

Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator,<sup>29</sup> and the oral statements made by the Co-ordinator to the Council at the second regular session of 1979,<sup>30</sup>

1. *Commends* the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator for his continued efforts on behalf of the victims of disasters;

2. *Welcomes* the decision taken by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its twenty-sixth session in relation to national and regional projects in disaster preparedness and prevention;<sup>31</sup>

3. *Urges* the removal of the obstacles to the recruitment of qualified staff for the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, and the acceleration of such recruitment;

4. *Invites* Governments to contribute to the trust fund for the strengthening of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, established under General Assembly resolution 3243 (XXIX), to the subaccount of the trust fund for technical assistance and to the subaccount for emergency assistance set up in accordance with the terms of General Assembly resolution 3440 (XXX);

5. *Renews* its invitation to Governments, inter-governmental agencies and non-governmental organizations concerned with relief operations to co-operate with the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator in his efforts to ensure the rapid and timely delivery of appropriate international relief, and to consider the adoption of appropriate legislative, administrative or operational measures to remove obstacles and expedite international relief assistance to the victims of disasters;

6. *Invites* the Preparatory Committee for the New International Development Strategy to take into account, in its deliberations, matters concerning disaster relief, preparedness and prevention;

7. *Transmits* the annual report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session.

*40th plenary meeting  
3 August 1979*

#### **1979/60. Measures to be taken in consequence of the floods in Jamaica**

##### *The Economic and Social Council,*

*Considering* that Jamaica has recently suffered the effects of widespread flooding, resulting in loss of lives and considerable damage to the economy of the country,

*Expressing its profound sympathy* to the Government and people of Jamaica for the loss of life and serious economic damage caused by the floods,

*Noting* the vigorous efforts made by the Government of Jamaica to relieve the suffering of the victims of the floods, and its declared determination to undertake an extensive rehabilitation and reconstruction programme,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, appealed to the international community to give special attention to natural disasters,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the assistance rendered

<sup>29</sup> A/34/190.

<sup>30</sup> See E/1979/C.3/SR.6 and 8.

<sup>31</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1979, Supplement No. 10 (E/1979/40)*, chap. XXI.

to the people of the stricken areas by some Member States, the United Nations system of organizations and various non-governmental organizations;

2. *Notes also* in particular the assistance rendered by the United Nations Development Programme and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the role played by the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, particularly in mobilizing relief assistance from the international community;

3. *Invites* all Member States to intensify their efforts and co-operation, with a view to supporting medium-term and long-term measures instituted by the Government of Jamaica for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the areas affected by the floods;

4. *Invites* governing bodies of specialized agencies, organs and organizations of the United Nations system and international financial institutions to support the efforts of the Government of Jamaica in its rehabilitation and reconstruction programmes within the framework of its development plans.

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#### **1979/61. United Nations Transport and Communications Decade in Africa, 1978-1988**

##### *The Economic and Social Council*

*Recommends* to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

*"The General Assembly,*

*"Recalling* its resolutions 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970 containing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

*"Recalling further* its resolutions 32/160 of 19 December 1977 and 33/197 of 29 January 1979 on the United Nations Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,

*"Noting with satisfaction* the initiative of the Organization of African Unity and the Economic Commission for Africa in establishing an integrated African road network and the rationalization of Africa's railway systems and other transport systems in order to facilitate the promotion of multinational economic co-operation in Africa, intra-African trade and the political, social and economic integration of Africa,

*"Noting also with satisfaction* the work carried out since June 1977,

*"Recalling also* Economic and Social Council resolution 2097 (LXIII) of 29 July 1977 on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,

*"Taking note* of resolution CM/Res.675 (XXXI) on the United Nations Transport and Communications Decade in Africa, adopted at Khartoum in July 1978 by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity,<sup>32</sup>

*"Taking note also* of resolution 341 (XIV) adopted by the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa at the fourteenth session of the Commission, held at Rabat from 20 to 28

<sup>32</sup> See A/33/235 and Corr.1.

March 1979,<sup>33</sup> which urged States members of the Commission to participate effectively in the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications, Information and Planning at Addis Ababa from 9 to 12 May 1979, for the purpose of reviewing and adopting the programme for the first phase of the Decade,

“Noting with satisfaction the progress report submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/160,<sup>34</sup> which contains the general strategy and plan of action for the first phase of the Decade,

“1. Takes note of the general strategy for the implementation of the programme for the United Nations Transport and Communications Decade in Africa, as adopted by the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications, Information and Planning held at Addis Ababa from 9 to 12 May 1979;<sup>35</sup>

“2. Notes that the estimated cost for the implementation of the programme approved by the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications, Information and Planning for the first phase of the Decade, 1980-1983, is approximately \$8,000 million;

“3. Also notes with satisfaction the role of the Economic Commission for Africa as the lead agency for the Decade and the positive co-operation of the Organization of African Unity, the appropriate specialized agencies and the United Nations Development Programme in the implementation of the programme for the Decade;

“4. Requests the Secretary-General to continue his work of organizing a pledging conference of donors, which should take place as soon as possible in the light of the progress achieved in the preparations for the Decade, with a view to mobilizing the financial resources necessary for implementing the programme for the first phase of the Decade;

“5. Invites all Member States to participate positively in the pledging conference referred to in paragraph 4 above and to pledge contributions generously;

“6. Further invites all international multinational and African regional banking and financial institutions to participate positively in the pledging conference referred to in paragraph 4 above and to pledge contributions in a generous scale;

“7. Calls upon all appropriate specialized agencies and United Nations organs to continue to give all material and technical support to the Economic Commission for Africa for the implementation of the approved programme of action for the Decade;

“8. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1980 a report on the outcome of the pledging conference referred to in paragraph 4 above;

“9. Decides to take a decision in the light of the report mentioned in paragraph 8 above, on the convening of a further pledging conference for the purpose of mobilizing additional resources for the implementation of the programme for the Decade;

“10. Requests the Secretary-General to provide the Economic Commission for Africa with the neces-

sary resources, in order to enable it to play fully and effectively its role as lead agency for the Decade.”

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**1979/62. Amendment of the terms of reference of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific: membership of Fiji and the Solomon Islands, and admission of New Hebrides and Niue as associate members of the Commission**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Noting that Fiji and the Solomon Islands have become members of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, in accordance with paragraph 3 of the terms of reference of the Commission,

Noting also the recommendation of the Commission, contained in its annual report,<sup>36</sup> with regard to the requests of the Governments of France and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and also of New Zealand, that the Anglo-French Condominium of the New Hebrides and Niue respectively should be included in the geographical scope of the Commission and admitted as associate members,

1. Decides that New Hebrides and Niue be admitted as associate members of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific;

2. Further decides that paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of the Commission's terms of reference<sup>37</sup> be amended to take account of this admission of associate members and of the admission of Fiji and the Solomon Islands as members.

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**1979/63. Report of the Economic Commission for Latin America on its eighteenth session**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Having considered the report of the Economic Commission for Latin America covering the period from 8 May 1978 to 26 April 1979,<sup>38</sup>

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the results of the eighteenth session of the Commission, held at La Paz, Bolivia, from 18 to 26 April 1979;

2. Endorses Commission resolution 412 (XVIII), welcoming with satisfaction the application of the Government of Spain for the admission of Spain to full membership of the Commission,<sup>39</sup> and accordingly amends paragraph 3 (a) of the Commission's terms of reference<sup>40</sup> by inserting after the words “the Netherlands” a comma followed by the word “Spain”;

3. Expresses its gratitude to the Commission for the steps taken in matters of co-operation between developing countries and between developing regions of different geographical areas.

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<sup>33</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1979, Supplement No. 15 (E/1979/50)*, part II, sect. D.

<sup>34</sup> E/1979/77.

<sup>35</sup> *Ibid.*, part VI, resolution ECA/UNTACDA/Res.79/1.

<sup>36</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1979, Supplement No. 13 (E/1979/48)*, para. 856.

<sup>37</sup> *Ibid.*, 1978, Supplement No. 8 (E/1978/48), annex III.

<sup>38</sup> *Ibid.*, 1979, Supplement No. 16 (E/1979/51).

<sup>39</sup> *Ibid.*, chap. IV.

<sup>40</sup> Council resolution 106 (VI) of 25 February and 5 March 1948.