

economic and social policy, including regional and sectoral developments, in which he apprised the Council of the economic and social conditions prevailing in the African region over the past twelve months,⁴⁴

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Secretary-General on regional co-operation;⁴⁵

2. *Notes* the Addis Ababa Declaration on the Occasion of the Silver Jubilee Anniversary Celebration of the Economic Commission for Africa, particularly the full commitment of the African Governments and peoples to the realization of the goals and objectives of the Lagos Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Monrovia Strategy for the Economic Development of Africa⁴⁶ and the Final Act of Lagos,⁴⁷ which are an integral part of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade;

3. *Congratulates* the Economic Commission for Africa on its many positive contributions to Africa in economic and social development and integration during the past twenty-five years;

4. *Encourages* the Commission to intensify its efforts so that the socio-economic development of Africa can be accelerated and national and collective self-reliance at subregional and regional levels can be achieved;

5. *Expresses its confidence* in the dedicated work being undertaken by the secretariat of the Commission and in the ability of the Commission to discharge fully its increased responsibilities for the welfare of the African peoples;

6. *Also expresses its deep concern* with regard to the economic and food prospects for Africa in the year 2000 if the present obstacles to the development of the continent are not quickly removed;

7. *Recommends* the General Assembly to call upon the international community to support the endeavour of the African Governments towards achieving the accelerated development and integration of their continent, by making available to them the necessary moral, technical and financial assistance.

*41st plenary meeting
29 July 1983*

1983/64. Particular problems facing Zaire with regard to transport, transit and access to foreign markets

The Economic and Social Council,

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

Referring also to General Assembly resolutions 34/193 of 19 December 1979, 35/59 of 5 December 1980

⁴⁴ See E/1983/SR.27.

⁴⁵ E/1983/86.

⁴⁶ A/S-11/14, annex I.

⁴⁷ *Ibid.*, annex II.

and 36/139 of 16 December 1981 on the particular problems facing Zaire with regard to transport, transit and access to foreign markets,

Aware that the internal and external trade and the economy of Zaire will continue to be seriously affected until such time as a durable solution is found to the particular problems facing that country with regard to transport and transit,

Recalling Council resolution 1982/61 of 30 July 1982, by which it approved the organization of a round-table meeting,

1. *Takes note* of the oral report by the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa on the results of the round-table meeting organized for the financing of Zaire's transport projects;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* of the contribution made by some donor countries and financing agencies which enabled the round-table meeting to achieve satisfactory results;

3. *Appeals* to donor countries and financing agencies to take prompt action to give effect to the interest which they expressed in financing particular projects;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary of the Commission to assist Zaire in order to ensure the follow-up of the results of the round-table meeting;

5. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary of the Commission, in the fulfilment of his tasks, to submit a report on the results of the first round-table meeting to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1984, together with his views, taking into account the possibility of holding a second round-table meeting in 1985 or 1986.

*41st plenary meeting
29 July 1983*

1983/65. Special measures for the social and economic development of Africa in the 1980s

The Economic and Social Council,

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, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980, the annex to which contains the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

Recalling also section II of General Assembly resolution 36/182 of 17 December 1981 and section II of Assembly resolution 37/212 of 20 December 1982 on the Industrial Development Decade for Africa, as adopted, and Assembly resolutions 37/140 of 17 December 1982 on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa and 37/245 of 21 December 1982 on the situation of food and agriculture in Africa,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 37/139 of 17 December 1982, by which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urged donor countries to provide substantial and sustained levels of resources for promoting the accelerated development of African countries and the effective implementation of the Lagos Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Monrovia Strategy for the Economic Development of Africa,⁴⁶ and to contribute generously to the United Nations Trust Fund for African Development,

Deeply concerned at the continuing low level of economic activities in Africa and the devastating effects of the current world economic crisis on the particularly vulnerable economies of the countries in the region, twenty-six of which are now classified in the category of the least developed among the developing countries,

Fully aware that the Lagos Plan of Action and the Final Act of Lagos⁴⁷ provide a framework of priority action for achieving the rapid overall economic and social development of Africa, as reiterated in the Addis Ababa Declaration on the Occasion of the Silver Jubilee Anniversary Celebration of the Economic Commission for Africa,⁴⁸ adopted on 29 April 1983 by the Conference of Ministers of the Commission,

Recognizing the primary responsibility of the African countries for their development and the importance of the mobilization of their national resources for their socio-economic development,

Convinced of the need for increased and sustained external resources in order to achieve the aims and objectives of the Lagos Plan of Action and the Final Act of Lagos,

Recalling that there is a need for a thorough evaluation of the application of special measures for the economic and social development of Africa during the mid-term review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

Having considered the third report of the Secretary-General on special measures for the social and economic development of Africa in the 1980s,⁴⁹ which reviews special measures taken by the international community for the social and economic development of Africa in the 1980s,

1. *Takes note* of the third report of the Secretary-General on special measures for the social and economic development of Africa in the 1980s;

2. *Expresses its regret* that, despite efforts undertaken by the international community over the last three years, the resources thus provided are not commensurate with African development requirements;

3. *Notes* the disappointing results of the Fourth Biennial Pledging Conference for the United Nations Trust Fund for African Development, held at Addis Ababa on 2 May 1983;

4. *Renews* its call to the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to examine measures to increase the resources for the execution of the programmes for the Industrial Development Decade for Africa and the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa and to apply the special measures in a comprehensive and co-ordinated manner;

5. *Urges* donor countries to provide substantial and sustained levels of resources for promoting the accelerated development of African countries and the effective implementation of the Lagos Plan of Action and the Final Act of Lagos, and to contribute generously to the United Nations Trust Fund for African Development;

6. *Invites* all international financial institutions, particularly the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the International Development Association and the International Fund for Agricultural Development, to continue actively to consider increasing substantially their development assistance to Africa and to treat the matter of making a special effort in support of African economic and social development with the urgency it requires;

7. *Stresses* its deep concern at the gravity of the food situation in Africa and the continuing decline in the food self-reliance ratio, and urgently calls upon the African countries to accord due priority to food and agricultural production in their national and subregional plans, and also urges donor countries and international agencies to increase their support for the implementation of the measures contained in the Lagos Plan of Action in the area of food and agriculture;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to allocate the necessary resources to the Economic Commission for Africa, taking into account its role as the main economic and social development centre within the United Nations system for the African region, in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 32/197 of 20 December 1977 and 33/202 of 29 January 1979;

9. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session, through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1984, a comprehensive report, prepared on a uniform basis and including figures, on the activities throughout the United Nations system in relation to Africa, and on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

*41st plenary meeting
29 July 1983*

1983/66. Promotion of interregional economic and technical co-operation among developing countries

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its decision 1982/174 of 30 July 1982 concerning interregional co-operation, by which it requested the executive secretaries of the regional commissions to submit to the Council at its annual organizational session their joint recommendations for the iden-

⁴⁶ A/38/275-E/1983/88.