

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To intensify the useful work of the Secretariat in the collection and dissemination of information on the activities of all transnational corporations in southern Africa;

(b) To make arrangements for the organization of public hearings, to be conducted by the Commission on Transnational Corporations, with the assistance of the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations, on the activities of transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia, in accordance with the modalities and procedures to be prescribed by the Commission at its tenth session;

(c) To report to the Commission on Transnational Corporations at its tenth session on the measures taken in pursuance of the present resolution;

(d) To expand the annex to the report of the Secretary-General referred to in paragraph 1 above to include all transnational corporations operating in South Africa and Namibia;

14. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda for the tenth session of the Commission an item entitled "Responsibilities of home countries with respect to the transnational corporations operating in South Africa and Namibia in violation of the relevant resolutions and decisions of the United Nations".

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1983/75. Organization of public hearings on the activities of transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions on the activities of transnational corporations in southern Africa, in particular resolution 1981/86 of 2 November 1981, in which it called for the organization of public hearings on the activities of transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia,

Recalling also its resolution 1982/70 of 27 October 1982, according to which public hearings on the activities of transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia, pursuant to Council resolution 1981/86, shall be conducted by the Commission on Transnational Corporations at its tenth session, which shall, as necessary, be extended for a period of one week for that purpose,

Urges regional groups to nominate their representatives to the *ad hoc* committee established under Council resolution 1982/70, unless they have already done so, to enable it to start work on the organization of the public hearings at the earliest possible time, but not later than the end of the year 1983, and to report to the Commission at its tenth session, so that it may conduct public hearings at its eleventh session.

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1983/76. Cross-sectoral review of population

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1982/50 of 28 July 1982 on the revitalization of the Council, in which, *inter alia*, it decided to review every six years selected major issues in the proposed medium-term plans of the organizations of the United Nations system,

Recalling its decision 1983/101 of 4 February 1983, by paragraph 2 (c) of which it decided that food and agriculture and population would be the two areas for review in 1983,

Emphasizing the continuing relevance and importance of population policies and programmes in the economic and social development of the developing countries,

Recalling the World Population Plan of Action⁶ adopted by consensus at the World Population Conference and given endorsement by the General Assembly in its resolution 3344 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974,

Recalling its resolutions 1981/87 of 25 November 1981, in which it decided to convene an International Conference on Population in 1984, and 1982/7 of 30 April 1982 and 1982/42 of 27 July 1982, concerning preparations for the Conference,

Reaffirming the importance of the Conference,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General,⁷ which, *inter alia*, outlines population trends and policies since 1974 and contains a review of the planned programmes and activities of the organizations of the United Nations system concerned in the field of population;

2. *Decides* to continue to attach high priority to population programmes and activities as contributing to the social and economic development of the developing countries, and urges that increased financial support for population activities be made available and that competent entities of the United Nations system take appropriate action accordingly in a co-ordinated manner in their respective programmes of work;

3. *Notes with satisfaction* that the various organizational elements of the United Nations and members of the United Nations system in the area of population are working towards an effective division of labour, and urges them to ensure enhanced co-operation and co-ordination among themselves;

4. *Decides* to consider the matter again at a future session, taking into account the outcome of the International Conference on Population to be held in 1984 in Mexico, and the other developments in the area of population.

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⁶ *Report of the United Nations World Population Conference, Bucharest, 19-30 August 1974* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.XIII.3), chap. I.

⁷ E/1983/101.