

5. *Invites* the appropriate organizations within the United Nations system to give due attention in their studies to the relevant aspects of the role of the public sector in promoting the economic and social development of the developing countries.

*37th plenary meeting
31 July 1979*

1979/49. Interrelationship between population, resources, environment and development

The Economic and Social Council,

Conscious of the importance of the interrelationships between population, resources, environment and development, and of the research hitherto carried out within the United Nations system,

Recognizing the need to stimulate research and general discussion on the interrelationships between population, resources, environment and development outside the United Nations system, through the broad dissemination of reports and studies carried out in the United Nations system on those interrelationships and through other appropriate activities such as international seminars and symposia and research co-operation between developed and developing countries,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3345 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974,

Recalling also its decision 1978/51 of 1 August 1978, and taking into account its resolution 1979/56,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on the study of interrelationships between population, resources, environment and development;³

2. *Urges* Governments of Member States and the United Nations bodies concerned to make full use of the available knowledge concerning such interrelationships in all their development activities;

3. *Requests* that, as part of the research activities within the organizations of the system, multidisciplinary studies, including comparative national and regional studies, of the interrelationships between population, resources, environment and development should be undertaken, and requests the Secretary-General to report on the result of these activities on a system-wide basis;

4. *Decides* that, in the preparation of the report called for in paragraph 3 above, which is to be submitted to the Council at its second regular session of 1981, account should be taken of pertinent activities undertaken also outside the United Nations system, and of the views of executive bodies of agencies and programmes concerned.

*38th plenary meeting
1 August 1979*

1979/50. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

The Economic and Social Council,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General⁴ and the report of the President of the Economic

and Social Council⁵ concerning the item entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations",

Having heard the statement of the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,⁶

Recalling General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and all other resolutions adopted by United Nations bodies on this subject, including in particular General Assembly resolution 33/41 of 13 December 1978 and Council resolution 1978/38 of 21 July 1978,

Reaffirming the responsibility of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to take all effective measures, within their respective spheres of competence, to ensure the full and speedy implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and other relevant resolutions of United Nations bodies, particularly in the provision of moral and material assistance, on a priority basis, to the peoples of the colonial territories and their national liberation movements,

Deeply conscious of the continuing critical need of the peoples of Zimbabwe and Namibia for concrete assistance from the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations in their struggle for liberation from colonial rule,

Noting with concern that, although progress has been maintained through the continuing efforts of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in the extension of assistance to refugees from Zimbabwe and Namibia, the action taken hitherto by the organizations and agencies concerned in the provision of assistance to the peoples of those territories through their national liberation movements is still far from adequate to meet the urgent and growing needs of the peoples concerned,

Noting with satisfaction the intensified efforts of the United Nations Development Programme in the extension of assistance to the national liberation movements concerned and commending the initiative taken by that organization in establishing channels for closer, periodic contacts and consultations between the specialized agencies and United Nations institutions and the Organization of African Unity and the national liberation movements of Zimbabwe and Namibia in the formulation of assistance programmes,

Noting also the support given by the organizations within the United Nations system to the implementation of the Nationhood Programme for Namibia, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/9 A of 4 November 1977,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the President of the Economic and Social Council and endorses the observations and suggestions contained therein;

2. *Reaffirms* that the recognition by the General Assembly, the Security Council and other United Nations organs of the legitimacy of the struggle of colonial peoples to exercise their right to self-determination and independence entails, as a corollary, the extension by the United Nations system of organizations of all the

³ E/1979/75.

⁴ A/34/208 and Add.1 and 2.

⁵ E/1979/83.

⁶ See E/1979/C.3/SR.1.