

discrimination and in mobilizing public support for the objectives of the Second Decade, and, in this context, commends the efforts of the Co-ordinator for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

14. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to present, in his future annual reports to the Council on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade, more detailed information on the relevant activities of all Governments, United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies, intergovernmental organizations, and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.

*12th plenary meeting
24 May 1988*

1988/7. Public administration and finance for development

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 35/56 of 5 December 1980, the annex to which contains the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, 36/194 of 17 December 1981 on the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, particularly paragraph 3 thereof, 34/137 of 14 December 1979 on the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries, and 35/80 of 5 December 1980, 39/219 of 18 December 1984 and 40/213 of 17 December 1985 on the role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries,

Reiterating the importance of the effective and speedy implementation of General Assembly resolution S-13/2 of 1 June 1986 on the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990,

Recalling also all relevant Council resolutions concerning public administration and finance for development,

Stressing the importance of public administration systems for economic and social development in developing countries and of accelerating the development of the low-income countries, in particular the least developed countries,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the Special Action Programme in Public Administration and Management for Africa;⁹

2. *Notes* the process of reviewing the public administration and managerial needs of African countries and the progress made so far in identifying the project proposals, the utilization of the trust fund established by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, the interest expressed in the Special Action Programme by donor countries, and the support provided by the United Nations Development Programme in collaboration with other organizations of the United Nations system;

⁹ E/1988/21.

3. *Requests* the United Nations Development Programme to intensify its efforts to mobilize additional financial resources for the implementation of the Special Action Programme, and urges donor countries and institutions, as well as regional development banks, to the extent possible, to make available additional resources for the Programme;

4. *Urges* all organs and organizations of the United Nations system and the international community to provide full and effective support in order to accelerate the implementation of projects identified under the Special Action Programme, to initiate, at the request of interested countries, projects at the subregional and regional levels, and to take early action to identify further projects at the country level;

5. *Invites* the Secretary-General to submit to the Council at its first regular session of 1989 a progress report on activities undertaken under the Special Action Programme;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include updated information on the Special Action Programme in Public Administration and Management for Africa in his report to the *Ad Hoc* Committee of the Whole of the General Assembly on the Review and Appraisal of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990.

*13th plenary meeting
25 May 1988*

1988/8. Preparation of an international convention against illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 39/141 of 14 December 1984, in which the Commission on Narcotic Drugs was requested to initiate, as a matter of priority, the preparation of a draft convention against illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.

Recalling also General Assembly resolutions 33/168 of 20 December 1978, 35/195 of 15 December 1980, 36/132 of 14 December 1981, 37/198 of 18 December 1982, 38/93 and 38/122 of 16 December 1983, 39/143 of 14 December 1984, 40/120, 40/121 and 40/122 of 13 December 1985, 41/125, 41/126 and 41/127 of 4 December 1986 and other relevant resolutions,

Recalling further that the Commission, pursuant to resolution 1 (S-IX) of 14 February 1986,¹⁰ considered an initial draft convention, which included fourteen articles, and the comments of Governments thereon,¹¹ at its thirty-second session, held from 2 to 11 February 1987.

Considering that, as provided for in Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/27 of 26 May 1987, the open-ended Intergovernmental Expert Group

¹⁰ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1986, Supplement No. 3 (E/1986/23)*, chap. X, sect. A.

¹¹ E/CN.7/1987/2 and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1-3 and Add.2 and Add.2/Corr.1.