

1984/75. Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1982/57 of 30 July 1982 and 1983/62 of 29 July 1983 on the proposed Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar,

Recalling also the conclusions contained in the interim report prepared by the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe,⁷⁹

Bearing in mind the need to take into account the principles of good-neighbourliness and co-operation among all parties interested in and concerned with the pursuit of this project,

1. *Invites* the Governments of Morocco and Spain to continue to provide information to, and to consult and co-operate with, Governments, international organizations, research institutions and universities in the Mediterranean area and elsewhere, the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe and to make concerted efforts in the pursuit of the development of the project for the Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar;

2. *Also invites* Governments, international organizations, research institutions and universities in the Mediterranean area and elsewhere to continue to co-operate with the Governments of Morocco and Spain and with the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe and to make concerted efforts in the pursuit of this project;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe, within available resources, with the additional resources necessary for the implementation of the recommendations on the proposed permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretaries of the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe to submit an interim report on the progress made with regard to the studies on this project, through the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe, to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1985.

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1984/76. Matters arising from the biennial report of the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa for 1982-1983

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling resolution 403 (XVI), adopted on 10 April 1981 by the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa,⁸⁰ on the biennial report of the Executive Secretary of the Commission for 1979-1980,

⁷⁹ E/1983/87/Add.1, sect. V.

⁸⁰ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement No. 14 (E/1981/54)*, chap. IV.

Recalling also section IV of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system, in which, *inter alia*, it is stipulated that the regional commissions should be enabled fully to play their role under the authority of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council as the main general economic and social development centres within the United Nations system for their respective regions,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 38/199 of 20 December 1983 on special measures for the social and economic development of Africa in the 1980s, in which, *inter alia*, the Assembly 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 Africa⁸¹ and the Final Act of Lagos⁸² and to contribute generously to the United Nations Trust Fund for African Development.

Convinced that a strengthened secretariat of the Economic Commission for Africa is an imperative necessity for the States members of the Commission, both individually and collectively, particularly in view of the current economic and social crisis facing Africa,

1. *Appeals* to the international community, particularly the developed countries of Western and Eastern Europe, North America, Japan and the members of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, other developing countries in a position to do so, and international and regional financial institutions to contribute generously at the Fifth Biennial Pledging Conference for the United Nations Trust Fund for African Development;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide additional resources to the Economic Commission for Africa as the centre for general social and economic development within the United Nations system for the African region so as to enable it, in general, to assist member States more effectively and, in particular, to develop the required capacity and capability in the field of evaluation of programmes and projects.

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1984/77. Mobilization of human and financial resources for the women's programme of the Economic Commission for Africa beyond the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace

The Economic and Social Council,

Aware that the goals and objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and

⁸¹ A/S-11/14, annex I.

⁸² *Ibid.*, annex II.

Peace have not yet been fully achieved, especially in Africa,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 33/143 of 20 December 1978, in section III of which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures to increase the number of women in posts in the United Nations Secretariat subject to geographical distribution to 25 per cent of the total over a four-year period,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 37/235 B of 21 December 1982, in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to intensify his efforts to implement fully section III of Assembly resolution 33/143 and section V of Assembly resolution 35/210 of 17 December 1980,

Recalling also resolution 21 adopted by the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,⁵³ in which the Secretary-General was requested, as an interim measure, to explore the possibility of redeploying vacant posts within the regional commissions to the women's programmes, and General Assembly resolution 35/136 of 11 December 1980,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 38/106 of 16 December 1983, in which the Assembly urged the Secretary-General, in consultation with the executive secretaries of the regional commissions, *inter alia*, to take urgently appropriate measures to ensure that all temporary and permanent senior women's programme officer posts in the regional commissions should be continued within the regular budgetary resources available to them,

1. *Urges* the Secretary-General and the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to do all in their power to provide a core group of posts from regular budgetary resources, through the redeployment of vacant posts and in the context of the proposals for the programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987, to the African Training and Research Centre for Women and to the women's programmes of the Multinational Programming and Operational Centres in order to ensure their long-term viability beyond the United Nations Decade for Women;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the United Nations Development Programme, the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women and the international community for the financial and technical assistance provided for the women's programme of the Economic Commission for Africa.

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⁵³ *Report of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Copenhagen, 14-30 July 1980* (United Nations publication. Sales No. E.80.IV.3 and corrigendum), chap. I, sect. B.

1984/78. Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific, 1985-1994

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting resolution 236 (XL) of 27 April 1984 of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific⁵⁴ concerning a transport and communications decade for Asia and the Pacific during the period 1985-1994,

Bearing in mind the imperative need to mobilize funds for the decade through reprogramming or extrabudgetary contributions,

Recalling paragraph 30 of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, annexed to General Assembly resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980,

Recalling also the section of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries⁵⁵ relevant to the improvement of transport and communications infrastructure,

Recalling further Council resolution 1983/69 of 29 July 1983 concerning a transport and communications decade in Asia and the Pacific during the period 1985-1994,

Convinced of the critical role of all modes and means of transport and communications as enabling elements in economic development and the importance, therefore, of the improvement and growth of transport and communications infrastructure and services in a manner commensurate with the anticipated growth of all sectors of the economy generating the demand for transport and communications,

Recognizing the need for an integrated approach to the planning of transport and communications development and taking into account the positive contribution which the proclamation of a transport and communications decade for Asia and the Pacific during the period 1985-1994 would make towards the mobilization of support for such an approach,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/69 concerning the proclamation of a transport and communications decade in Asia and the Pacific,⁵⁶

1. *Endorses* resolution 236 (XL) of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, with a view to:

(a) Raising the transport and communications infrastructural facilities of developing member countries to a level commensurate with their development objectives and priorities, giving particular attention to the

⁵⁴ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1984, Supplement No. 14 (E/1984/24)*, chap. IV.

⁵⁵ See *Report of the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Paris, 1-14 September 1981* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.82.I.8), part one, sect. A.

⁵⁶ E/1984/116.