

*Reaffirming* that the rational management of marine resources and the peaceful uses of the sea is an essential component of national economic development and international co-operation,

*Taking into account* the deliberations of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea and bearing in mind that activities undertaken by components of the United Nations system relating to the uses of the sea and the development of coastal areas should not prejudice or prejudice the results to be obtained from that Conference,

*Noting with satisfaction* that the activities pursued in those areas by various organizations of the United Nations system, as presented in the report of the Secretary-General on uses of the sea,<sup>74</sup> will help member States, particularly developing countries, to realize more fully the benefits to be derived by all mankind from the rational management of ocean resources and the peaceful uses of the sea,

*Further noting* that arrangements exist for the improved co-ordination of the activities of United Nations organizations involved in the marine field and that efforts are continuing to strengthen further such arrangements, including those at the regional level,

*Bearing in mind* the initiative taken by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its twentieth session to make the activities of the United Nations system in the field of marine affairs the possible subject of a cross-organizational programme analysis,<sup>75</sup>

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the activities being implemented by the Secretary-General, which aim at introducing, within the allocated budgetary resources, the marine dimension into the development process, and of the activities being carried out by the various United Nations organizations concerned in the field of marine affairs within their respective spheres of competence, and requests the Secretary-General and the heads of the other United Nations organizations concerned to ensure that their activities regarding the scientific, economic and technical aspects of the development of the uses of the sea and its resources are consonant with and lend support to the successful conclusion of a treaty on the law of the sea, having particular regard to the needs of developing countries;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report on the economic and technical developments taking place in the field of marine affairs to the Council at its second regular session of 1983.

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25 July 1980*

#### **1980/69. World Communications Year: development of communications infrastructure**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 32/160 of 19 December 1977 on the Transport and Communications

Decade in Africa, in paragraph 5 of which, in view of the importance of transport and communications to other regions of the world, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General, in consultation with the International Telecommunication Union and other specialized agencies concerned, to propose for consideration one year during the Decade as World Communications Year,

*Recalling also* Council decision 1979/63 of 3 August 1979 on the World Communications Year, whereby the Council requested the Secretary-General to consult with Member States on the scope, proposed programme activities and organizational structure for the Year and to report thereon to the Council at its second regular session of 1980,

*Recognizing* the fundamental importance of the communications infrastructure as an essential element in the economic and social development of all countries,

*Convinced* that a World Communications Year would provide the opportunity for all countries to undertake an in-depth review and analysis of their policies on communications development and stimulate the accelerated development of communications infrastructures,

*Having considered* the reports of the Secretary-General, containing the proposed programme of activities for the World Communications Year, and the comments thereon,<sup>76</sup>

1. *Recommends* to the General Assembly 1983 as an appropriate year for the celebration of World Communications Year, provided that the arrangements necessary for its financing have been made, based on the principle of voluntary contributions;

2. *Recommends also* that the programme of activities and the scope of the Year should be based on activities at the national and international levels and should focus on communications infrastructures;

3. *Further recommends* that the Secretary-General, taking into account the relevant sections of the guidelines for future international years,<sup>77</sup> should continue consultations with Governments on the content of the programmes of activities and their evaluation and should submit to the Council, at its second regular session of 1981, revised proposals on programmes for the Year;

4. *Requests* that the report of the Secretary-General should be submitted to the Administrative Council of the International Telecommunication Union for consideration and that both the report and the comments of the Administrative Council should be submitted to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1981;

5. *Recommends also* that the International Telecommunication Union should be designated as the lead agency for the Year and should bear the responsibility for co-ordinating the interorganizational aspects of the programmes and activities of other agencies, and as the lead agency should, in co-operation with other organizations concerned within the United Nations system, proceed

<sup>74</sup> E/1980/68 and Corr.1.

<sup>75</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/35/38)*, para. 203.

<sup>76</sup> E/1979/87 and E/1980/65 and Add.1 and 2.

<sup>77</sup> See Council resolution 1980/67, annex.

with preparations and, in particular, mobilize the resources necessary to meet the budgetary requirements for the Year;

6. *Further requests* that, in making preparations for the Year, due account should be taken of the importance of the Year as an event near the mid-point of the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa, and that the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union should be designated as the co-ordinator of the United Nations system for the World Communications Year and the secretariat of the International Telecommunication Union should serve as the secretariat for the Year;

7. *Requests* the lead agency to submit to the Council, at its second regular session of 1981, a report on the state of preparations for the Year and, in particular, on the financial resources that are available and programmes that may be of interest to developing countries, in order to enable the Council to make appropriate proposals to the General Assembly.

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#### **1980/70. Assistance to the drought-stricken areas in Djibouti, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having heard* the statement of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator,<sup>78</sup>

<sup>78</sup> See E/1980/C.3/SR.13.

*Deeply concerned* at the gravity of the food situation resulting from drought and other natural disasters confronting Djibouti, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda,

*Noting with appreciation* the commendable role and the continued efforts of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator and other related United Nations agencies in providing relief and assistance to disaster-affected areas in different parts of the world,

1. *Appeals* to all Member States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and voluntary agencies to provide assistance to the Governments of Djibouti, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda for the relief, rehabilitation and recovery of the areas stricken by drought and other natural disasters;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, taking into account Council resolutions 1980/44 and 1980/45 of 23 July 1980 and 1980/53 of 24 July 1980:

(a) To send, as a matter of urgency, a multi-agency mission to the countries in question, to assess the extent of the problem and the magnitude of the assistance required;

(b) To mobilize humanitarian assistance from the international community for the people displaced as a result of the drought and other natural disasters;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session on the progress achieved in the implementation of the present resolution.

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## DECISIONS

#### **1980/150. Composition of the Bureau of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace**

At its 24th plenary meeting, on 3 July 1980, the Council took note of the note by the President of the Economic and Social Council<sup>79</sup> concerning the composition of the Bureau of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace.

#### **1980/151. Participation of intergovernmental organizations in the work of the Council**

At its 29th plenary meeting, on 8 July 1980, the Council decided that, under the terms of rule 79 of its rules of procedure, the African Regional Centre for Technology should be designated to participate on a continuing basis, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Council on questions within the scope of the activities of the Centre.

<sup>79</sup> E/1980/87.

#### **1980/152. Sixth session of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control**

At its 36th plenary meeting, on 11 July 1980, the Council decided to accept the invitation of the Government of Venezuela to hold the sixth session of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control at Caracas from 8 to 12 September 1980,<sup>80</sup> and to approve the provisional agenda for that session.<sup>81</sup>

#### **1980/153. Humanitarian assistance programmes in Djibouti and Somalia**

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 16 July 1980, the Council took note of the statement by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,<sup>82</sup> made in response to Council resolutions 1980/9 and 1980/11.

<sup>80</sup> See E/1980/L.43 and Corr.1.

<sup>81</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 7.

<sup>82</sup> See E/1980/SR.38.