

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Council, at its second regular session of 1981, on the consultations mentioned in his report regarding the desirability and feasibility of establishing a direct tax co-operation council;³²

5. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Council on the progress of the work of the *Ad Hoc* Group of Experts on International Co-operation in Tax Matters³³ at the session following each meeting of the Group of Experts;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General, taking into account the views expressed by delegations to the Council at its first regular session of 1980, to prepare a report on the question of the increase in the membership of the *Ad Hoc* Group of Experts on International Co-operation in Tax Matters from twenty to twenty-five, in order to ensure a more equitable geographical representation, and to submit the report to the Council for a decision during its second regular session of 1980;

7. *Urges* the *Ad Hoc* Group of Experts on International Co-operation in Tax Matters to expedite its work on international tax evasion and avoidance with a view to working out, as soon as possible, proposals for international co-operation to combat such evasion and avoidance.

*15th plenary meeting
28 April 1980*

1980/14. Third United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the Second United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas,³⁴ held at Mexico City from 3 to 14 September 1979,

Expressing its appreciation for the valuable contribution made by the Conference to the promotion of cartographic work conducted in the countries of the region for the purposes of their economic and social development plans,

Noting the recommendation of the Conference that the Third United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas should be held in 1984 so as not to coincide with the meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan-American Institute of Geography and History and its commissions, which is to be held in 1982,

Noting with appreciation that the Governments of both Argentina and Chile have offered to act as host for the Conference,

Noting further that Santiago will be the venue of the meeting of the General Assembly of the Pan-American Institute of Geography and History,

1. *Decides* to accept the offer of the Government of Argentina to act as host and to afford full co-operation to the Third United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas, which will be held in 1984;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements, in accordance with General Assembly

³² *Ibid.*, para. 51.

³³ The name of the Group of Experts on Tax Treaties between Developed and Developing Countries has been changed to *Ad Hoc* Group of Experts on International Co-operation in Tax Matters.

³⁴ E/1980/8.

resolution 31/140 of 17 December 1976, to ensure that the Conference is held at Buenos Aires for two weeks during the first half of 1984 and, in particular, that invitations are sent to the Governments of the States Members of the United Nations or members of specialized agencies and other interested international organizations.

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to take, as appropriate, practical measures for the implementation of the recommendations of the Second United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas, taking fully into account the opinions expressed on those recommendations at the first regular session of 1980 of the Economic and Social Council, and to submit to the Council in 1981 an interim report on measures adopted to that end;

4. *Expresses its deep appreciation* for the important work in cartography carried out by the Pan-American Institute of Geography and History;

5. *Invites* all interested international bodies to co-ordinate their activities in this field so as to avoid duplication and provide greater support to the development plans of the countries of the region;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take appropriate steps to co-ordinate co-operation between the Pan-American Institute of Geography and History and the Cartography Section of the Secretariat.

*14th plenary meeting
28 April 1980*

1980/15. Assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 33/146 of 20 December 1978 and 34/135 of 14 December 1979 and Economic and Social Council decision 1979/15 of 4 May 1979,

Having studied the report of the Secretary-General on assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon,³⁵ and the supplementary information conveyed in the oral statement made by the United Nations Co-ordinator for Assistance to Lebanon,³⁶

Commending the Co-ordinator for his efforts in the discharge of his duties,

Sharing fully the concern of the Government of Lebanon that reconstruction and development must not await a political settlement and the full restoration of public order, since such reconstruction and development will contribute to a climate of peace and promote national reconciliation,

Bearing in mind that the restoration and reconstruction of the economy of the country and its long-term development on a balanced and equitable basis will call for a vast and sustained national effort, which will need to be supplemented by external assistance,

Taking note of the programme of reconstruction and development for the current year drawn up by the Government of Lebanon and its request for United Nations assistance in executing that programme and in the preparation and implementation of long-term plans,

Welcoming the aid already furnished or pledged by a number of countries, including the countries of the

A/35/99.

See E/1980/SR.3.

League of Arab States at the Tenth Arab Summit Conference, held at Tunis from 20 to 22 November 1979,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for his report;³⁵

2. *Appeals* to all Governments to contribute to the reconstruction and development of Lebanon;

3. *Requests* the specialized agencies and other organizations and programmes within the United Nations system which are in a position to help in this field to do so;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to render support and assistance which can be mobilized within the United Nations system to help the Government of Lebanon in its reconstruction and development plans;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session on the steps taken to implement the present resolution.

*16th plenary meeting
29 April 1980*

1980/16. Measures to improve the situation and ensure the human rights and dignity of all migrant workers

The Economic and Social Council,

Convinced of the need for international co-operation in solving international problems of an economic, social, intellectual or humanitarian nature and in developing or encouraging respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Bearing in mind the provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,³⁷ the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination³⁸ and the International Covenants on Human Rights,³⁹

Mindful of the contribution made by migrant workers to the economic growth and the social and cultural development of host countries,

Mindful also of the efforts which must still be made in order to protect the rights and improve the living conditions of all migrant workers and their families,

Recalling that the family is the natural, basic element of society and is entitled to protection by society and the State and that, in that context, the families of migrant workers are entitled to the same protection as migrant workers themselves,

Recalling its resolution 1979/13 of 9 May 1979,

Considering General Assembly resolution 34/172 of 17 December 1979, which refers to the elaboration of an international convention on the protection of the rights of all migrant workers and their families,

Having taken note of the report of the Secretary-General on measures to improve the situation and ensure the human rights and dignity of all migrant workers,⁴⁰

Having taken note also of the concerns expressed by the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-eighth session in its resolution 1 (XXVIII), of 5 March

1980, on the welfare of female migrant workers and the wives of migrant workers,⁴¹

Concerned at the fact that the Commission on Human Rights was unable to consider at its thirty-sixth session the item relating to migrant workers,

1. *Notes* that, despite the efforts made by the Governments of some host countries and by some international organizations, a considerable number of migrant workers continue to be denied the enjoyment of their basic rights;

2. *Duly notes* the decision by the General Assembly, in paragraph 3 of its resolution 34/172, to create at its thirty-fifth session a working group open to all Member States to elaborate an international convention on the protection of the rights of all migrant workers and their families;

3. *Invites* the international organizations concerned to participate in the deliberations of the working group and to co-operate with a view to elaborating such a convention;

4. *Invites* the Commission on Human Rights, at its thirty-seventh session, to devote all the time required to the implementation of paragraph 1 of Council resolution 1979/13;

5. *Invites also* the Governments of host countries to ensure the protection of the families of migrant workers;

6. *Decides* to consider at its first regular session of 1981 the item entitled "Measures to improve the situation and ensure the human rights and dignity of all migrant workers", to follow the progress of work relating to the elaboration by the General Assembly of the above-mentioned international convention on the protection of the rights of all migrant workers and their families, and to make further recommendations to the working group on the convention in the light of the conclusions concerning the subject which the Commission on Human Rights and the Commission for Social Development will submit in their reports on their thirty-seventh and twenty-seventh sessions, respectively, to the Economic and Social Council.

*18th plenary meeting
30 April 1980*

1980/17. Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1979

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the International Narcotics Control Board⁴² on the work it undertook in 1979 to carry out its treaty responsibilities,

Noting with deep concern the conclusion of the Board, that, despite the efforts made by the international community to date, the increased awareness on the part of the international community of the drug problem in all its aspects and the improvements that have been made in some countries, drug abuse in many countries, both developing and developed, has reached pandemic proportions and the situation has continued to deteriorate and to endanger even children,

Noting also the comments and suggestions made by the Board concerning specific problems which, in its opinion, merit urgent attention and appropriate action

³⁷ General Assembly resolution 217 A (III).

³⁸ General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

³⁹ General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

⁴⁰ E/1980/16.

⁴¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1980, Supplement No. 5 (E. 1980/15), chap. I, sect. C.*

⁴² E/INCB/47 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.XI.2).