

*Desirous* of ensuring representation at the ministerial level at the annual sessions of the Commission,

1. *Takes note* of the decision of the Economic Commission for Western Asia that rule 1 (a) of the Commission's provisional rules of procedure<sup>88</sup> should be amended to read: "Normally annually, beginning on the Saturday of the third week of April";<sup>89</sup>

2. *Decides* to designate the Standing Committee for the Programme of the Economic Commission for Western Asia as the Technical Committee and to add to its terms of reference, set out in paragraph 5 of Commission resolution 114 (IX) of 12 May 1982,<sup>90</sup> the consideration of the items of the provisional agenda for the annual session of the Commission, in preparation for the Commission's meeting at the ministerial level;

3. *Decides also* that the Technical Committee should meet for a four-day period immediately prior to a two-day meeting of the Economic Commission for Western Asia at the ministerial level.

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#### **1984/81. Staff and administrative questions of the Economic Commission for Western Asia**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Deeply concerned* about the high vacancy rate which has prevailed in the Economic Commission for Western Asia for a number of years,

*Convinced* that the high vacancy rate has had a serious impact on the work programme of the Commission,

*Recognizing* that repeated efforts have been made by the secretariat of the Commission to find qualified staff from unrepresented or under-represented States in the region covered by the Commission but that difficulties still persist in the recruitment of such staff,

*Recognizing also* the importance of knowledge of the Arabic language by the staff of the Commission for the effective performance of their work,

1. *Urges* unrepresented and under-represented States to endeavour to encourage competent personnel to work in the secretariat of the Economic Commission for Western Asia as staff members on a regular or fixed-term basis;

2. *Proposes* to the General Assembly that it should authorize the Secretary-General to take all necessary measures to enable the Economic Commission for Western Asia to recruit staff from any State member of the Commission to meet the Commission's personnel requirements;

<sup>88</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 10 (E/5539)*, annex IV.

<sup>89</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1984, Supplement No. 15 (E/1984/25 and Corr 1)*, chap. I, resolution 125 (XI).

<sup>90</sup> *Ibid.*, 1982, *Supplement No. 12 (E/1982/22)* chap. I.

3. *Also proposes* to the General Assembly that all members of the Economic Commission for Western Asia should be treated in a manner consistent with their full membership in the Commission with regard to employment in the secretariat of the Commission.

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#### **1984/82. Fortieth anniversary of the United Nations in 1985**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly decision 38/455 of 20 December 1983 on the commemoration of the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations in 1985,

*Considering* that the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system should contribute effectively to the observance of the anniversary,

1. *Decides* that, at the second regular session of 1985 of the Economic and Social Council, in the context of the general debate, special attention should be devoted to an assessment of the role of the United Nations in promoting international economic and social co-operation and to the consideration of ways of strengthening the role of the Organization and of further enhancing its effectiveness in this regard, and calls upon the Secretary-General to ensure that appropriate preparations are made for these discussions;

2. *Recommends* that the regional commissions and other subsidiary bodies of the Council and the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system should take full cognizance of the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations and participate actively in its observance;

3. *Invites* the competent intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council to develop appropriate activities in support of the anniversary.

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#### **1984/83. Report of the Committee for Development Planning on its twentieth session**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the report of the Committee for Development Planning on its twentieth session<sup>91</sup> and taking note of the statement made by the Committee at the conclusion of its work,<sup>92</sup>

*Taking note also* of the statement made before the Council on 5 July 1984 by the Chairman of the Committee for Development Planning,<sup>93</sup>

<sup>91</sup> *Ibid.*, 1984, *Supplement No. 7 (E/1984/17)*.

<sup>92</sup> *Ibid.*, p. v.

<sup>93</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1984, Plenary Meetings*, vol. II, 24th meeting, paras. 54-77 (E/1984/SR.24)

1. *Decides* to advance the session of the Committee for Development Planning scheduled for April 1985 to the last quarter of 1984, as proposed, and to hold that session at Geneva, and to consider the proposed schedule of meetings of the Committee<sup>94</sup> at the organizational session for 1985 of the Council;

<sup>94</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1984, Supplement N. 7 (E/1984/17)*, paras. 119-121.

2. *Expresses its appreciation* of the programme of work of the Committee for Development Planning<sup>95</sup> and invites the Committee to continue to present action-oriented recommendations.

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<sup>95</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 122.

## DECISIONS

### **1984/158. Participation of the Intergovernmental Bureau for Informatics in the work of the Economic and Social Council**

At its 30th plenary meeting, on 10 July 1984, the Council, having considered the application of the Intergovernmental Bureau for Informatics, decided, in accordance with rule 79 of the rules of procedure of the Council, that the Intergovernmental Bureau for Informatics might participate, on a continuing basis, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Council on questions within the scope of the activities of that organization.

### **1984/159. Review and appraisal of the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade**

At its 46th plenary meeting, on 20 July 1984, the Council:

(a) Took note of the oral report made by the Chairman of the Committee on the Review and Appraisal of the Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade on the work of the Committee<sup>96</sup> and decided to endorse the arrangements outlined therein for the completion of the work of the Committee;

(b) Decided that the final report of the Committee should be submitted directly to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session;

(c) Decided to invite all Governments to make every effort to ensure the successful conclusion of the work of the Committee.

### **1984/160. Reports of the Secretary-General relating to the review and appraisal of the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade**

At its 46th plenary meeting, on 20 July 1984, the Council took note of the reports of the Secretary-General on the review and appraisal of the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the

<sup>96</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1984, Plenary Meetings*, vol. II, 46th meeting, paras. 1-8 (E/1984/SR.46).

Third United Nations Development Decade,<sup>97</sup> prepared in pursuance of General Assembly resolutions 37/202 of 20 December 1982 and 38/152 of 19 December 1983, and on the social aspects of development,<sup>98</sup> prepared in pursuance of Economic and Social Council decision 1983/123 of 26 May 1983, and decided to transmit those reports to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session for consideration.

### **1984/161. Scheduling of the sessions of the Trade and Development Board**

At its 48th plenary meeting, on 25 July 1984, the Council decided to authorize the President of the Economic and Social Council to continue his consultations with the President of the Trade and Development Board on the question of the scheduling of the sessions of the Board and to report thereon to the Council at its organizational session for 1985.

### **1984/162. Provisional agenda and documentation for the eleventh session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations**

At its 48th plenary meeting, on 25 July 1984, the Council approved the provisional agenda and documentation for the eleventh session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations, set out below.

#### PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND DOCUMENTATION FOR THE ELEVENTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS

1. Election of officers
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Recent developments related to transnational corporations and international economic relations.

#### *Documentation*

Report of the Secretariat on recent developments related to transnational corporations and international economic relations

Report of the Secretariat on transnational corporations in international trade and foreign direct investment by transnational corporations, including capital inflows and outflows

<sup>97</sup> A/39/115 and Corr.1-E/1984/49 and Corr.1.

<sup>98</sup> A/39/171-E/1984/54.