

*Reaffirming* the importance of continued study and discussion of this question by the international community,

*Taking note* of the note by the Secretary-General on the development of the energy resources of the developing countries,<sup>35</sup>

*Regretting* the delay in the submission of the report on this question to the Economic and Social Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit the completed report, in accordance with the mandate given by the General Assembly in its resolution 37/251, to the Assembly at its thirty-eighth session, to enable it to consider this question in depth and to take action as appropriate;

2. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to take into account, in completing the report, the preliminary views expressed by Governments at the second regular session of 1983 of the Economic and Social Council.

*40th plenary meeting  
28 July 1983*

#### **1983/61. Role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 1978/60 of 3 August 1978, 1978/75 of 8 November 1978, 1979/48 of 31 July 1979 and 1981/45 of 20 July 1981,

*Recalling also* General Assembly resolution 34/137 of 14 December 1979, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, invited the Secretary-General to continue his detailed study of the role of the public sector and to submit, through the Economic and Social Council, a comprehensive report to the Assembly at its thirty-eighth session, paying special attention to several aspects of the matter indicated in that resolution,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, and 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,

*Noting* that, in paragraph 31 of section II of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980, it was stated that due account should be taken of the positive role of the public sector in mobilizing internal resources, formulating and implementing overall national development plans and establishing national priorities,

*Bearing in mind* that every State has the sovereign and inalienable right to choose its economic and social system in accordance with the will of its people, without outside interference,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries;<sup>36</sup>

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General to continue to study the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries and to submit, through the Economic and Social Council, a further comprehensive report to the General Assembly at its forty-second session, taking into account information supplied by Member States and comments and suggestions on the subject made by delegations at meetings of intergovernmental bodies, and, *inter alia*, paying special attention to the provisions of paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 34/137;

3. *Reaffirms* Council resolution 1978/60, in which it, *inter alia*, invited the regional commissions and other appropriate organizations of the United Nations system to assist the Secretary-General regularly in his continuing study of the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, while implementing the present resolution, to consider, if necessary, organizing, in close co-operation with competent bodies and organizations of the United Nations system, a seminar on the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries;

5. *Invites* the Secretary-General to include reference to the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries in the reports called for under General Assembly resolutions 37/202 and 37/204 of 20 December 1982.

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#### **1983/62. Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 2097 (LXIII) of 29 July 1977 and General Assembly resolution 32/160 of 19 December 1977, in which the Assembly proclaimed the period 1978-1988 the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,

*Noting* the decision taken by the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning at its third session, held at Cairo from 8 to 11 March 1983,<sup>37</sup> concerning the Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar and the Tangiers-Lagos axis,

*Noting also* decisions G (XXXVII) of 2 April 1982<sup>38</sup> and I (XXXVIII) of 22 April 1983<sup>39</sup> of the Economic Commission for Europe, in which the Executive Secretary of that Commission was requested to continue

<sup>35</sup> E/1983/91.

<sup>36</sup> A/38/176-E/1983/50.

<sup>37</sup> See E/CA/CM.9/26.

<sup>38</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1982, Supplement No. 9* (E/1982/19), chap. IV.

<sup>39</sup> *Ibid.*, 1983, *Supplement No. 11* (E/1983/22), chap. IV.