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38/143. Particular problems facing Zaire with regard to transport, transit and access to foreign markets

The General Assembly,

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

Referring also to its resolutions 34/193 of 19 December 1979, 35/59 of 5 December 1980, 36/139 of 16 December 1981 and 37/205 of 20 December 1982 on particular problems facing Zaire with regard to transport, transit and access to foreign markets, and approving the organization in 1983 of a round-table meeting with donor countries for Zaire's projects in these three fields,

Recalling resolution 110 (V) of 3 June 1979² of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council decision 249 (LXIII) of 25 July 1977 and resolution 1981/68 of 24 July 1981, as well as resolution 293 (XIII) of 26 February 1977 adopted by the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa,³

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the outcome of the round-table meeting on the financing of the transport projects of Zaire, held at Kinshasa on 28 and 29 June 1983,⁴

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the round-table meeting of donors;
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 Economic Commission for Africa to assist Zaire in order to ensure follow-up of the results of the round-table meeting;
5. Approves the organization in 1985 of a second round-table meeting to review the progress made in financing and implementing the transport projects designed to open up the land-locked regions of Zaire;
6. Requests the Secretary-General to provide, within existing resources, the Economic Commission for Africa

with the resources required to organize the second round-table meeting.

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38/144. Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 37/135 of 17 December 1982,

Recalling also its previous resolutions on permanent sovereignty over natural resources,

Bearing in mind the relevant principles of international law and the provisions of the international conventions and regulations, in particular Convention IV of The Hague of 1907,⁵ and the Geneva Convention Relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949,⁶ concerning the obligations and responsibilities of the occupying Power,

Bearing in mind also the pertinent provisions of its 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,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories;⁷
2. Commends the report of the Secretary-General on the implications, under international law, of the United Nations resolutions on permanent sovereignty over natural resources, on the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories and on the obligations of Israel concerning its conduct in these territories;⁸
3. Condemns Israel for its exploitation of the national resources of the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories;
4. Reaffirms that Convention IV of The Hague of 1907 and the Geneva Convention Relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949, are applicable to the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories;
5. Emphasizes the right of the Palestinian and other Arab peoples whose territories are under Israeli occupation to full and effective permanent sovereignty and control over their natural and all other resources, wealth and economic activities;

² See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Fifth Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.79.II.D.14), part one, sect. A.

³ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 7*, vol. I (E/5941), part III.

⁴ A/38/264/Add.1-E/1983/90/Add.1.

⁵ Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, *The Hague Conventions and Declarations of 1899 and 1907* (New York, Oxford University Press, 1915), p. 100.

⁶ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 75, No. 973, p. 287.

⁷ A/38/282-E/1983/84.

⁸ A/38/265-E/1983/85.

6. *Also reaffirms* that all measures undertaken by Israel to exploit the human, natural and all other resources, wealth and economic activities in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories are illegal, and calls upon Israel to desist immediately from such measures;

7. *Further reaffirms* the right of the Palestinian and other Arab peoples subjected to Israeli aggression and occupation to the restitution of, and full compensation for the exploitation, depletion and loss of and damage to, their natural, human and all other resources, wealth and economic activities, and calls upon Israel to meet their just claims;

8. *Calls upon* all States to support the Palestinian and other Arab peoples in the exercise of their above-mentioned rights;

9. *Calls upon* all States, international organizations, specialized agencies, business corporations and all other institutions not to recognize, or co-operate with or assist in any manner in, any measures undertaken by Israel to exploit the national resources of the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories or to effect any changes in the demographic composition, the character and form of use of their natural resources or the institutional structure of those territories;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to elaborate on his report⁸ in order to cover also, in detail, the resources exploited by the Israeli settlements and the Israeli-imposed regulations and policies hampering the economic development of the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories, including a comparison between the practices of Israel and its obligations under international law;

11. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit the detailed report to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session, through the Economic and Social Council.

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38/145. Assistance to the Palestinian people

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 37/134 of 17 December 1982,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/43 of 25 July 1983,

Recalling further the Programme of Action for the Achievement of Palestinian Rights, adopted by the International Conference on the Question of Palestine,⁹

Noting the need to provide economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people,

1. *Endorses* Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/43;

2. *Endorses also* decision 83/11 of 24 June 1983 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme,¹⁰ in which the Council called upon Governments and intergovernmental organizations to provide additional special contributions to the Programme amounting to at least 8 million dollars during the third programming cycle, so as to ensure the implementation of the United Nations Development Programme assistance programme for the Palestinian people;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To convene in 1984 a meeting of the relevant programmes, organizations, agencies and organs of the

United Nations system to develop a co-ordinated programme of economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people and to ensure its implementation;

(b) To provide for the participation in the meeting of the Palestine Liberation Organization, the Arab host countries and relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations;

(c) To utilize existing inter-agency mechanisms to prepare proposals for assistance projects to be considered at the meeting;

4. *Requests* that the meeting should look into the most effective inter-agency machinery to co-ordinate and intensify United Nations assistance to the Palestinian people;

5. *Requests* the relevant programmes, organizations, agencies and organs of the United Nations system to intensify their efforts, in co-operation with the Palestine Liberation Organization, to provide economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people;

6. *Also requests* that United Nations assistance to the Palestinians in the Arab host countries should be rendered in co-operation with the Palestine Liberation Organization and with the consent of the Arab host Government concerned;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

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38/146. World Tourism Organization

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 32/156 and 32/157 of 19 December 1977, 33/122 of 19 December 1978 and 34/134 of 14 December 1979, concerning the World Tourism Organization,

Recalling also its resolution 36/41 of 19 November 1981, which pertains, *inter alia*, to the Manila Declaration on World Tourism,¹¹

Recalling further its resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980, by which it proclaimed the Third United Nations Development Decade and adopted the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

Taking note of paragraph 5 of its resolution 36/41 and of subparagraph (c) of Economic and Social Council decision 109 (LIX) of 23 July 1975, in which the General Assembly and the Council decided that the World Tourism Organization might participate, on a continuing basis, in the work of the Assembly and the Council in areas of concern to that organization,

Noting that the World Tourism Meeting was convened from 21 to 27 August 1982 at Acapulco, Mexico, and that it adopted the Acapulco Document on World Tourism¹² as a follow-up to the Manila Declaration,

Recognizing the new dimension and role of tourism as a positive instrument towards the improvement of the quality of life for all peoples, as well as a significant force for peace and international understanding,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Secretary-General of the World Tourism Organization¹³ on the progress made in

⁹ Report of the International Conference on the Question of Palestine, Geneva, 29 August–7 September 1983 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.83.I.21), chap. I, sect. B.

¹⁰ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1983, Supplement No. 9 (E/1983/20), annex I.

¹¹ A/36/236, annex, appendix I.

¹² A/38/182–E/1983/66, annex, appendix.

¹³ *Ibid.*, annex.