

**1985/75. Economic and technical aspects
of marine affairs**

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1980/68 of 25 July 1980 on co-operation in the uses of the sea and coastal area development and 1983/48 of 28 July 1983 on marine affairs, in response to which the Secretary-General has submitted to the Council, at its second regular session of 1985, a report on economic and technical trends and developments in marine affairs,⁵⁰

Convinced that the resources of the ocean represent an important existing and potential contribution to the development process,

Noting that an increasing number of Member States, especially developing countries, have embarked on activities designed to make full, rational use of the resources of the ocean, in particular in their exclusive economic zones,

Noting also that, in accordance with the programme on economic and technical aspects of marine affairs contained in chapter 25 of the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989,⁵¹ the Secretary-General has directed his efforts specifically towards assisting Member States in developing and managing ocean resources in their exclusive economic zones,

1. *Endorses* the efforts of the Secretary-General to make the programme on economic and technical aspects of marine affairs responsive to the growing needs of Member States;

2. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on economic and technical trends and developments in marine affairs;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to pursue, in close co-operation with all the competent organizations of the United Nations system, activities relating to the economic and technical aspects of marine affairs, and to report on new developments in this area to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1989;

4. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, within the mandate and terms of reference of the United Nations regarding the economic and technical aspects of marine affairs, to submit to the Council at its second regular session of 1987 a report identifying specific and practical needs and problems encountered by countries, in particular developing countries, in the management of their exclusive economic zones and the development of resources therein, as well as the types of activities and approaches to their implementation required for countries, with the support of the United Nations, to respond most effectively to those needs and problems, and to transmit to the General Assembly at its forty-

second session the conclusions and recommendations of Council.

*52nd plenary meeting
26 July 1985*

**1985/76. Report of the Committee for Programme
and Co-ordination on the work of its twenty-fifth
session**

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the work of its twenty-fifth session,⁵²

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1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the work of its twenty-fifth session and endorses the conclusions and recommendations contained therein;⁵³

2. *Re-emphasizes* the importance of the programming and co-ordination functions carried out by the Committee in accordance with its mandate and in the context of a continuing need for greater efficiency and effectiveness in the United Nations system;

3. *Recalls* that the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination is the main subsidiary organ of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly for planning, programming and co-ordination;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in accordance with Chapters IX and X of the Charter of the United Nations and the relevant resolutions of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly, to secure the follow-up and implementation by the organizations of the United Nations system of the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, once approved by the Council and/or the Assembly;

5. *Welcomes* the decision of the Committee to include in the provisional agenda for its twenty-sixth session an item on the improvement of its work and the duration of its sessions, and invites it to take into account the views expressed at its twenty-fifth session and at the second regular session of 1985 of the Economic and Social Council;

II

**INSTRUMENTS FOR PROGRAMMING
AND CO-ORDINATION**

1. *Reiterates* that the effectiveness of the instruments at the disposal of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination to fulfil its functions,

⁵⁰ E/1985/79.

⁵¹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 6A (A/37/6/Add.1)*, annex II.

⁵² *Ibid.*, Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/40/38).

⁵³ *Ibid.*, chap. IX.