

promotion and the provision of market information and through export infrastructure;

- (ii) To attain self-sufficiency in certain fishery resources through the development of intra-African trade, particularly the harmonization of taxation on fishery products;

9. *Further requests* Member States to promote the development of aquaculture in Africa and, to the extent feasible, pool their national human and financial resources within subregional bodies for applied research;

10. *Exhorts* Member States to explore the possibility of bringing national entrepreneurs and foreign enterprises together for the establishment of joint ventures on the basis of mutual advantageous co-operation.

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1990/78. Refugees, displaced persons and returnees

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling decision 90/22 adopted on 22 June 1990 by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its thirty-seventh session,³⁶

Recalling General Assembly resolution 44/137 of 15 December 1989, in which, *inter alia*, the Assembly invited the agencies of the United Nations system, as well as all other relevant international organizations, both governmental and non-governmental, to establish as soon as possible specific mechanisms of co-operation to assure an agreed division of responsibilities and arrangements for the financing of operational activities relating to refugees, while preserving the mandate of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,

Noting the substantial increase in the number of refugees, displaced persons and returnees and their impact on the development prospects of the often fragile economic infrastructure of the countries concerned,

Realizing the immense human suffering occasioned by the phenomenon of mass population movements resulting from conflict, natural and man-made disasters and war,

Recognizing that relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction and development are part of the same continuum, and stressing that the impact of refugees and displaced persons on the development prospects of affected countries is frequently severe, multifaceted and requires a system-wide approach in order to ensure that the full spectrum of their needs is covered and that serving those needs should complement the development efforts of the affected countries,

Recognizing the primacy of the mandate of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in providing international protection and assistance to

refugees and in seeking durable solutions to their problems, and commending the efforts being made by the Office in that regard,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to initiate a United Nations system-wide review to assess the experience and capacity of various organizations in the co-ordination of assistance to all refugees, displaced persons and returnees, and the full spectrum of their needs, in supporting the efforts of the affected countries;

2. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, on the basis of the system-wide review and within existing resources, to recommend ways of maximizing co-operation and co-ordination among the various organizations of the United Nations system in order to ensure an effective response by the United Nations system to the problems of refugees, displaced persons and returnees, keeping in mind the mandates of the United Nations organizations concerned;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report on the results of the system-wide review and on the recommendations emanating therefrom to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1991.

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1990/79. Governance of the World Food Programme

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the fifteenth annual report of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes³⁷ and the note by the Secretariat³⁸ transmitting a decision on governance of the World Food Programme adopted by the Committee at its twenty-ninth session, in June 1990, and transmitted to the Council by the Executive Director of the World Food Programme at the request of the Committee,

Recognizing the need for improved governance arrangements for the World Food Programme consistent with its programme requirements, its accountability to member States, and its characteristics as an entity of the United Nations system,

1. *Welcomes* the decision of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes to establish a sub-committee of the whole of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes to review the governance of the World Food Programme and the relationships between the United Nations, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the World Food Programme;³⁹

³⁷ WFP/CFA:29/11; transmitted to the Council as document E/1990/99.

³⁸ E/1990/101.

³⁹ *Ibid.*, annex.

³⁶ *Ibid.*, 1990, Supplement No. 9 (E/1990/29).