

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.

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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;<sup>3</sup>

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-General<sup>4</sup> and the report of the President of the Economic

and Social Council<sup>5</sup> 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,<sup>6</sup>

*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

<sup>3</sup> E/1979/75.

<sup>4</sup> A/34/208 and Add.1 and 2.

<sup>5</sup> E/1979/83.

<sup>6</sup> See E/1979/C.3/SR.1.

necessary moral and material assistance to the peoples of the colonial territories and their national liberation movements;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those specialized agencies and organizations within the United Nations system which have continued to co-operate in varying degrees with the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity in the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and other relevant resolutions of United Nations bodies, and urges all the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to accelerate the full and speedy implementation of the relevant provisions of those resolutions;

4. *Urges* the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, in the light of the intensification of the liberation struggle in Zimbabwe and Namibia, to do everything possible as a matter of urgency to render, in consultation with the Organization of African Unity, increased assistance to the peoples of those territories and their national liberation movements in their struggle for liberation;

5. *Urges further* those specialized agencies and organizations within the United Nations system which have not already done so to include in the agenda of the regular meetings of their governing bodies a separate item on the progress made by those organizations in their implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and other relevant resolutions of United Nations bodies;

6. *Requests* the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council, to continue to take all necessary measures to withhold any financial, economic, technical or other assistance to the Government of South Africa and the illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia, to discontinue all support to them until they restore to the peoples of Zimbabwe and Namibia their inalienable right to self-determination and independence, and to refrain from taking any action which might imply recognition of, or support for, the illegal domination of the territories by those régimes;

7. *Notes with satisfaction* the arrangements made by several specialized agencies and United Nations institutions which enable representatives of the national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity to participate fully as observers in the proceedings relating to matters concerning their respective countries, and calls upon those international institutions which have not yet done so to follow this example and make the necessary arrangements without delay;

8. *Recommends* that all Governments should intensify their efforts in the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system of which they are members to ensure the full and effective implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and other relevant resolutions of United Nations bodies and, in that connexion, should accord priority to the question of providing assistance on an emergency basis to the peoples of the colonial territories and to their national liberation movements;

9. *Urges* the executive heads of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, having regard to the recommendations

contained in paragraphs 4 and 5 above, to formulate, with the active co-operation of the Organization of African Unity, and to submit, as a matter of priority, to their governing and legislative organs, concrete proposals for the full implementation of the relevant United Nations decisions, in particular specific programmes of assistance to the peoples of the colonial territories and their national liberation movements;

10. *Draws the attention* 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 to the present resolution and to the discussions on the subject at the second regular session of 1979 of the Council;

11. *Requests* the President of the Economic and Social Council to continue consultations on this matter with the Chairman of the Special Committee and to report thereon to the Council;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General, through the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, to follow the implementation of the present resolution, to ensure that the relevant activities of the specialized agencies and the organizations within the United Nations system are effectively co-ordinated and to report thereon to the Council;

13. *Decides* to keep this question under continuous review.

*39th plenary meeting  
2 August 1979*

#### **1979/51. Implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, particularly Assembly resolution 33/133 of 19 December 1978 and Council resolution 1978/37 of 21 July 1978,

*Recalling further* decision 79/20 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme<sup>7</sup> on the subject,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region,<sup>8</sup>

1. *Takes note* with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region;

2. *Expresses its profound gratitude* to the Governments, United Nations agencies, intergovernmental organizations, private organizations and individuals that have contributed to the implementation of the recovery, rehabilitation and development programmes in the Sahel;

3. *Urges* all Governments, United Nations bodies, intergovernmental organizations, private organizations and individuals to intensify their assistance, either bilaterally or through the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in response to requests from the Governments of the Sudano-Sahelian countries and from the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel;

<sup>7</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1979, Supplement No. 10 (E/1979/40), chap. XXI.*

<sup>8</sup> DP/394.