

(a) There should be an organizationally distinct and identifiable secretariat structure for providing substantive support in regard to the preparation of thematic analyses and consolidated reports;

(b) The expertise of other organizations of the United Nations system should be drawn upon, as appropriate;

(c) Such secretariat support should be provided, as appropriate, *inter alia*, within existing resources through redeployment of staff and the use of extrabudgetary resources.

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1989/115. Proclamation of a second industrial development decade for Africa

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1987/70 of 8 July 1987, in which it recommended that, after appropriate evaluation of the Industrial Development Decade for Africa, the proclamation of a second decade should be considered in order to accelerate further the industrialization of Africa,

Noting resolution CM/RES.1188 (XLIX) of the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity,⁸⁵ in which the Council of Ministers urged the Industrial Development Board of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to adopt an appropriate decision with a view to the proclamation by the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session of a second industrial development decade for Africa,

Noting also Industrial Development Board decision IDB.5/Dec.7 of 6 July 1989,⁸⁶ in which the Board recommended that the General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization request the General Assembly to proclaim, at its forty-fourth session, a second industrial development decade for Africa,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/84 of 24 May 1989 on guidelines for international decades in economic and social fields,

Noting that an independent evaluation of the implementation of the Industrial Development Decade for Africa has been completed by a team of experts,⁸⁷

Taking note of resolution 656 (XXIV) of 7 April 1989 of the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa,⁸⁸

Noting that the Conference of Ministers invited the Conference of African Ministers of Industry at its ninth

meeting to examine the report on the evaluation of the implementation of the Decade and present its views on the modalities of launching a second decade for submission to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session, through the Economic and Social Council and the Industrial Development Board,

Having heard the statement made by the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa on 10 July 1989,⁸⁹

1. *Recommends* that the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session consider proclaiming the period 1991-2000 the second industrial development decade for Africa;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session proposals, with cost estimates, for the preparation of the programme for the second industrial development decade for Africa, taking into account resolution 2 (IX) of 31 May 1989 of the Conference of African Ministers of Industry.⁹⁰

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1989/116. African Alternative Framework for Structural Adjustment Programmes for Socio-economic Recovery and Transformation

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 43/27 of 18 November 1988, in particular paragraph 55 (c) of the annex, in which the Assembly recommended that African countries increase their efforts in the search for a viable conceptual and practical framework for economic structural adjustment programmes in keeping with long-term development objectives and strategies at the national, subregional and regional levels,

Convinced of the urgent need for African economies to bring about structural transformation and sustained growth and development,

1. *Takes note with interest* of the African Alternative Framework for Structural Adjustment Programmes for Socio-economic Recovery and Transformation,⁹¹ adopted by the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa in resolution 676 (XXIV) of 7 April 1989,⁹² and the joint statement on Africa's long-term development adopted by the meeting of agencies concerned with Africa's economic and social progress held at Washington, D.C., on 10 May 1989;

⁸⁵ See A/44/291, annex.

⁸⁶ E/1989/L.32, annex.

⁸⁷ Economic Commission for Africa/United Nations Industrial Development Organization document CAMI.9/20/Add.1—ICE/1989/20/Add.1.

⁸⁸ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1989, Supplement No. 16 (E/1989/35)*, chap. IV.

⁸⁹ See E/1989/SR.23.

⁹⁰ See Economic Commission for Africa/United Nations Industrial Development Organization document CAMI.9/22—ICE/1989/22.

⁹¹ A/44/315, annex.

⁹² See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1989, Supplement No. 16 (E/1989/35)*, chap. IV.

2. *Requests* the General Assembly to consider taking action on the Framework, as appropriate;

3. *Calls upon* the international community, especially developed countries and multilateral institutions, to consider requests to provide support to the country programmes prepared by African countries.

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1989/117. African Institute for Economic Development and Planning

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1985/62 of 26 July 1985,

Noting with satisfaction the achievements of the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning, the services it has rendered to African Governments and the increasing and continued interest of Member States in its activities,

Considering the critical financial crisis facing the Institute, the decline in the contributions of member States and the decision of the United Nations Development Programme to withdraw its assistance for training at the Institute and funding of its core staff at the end of 1989,

Noting with satisfaction that the Governing Council of the Institute has appointed a sub-committee to review the structure and management of the Institute and make recommendations on its restructuring,

Expressing appreciation for the support that the United Nations Development Programme has so far given the Institute,

1. *Urges* the Governing Council of the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning to expedite the work of restructuring and rationalizing the activities and means of the Institute in order to establish, as early as possible, a renewed and financially viable Institute for the benefit of African development;

2. *Invites* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to reconsider, in the light of the progress made in the restructuring process, the decision to cease the funding of the Institute after December 1989 and to provide support, as appropriate;

3. *Earnestly urges* African Governments to pay their contributions in a regular and timely manner and make plans to pay gradually their accumulated arrears.

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1989/118. Interregional co-operation for facilitation of international trade

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its decision 1982/174 of 30 July 1982, in which it requested the executive secretaries of the

regional commissions to submit recommendations concerning a subject for interregional co-operation of common interest to all regions, and noting ongoing activities undertaken by the regional commissions within this framework,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on regional co-operation,⁹³ in particular section IV thereof,

Conscious of the global importance of trade facilitation and of the work carried out by the regional commissions to reduce, simplify and harmonize formalities, procedures and documentation for the development of international trade, and of the technical co-operation activities carried out by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to promote and implement such measures pursuant to the decision adopted by the Economic and Social Council on 31 July 1969,

Noting that the Rules for Electronic Data Interchange for Administration, Commerce and Transport (EDIFACT) being developed and maintained within the Economic Commission for Europe allow for the progressive replacement of trade documents by electronic messages,

Recalling, in the light of Economic Commission for Europe decision L (44) of 21 April 1989,⁹⁴ that consideration should be given to augmenting the existing facilities in the Commission for the development and the maintenance of EDIFACT, given the central importance of these facilities for the use of EDIFACT by all countries concerned,

Recognizing that the introduction of trade facilitation measures leading to simpler, faster and more economical documentary procedures might require the modification of trade-related practices,

Noting that the introduction of electronic data interchange is contingent upon the availability of appropriate data-processing equipment and telecommunications facilities, as well as relevant business management techniques, which have still to be established in many countries, particularly developing countries,

1. *Invites* the regional commissions to formulate, jointly with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, within existing resources, a draft proposal for interregional co-operation based on projects detailing technical and resource requirements, duly taking into account the national laws and regulations and the needs and concerns of the various regions, especially those of the developing countries, in the area of trade facilitation, and in particular the phased application of EDIFACT, wherever appropriate, and to submit the draft proposal for approval to the Council at its second regular session of 1990;

2. *Requests* the regional commissions to consult with funding organizations, notably the United Nations

⁹³ E/1989/96.

⁹⁴ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1989, Supplement No. 15 (E/1989/34)*, chap. IV.