

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.

special needs of the least developed, land-locked and island developing countries of the region;

(b) Identifying systematically and in a comprehensive manner the problems of transport and communications in the region and working out feasible solutions;

(c) Promoting a more effective and efficient transport and communications network comprising all modes and means in an integrated way, in particular for development of intraregional and interregional transport and communications linkages, as well as in the fields of maintenance and co-ordination of networks, tariff setting and physical planning;

(d) Encouraging effective co-ordination and co-operation in the field of transport and communications in the region;

2. *Recommends* the General Assembly to proclaim a Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific during the period 1985-1994, in accordance with resolution 236 (XL) of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific;

3. *Urges* all relevant international organizations, particularly the United Nations Development Programme, to contribute effectively to the implementation of the regional action programme for the Decade;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to extend, within existing resources, all necessary facilities and support to the Executive Secretaries of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and the Economic Commission for Western Asia in their elaboration of a practical and integrated regional action programme for the Decade and to mobilize the necessary international support for the successful implementation of the programmes for the Decade;

5. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General to promote intergovernmental and inter-agency co-ordination at the regional and subregional levels;

6. *Invites* all Governments, in particular those of the developed countries and others in a position to do so, to contribute and participate effectively in the implementation of the regional action programme for achieving the objectives of the Decade;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1986, and every two years thereafter until the end of the Decade.

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1984/79. Promotion of a system of customs transit for goods applicable world-wide

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking into account the need to facilitate the international exchange of goods,

Aware of the role played by transport in the international exchange of goods,

Taking into account also the economic requirements for the facilitation of transport and, to that end, the need for a system of customs transit applicable world-wide,

Convinced that it is possible to make significant progress in this direction by the adoption of a system of customs transit to be used in all regions of the world,

Noting from the experience gained in the application of the Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnets,⁴⁷ concluded under the auspices of the United Nations at Geneva on 14 November 1975, that the TIR system can meet the criteria of world-wide application and the requirements connected with the technical possibilities of implementation,

Convinced also that the world-wide application of the TIR system could contribute to the facilitation not only of customs transit as such, but also of transport as a whole, by reducing transport costs and bringing a number of additional technical and economic advantages in the international exchange of goods,

1. *Recommends* that Governments which have not yet done so should consider the possibility of accepting the Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnets of 14 November 1975 and should consequently introduce the TIR system in their national legislation and regulations;

2. *Recommends also* that the international, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations directly or indirectly concerned, particularly the regional commissions of the United Nations, should be encouraged to undertake the promotion of the TIR system and should endeavour to include this matter, wherever possible, in their own work programmes,

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General to reallocate available resources in order to make possible appropriate action with a view to promoting the world-wide application of the Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnets of 14 November 1975.

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1984/80. General policy-making structure of the Economic Commission for Western Asia

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1982/64 of 30 July 1982, by which it established, within the Economic Commission for Western Asia, a Standing Committee for the Programme, composed of all members of the Commission, as the main subsidiary organ of the Commission to assist it in the execution of its responsibilities for programme planning and review,

⁴⁷ ECE/TRANS/17; to be published in United Nations, *Treaty Series*, No. 16510.