

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,⁶

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.

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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,⁷ and noting the report of the Secretary-General⁸ 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 Experts⁹ 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,¹⁰

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

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

⁷ ST/SG/AC.10/5 and Add.1-6.

⁸ E/1981/35.

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

¹⁰ See E/1981/SR.8.

¹¹ A/36/214.