

specific regional projects and transport corridor projects to appropriate donor countries and financial institutions;

(b) To intensify efforts to contact as many donor countries and financial institutions as possible to promote the programme for the Decade;

5. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to make available to the Commission sufficient financial resources to enable it to organize co-financing meetings for specific regional projects and projects located in corridors affording access to the sea for land-locked countries;

6. *Reiterates* the appeals previously made to donor countries and international financial institutions to give increased financial support to the programme for the second phase of the Decade and to accord particular attention to the financing of the regional projects and projects related to the maintenance and rehabilitation of infrastructures, training and technical assistance, and projects in corridors affording access to the sea for land-locked countries.

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1985/66. Appointment of directors of Multinational Programming and Operational Centres

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the fact that most of the Multinational Programming and Operational Centres of the Economic Commission for Africa are currently headed by interim rather than by titular directors,

Conscious of the importance of the economic role of the Multinational Programming and Operational Centres for subregional co-operation and integration and of the need for them to be appropriately staffed at the highest level, having regard to the sensitive nature of their responsibilities,

Aware of the need to procure the services of persons possessing the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity and to observe United Nations rules concerning the equitable geographical distribution of posts among the Member States,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all the necessary steps to ensure that the posts of directors of the Multinational Programming and Operational Centres are expeditiously filled;

2. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the directors of the Multinational Programming and Operational Centres are, whenever appropriate, nationals of the States members of the centres, in accordance with the practice followed in the Economic Commission for Africa.

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1985/67. Women and development in Africa

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling resolution 28 of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,³⁹

Bearing in mind resolution 512 (XIX) of 26 May 1984 of the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa⁴⁰ on the mobilization of human and financial resources for the women's programme of the Commission beyond the end of the United Nations Decade for Women,

Bearing in mind also that women subjected to the policies of *apartheid* and women in illegally occupied Namibia are still victims of all forms of injustice, violent oppression and atrocities perpetrated by the racist régime of South Africa, and that the status of women in the front-line States has been seriously affected by the aggression and destabilizing policies of South Africa,

1. *Requests* Governments and international organizations to sustain their assistance for national machineries concerned with the integration of women in development to enable them to formulate and execute national programmes for women's development, taking into account, in particular, the Arusha Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of African Women beyond the United Nations Decade for Women;⁴¹

2. *Urgently requests* States which have not yet done so to sign the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women⁴² and States which have signed it to ratify it and do everything possible to ensure its application;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to spare no effort to procure regular budget posts and appropriations for the African Training and Research Centre for Women and the Multinational Programming and Operational Centres, through the redeployment of vacant posts and in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987, in order to ensure the continuity of the United Nations regional and subregional women's programmes.

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³⁹ See *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.

⁴⁰ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1984, Supplement No. 11 (E.1984/21)*, chap. IV.

⁴¹ E/ECA/CM.11/20.

⁴² General Assembly resolution 34/180, annex.