</sup> See A/10112, chap. IV.

<sup>4</sup> See General Assembly resolution 35/56, annex, paras. 34, 35, 126 and 127.

<sup>5</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1979. Supplement No. 3 (E/1979/23)*, para. 17.

*Bearing in mind* that the Committee on Natural Resources has endorsed the suggestion for setting up clearing-houses of relevant energy-related information at the national, regional and international levels and for working out procedures for sharing the information from such clearing-houses,<sup>6</sup>

*Aware* of important gaps in energy statistics, such as the lack of comprehensive data on non-commercial fuels, information on prices, costs, value added and investment data of energy commodities,

1. *Strongly urges* the Governments of developing countries to participate in a programme of development of national statistics according to international guidelines and to request technical assistance if and when necessary to carry out that important undertaking;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to accord priority to the development of new statistical series in fields where insufficient information is now available and to improve the timeliness, level of detail and accuracy of the statistics currently collected and disseminated;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in close co-operation with the regional commissions, the specialized agencies, the United Nations Development Programme and other interested organs to strengthen and co-ordinate activities in support of energy statistics;

4. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit a progress report to the Statistical Commission at its twenty-second session.

*13th plenary meeting  
4 May 1981*

### **1981/3. Work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 468 G (XV) of 15 April 1953, 645 G (XXIII) of 26 April 1957, 994 (XXXVI) of 16 December 1963, 1110 (XL) of 7 March 1966, 1488 (XLVIII) of 22 May 1970, 1744 (LIV) of 4 May 1973, 1973 (LIX) and 1974 (LIX) of 30 July 1975, 2050 (LXII) of 5 May 1977 and 1979/42 of 11 May 1979,

*Recognizing* the importance of the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods on the harmonization of codes and regulations relating to the transport of dangerous goods and on the question of an international convention on the transport of dangerous goods,

*Noting* the programme of work for the period 1981-1983 proposed by the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods in paragraphs 199 to 212 of the report on its eleventh session,<sup>7</sup> and noting the report of the Secretary-General<sup>8</sup> bringing to the attention of the Council the report of the Committee of Experts,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods;

2. *Takes note* of the recommendations contained in the report of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods on its eleventh session

respecting the listing, classification, packaging and transport of additional products, and other matters amending its recommendations;

3. *Takes note with interest* of the recommendation of the Committee of Experts to postpone at this time further consideration of the question of a multimodal world-wide convention on the transport of dangerous goods;

4. *Notes with satisfaction* the expression of appreciation of the Committee of Experts concerning the support it has received from the Economic Commission for Europe at Geneva during the past nineteen years;

5. *Takes note* of the Committee of Experts' desire for improved administrative and secretarial support for its activities;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in the light of the contents of the report of the Committee of Experts:

(a) To incorporate in the revised recommendations prepared by the Committee of Experts<sup>9</sup> the amendments set forth in the reports of the Committee of Experts on its tenth and eleventh sessions, together with the consequential changes necessary to eliminate inconsistencies;

(b) To publish the recommendations as soon as possible, without financial implications for the programme budget for 1980-1981, as decided by the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session;

(c) To circulate the recommendations as soon as possible to the Governments of Member States, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and other international organizations concerned;

(d) To work closely with the Committee of Experts and the Economic Commission for Europe in improving administrative and secretarial support, both for the Committee's meetings and the regular publication of its recommendations;

7. *Invites* the Governments of Member States, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and other international organizations concerned to transmit to the Secretary-General such comments as they may wish to make on the amended recommendations;

8. *Urges* the Governments of Member States and international organizations concerned to take account of the recommendations of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods when developing both national and international codes and regulations.

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### **1981/4. Humanitarian assistance to refugees in Djibouti**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having heard* the statement of the Joint Co-ordinator for Special Economic Assistance Programmes on the needs of the refugees and the devastating effects of the recent floods in Djibouti,<sup>10</sup>

*Taking note with satisfaction* of the report of the Secretary-General on humanitarian assistance to refugees in Djibouti,<sup>11</sup> to which is annexed the report of

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 9A (E/1979/69/Rev.1), para. 26.

<sup>7</sup> ST/SG/AC.10/5 and Add.1-6.

<sup>8</sup> E/1981/35.

<sup>9</sup> See *Transport of Dangerous Goods* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.77.VIII.1).

<sup>10</sup> See E/1981/SR.8.

<sup>11</sup> A/36/214.