

proval by the Governing Council of concrete, time-bound activities to combat desertification over the next fifteen years;

6. *Concurs* with the invitation of the Governing Council to the General Assembly to expand the role of the Consultative Group for Desertification Control, which is financed from voluntary contributions, and invites all Governments, particularly those of donor members, to become more involved in the work of the Consultative Group;

7. *Urges* Governments of countries prone to or suffering from desertification to give priority to the establishment of national programmes to combat desertification and to consider setting up appropriate national machinery or assigning responsibility to existing national machinery, where appropriate, to that end;

8. *Urges* all Governments to increase their assistance, through appropriate channels, to countries suffering from desertification, including the financing of regional and subregional programmes;

9. *Welcomes* the decision of the Governing Council that a further overall assessment of progress in the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification should be carried out in 1992;

II

IMPLEMENTATION IN THE SUDANO-SAHELIAN REGION OF THE PLAN OF ACTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION

10. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification, submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 33/88 of 15 December 1978, 34/187 of 18 December 1979 and 38/164 of 19 December 1983, transmits it to the Assembly for consideration, and notes the decision of the Governing Council to include Ghana and Togo among the countries eligible to receive assistance through the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office;

11. *Expresses its satisfaction* at the positive assessment by the Governing Council of the activities carried out by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, as a joint venture of the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Development Programme, to assist the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region, on behalf of the United Nations Environment Programme, in implementing the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;

12. *Welcomes* the decisions of the Governing Councils of the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Development Programme on the continuation of the joint venture of the two Programmes, aimed at ensuring the timely and effective provision of assistance to the group of designated countries by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, on behalf of the United Nations Environment Programme,

in combating desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region;

13. *Expresses its appreciation* to Governments, organizations of the United Nations system, and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that have contributed to the implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;

14. *Urges* all Governments, organizations of the United Nations system and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to strengthen their financial and technical support to the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region to assist them in the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification.

*49th plenary meeting
26 July 1984*

1984/66. Amendment of the terms of reference of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific: membership of Vanuatu

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting that Vanuatu has become a member of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific in accordance with paragraph 3 of the terms of reference of the Commission,⁴⁹

Decides to amend paragraphs 3 and 4 of the terms of reference of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific accordingly.

*50th plenary meeting
27 July 1984*

1984/67. Composition, terms of reference and programme of work of the Economic Commission for Latin America

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting with satisfaction the results of the twentieth session of the Economic Commission for Latin America, held at Lima from 29 March to 6 April 1984,⁵⁰

Having considered the decisions and recommendations adopted by the Commission at that session,

I

COMPOSITION AND TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMISSION

1. *Decides* to change the name of the Economic Commission for Latin America to "Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean", as recommended by the Commission in its resolution 455 (XX) of 6 April 1984;

2. *Endorses* Commission resolution 452 (XX) of 6 April 1984, by which the Commission welcomed the re-

⁴⁹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1984, Supplement No. 14 (E/1984/24), annex V.*

⁵⁰ *Ibid., Supplement No. 12 (E/1984/22).*

quest of the Government of Portugal and decided to admit that country as a full member of the Commission;

3. *Approves* the recommendation of the Commission that the French and Spanish versions of its terms of reference and rules of procedure⁵¹ should be amended by replacing the words “*la région des Antilles*” by “*la région des Caraïbes*” and the words “*la región de las Antillas*” by “*la región del Caribe*”;

4. *Decides*, therefore, to amend the terms of reference and rules of procedure of the Commission in order to incorporate the decisions contained in paragraphs 1 to 3 of the present resolution;

5. *Takes note with satisfaction* of Commission resolutions 453 (XX) and 454 (XX) of 6 April 1984, in which the Commission decided to admit the British Virgin Islands and the United States Virgin Islands as associate members of the Commission;

II

PROGRAMME OF WORK AND CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES OF THE COMMISSION

6. *Takes note* of resolution 465 (XX) of 6 April 1984 of the Economic Commission for Latin America on its programme of work and calendar of conferences, in particular the recommendations contained therein on the holding by the Commission of regional preparatory meetings for United Nations world conferences, and requests the Secretary-General to make every effort to reallocate existing resources for the holding in 1985 of a regional meeting to review the implementation of the Regional Plan of Action for Latin America and the Caribbean for the International Youth Year.⁵²

*50th plenary meeting
27 July 1984*

1984/68. Transport and Communications Decade in Africa

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling resolution 291 (XIII), adopted on 26 February 1977 by the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa,⁵³ Council resolution 2097 (LXIII) of 29 July 1977 and General Assembly resolution 32/160 of 19 December 1977, by which the Assembly proclaimed a Transport and Communications Decade in Africa during the years 1978-1988,

Recalling also resolutions 435 (XVII) and 464 (XVIII), adopted on 30 April 1982 and 2 May 1983 by the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa,⁵⁴

Referring to Council resolution 1982/54 of 29 July 1982 and General Assembly resolutions 37/140 of 17 December 1982 and 38/150 of 19 December 1983,

Considering that the programme for the Decade requires regular adjustment throughout the Decade,

Noting with satisfaction the efforts made by the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa in the preparation of the plan of action for the second phase (1984-1988) of the Decade and the approval of that plan of action by the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning at its fourth meeting, held at Conakry from 7 to 11 February 1984,⁵⁵

Noting with satisfaction also that the Secretary-General has provided funds for the preparation and organization of the four consultative technical meetings to be held during the second phase of the Decade,

Aware of the report of the Executive Secretary on the implementation of the plan of action for the first phase (1980-1983) of the Decade⁵⁶ and the approved plan of action for the second phase (1984-1988),⁵⁷

Considering that the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa has endorsed the plan of action for the second phase of the Decade with regard to the transport and communications routes accorded priority in the Lagos Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Monrovia Strategy for the Economic Development of Africa⁵⁸ and the Final Act of Lagos,⁵⁹

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for the financial support he has provided for the organization of the consultative technical meetings and the preparations for the second phase of the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make every effort to secure and provide to the Economic Commission for Africa the additional resources needed for the implementation of the activities requested by the General Assembly in paragraph 9 of its resolution 38/150;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to make available to the Economic Commission for Africa, within existing resources, sufficient financial resources to enable it to ensure the preparation of relevant financing documents and the prompt follow-up of the interest expressed by donors and financial institutions during consultative technical meetings in financing projects for the Decade.

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27 July 1984*

⁵¹ E/CN.12/544.

⁵² See E/CEPAL/G.1287.

⁵³ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 7* (E/5941), vol. I, part three.

⁵⁴ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1982, Supplement No. 11* (E/1982/21), chap. V; and *ibid.*, 1983, *Supplement No. 13* (E/1983/44), chap. IV.

⁵⁵ See the report of the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning on its fourth meeting (E/ECA/CM.10/22).

⁵⁶ E/ECA/CM.9/7.

⁵⁷ E/ECA/CM.10/18.

⁵⁸ A/S-11/14, annex I.

⁵⁹ *Ibid.*, annex II.