

March 1979,³³ 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 32/160,³⁴ 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;³⁵

"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,³⁶ 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 reference³⁷ 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 1979,³⁸

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,³⁹ and accordingly amends paragraph 3 (a) of the Commission's terms of reference⁴⁰ 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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³³ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1979, Supplement No. 15 (E/1979/50)*, part II, sect. D.

³⁴ E/1979/77.

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

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

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

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

³⁹ *Ibid.*, chap. IV.

⁴⁰ Council resolution 106 (VI) of 25 February and 5 March 1948.