

and social development in order that education may adequately fit the specific requirements of each country's present stage of development,

Welcoming the decisions of the Conference of African States on the Development of Education in Africa convoked jointly by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Economic Commission for Africa and the *Outline of a Plan for African Educational Development* established by the African States at that Conference,²⁴ embodying broad targets and priorities, particularly for second-level education, costs and national contributions for the period 1961-1965,

1. *Calls upon* the African countries to continue to devote increasing and ample resources to the development of education in their territories, in accordance with the broad targets of the five-year programme set forth in the *Outline of a Plan for African Educational Development*;

2. *Notes*, however, that, in spite of increasing national allocation to education, the financial deficit faced by the African countries is estimated, in relation to these targets, at:

\$140,000,000 for 1961;
\$150,000,000 for 1962;
\$260,000,000 for 1963;
\$310,000,000 for 1964;
\$450,000,000 for 1965;

3. *Notes further* that, while the deficit for 1961 is covered by external aid, the amount of such aid, if deficits in subsequent years are to be met, will have to be considerably increased;

4. *Invites* States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies to contribute financial and technical assistance to the African countries in accordance with the needs of these countries, taking into account the estimate of the Conference for the years 1961-1965;

5. *Endorses* Economic and Social Council resolution 837 (XXXII) of 3 August 1961 which invites the support of all the appropriate organs of the United Nations, including the Technical Assistance Board, the Special Fund and the United Nations Children's Fund, as well as the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the other agencies of the United Nations system, including the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Development Association, to help the African countries in every way in putting into effect the decisions of the Conference;

6. *Calls upon* the inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations outside the United Nations system which are active in the field of education to extend their full co-operation with a view to fulfilling the objectives assigned by the Conference;

7. *Invites* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to convene in 1963, jointly with the economic Commission for Africa, another Conference of African States to review the execution, costs and targets of the plan adopted by the Conference, and to analyse national educational programmes with a view to assisting the integration of

these programmes in over-all national development plans.

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19 December 1961.

1718 (XVI). Economic development of Africa

The General Assembly,

Noting that low standards of living continue to prevail all over Africa,

Conscious of the urgent necessity to take measures to strengthen and consolidate the economic independence of the African States,

Affirming that, while the primary responsibility for rapid economic development and social progress rests with the African States themselves, concerted international co-operation has a very important role to play in the economic and social development of Africa,

Convinced that diversification of production, industrialization and the development of highly productive agriculture are crucially important for the economic advancement of all African States,

Bearing in mind the necessity to further an accelerating pace of economic and social development of the African States within the framework of well-integrated long-term plans,

Appreciating the willingness of Member States to contribute significantly to an international programme for African development,

Bearing in mind also the importance of international trade to the economic development of African States and other under-developed countries and the necessity of taking appropriate measures to improve the terms of trade in favour of exporters of primary commodities and of eliminating the excessive fluctuations of the prices of these products, so that African States can increasingly finance their economic development from expanding earnings of foreign exchange,

Affirming that it is essential to expand the volume of domestic savings and the inflow of foreign investment capital, public and private, for financing an accelerating rate of economic development in African States,

Recalling its resolutions 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, 1519 (XV), 1520 (XV), 1521 (XV), 1522 (XV), and 1527 (XV) of 15 December 1960 and Economic Commission for Africa resolutions 25 (III) of 15 February 1961, 27 (III) and 29 (III) of 16 February 1961, and 31 (III) of 17 February 1961, and Economic and Social Council resolutions 831 (XXXII) of 2 August 1961 and 836 (XXXII) of 3 August 1961,

1. *Reaffirms* its resolution 1527 (XV) of 15 December 1960, particularly paragraphs 3 and 4 thereof;

2. *Urges* the establishment, within the Economic Commission for Africa, of a programming institution to complement the work of the Economic Projections and Programming Centre envisaged under General Assembly resolution 1708 (XVI) of 19 December 1961;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To lend his full support to the establishment, under the auspices of the Economic Commission for Africa and, at the request of the Governments concerned, with the assistance of the Special Fund, of an African institute of economic development and planning which will provide advisory services and train qualified personnel in the field of economic develop-

²⁴ Transmitted to members of the General Assembly by a note of the Secretary-General (A/4903).

ment, especially in the techniques of economic planning and development;

(b) To provide, on request, through the Economic Commission for Africa and its institute of economic development and planning when it is established, the advisory services and other technical assistance required for the preparation of national and regional development plans;

4. *Requests* the Economic Commission for Africa, acting through its Executive Secretary and with the fullest assistance of the Secretary-General:

(a) To convene as soon as possible, in consultation with the appropriate institutions and organs and under the auspices of the Standing Committee on Trade of the Economic Commission for Africa, a meeting of African countries to examine their policies on international trade and to work out immediate and common solutions regarding the disposal of their principal products on external markets;

(b) To prepare a further and up-to-date study of the impacts, on a short-term basis as well as in the long run, of the European economic groupings on the trade and economic development of the associated as well as the non-associated African countries;

(c) To study further, in consultation with the Governments of African countries and appropriate institutions:

- (i) The measures required for increasing the volume of domestic savings in the African countries;
- (ii) The measures necessary for accelerating the flow of foreign public and private capital to African countries and to report on these measures to the Economic and Social Council at its thirty-fourth session;

5. *Urges* the importance of establishing regional economic development banks for Africa taking into account the study called for in resolution 27 (III) of the Economic Commission for Africa, and requests the Secretary-General to consult with the appropriate institutions, particularly the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, on the immediate steps necessary for the early establishment of these regional development banks;

6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to strengthen the authority and increase the substantive and operational functions of the Economic Commission for Africa and to provide it with the requisite personnel and other resources in keeping with the policy of decentralization, as reaffirmed in General Assembly resolution 1709 (XVI) of 19 December 1961;

7. *Invites* the Economic and Social Council at its thirty-fourth session to examine the progress achieved

in the implementation of the present resolution and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its seventeenth session.

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1719 (XVI). Population growth and economic development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1217 (XII) of 14 December 1957 and Economic and Social Council resolution 820 (XXXI) of 28 April 1961,

Recommends that the item entitled "Population growth and economic development" should be included in the agenda of its seventeenth session in view of the fact that a draft resolution on this item²⁵ was distributed to the Second Committee on 1 December 1961 but could not be considered because of lack of time.

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1720 (XVI). Permanent sovereignty over natural resources

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1314 (XIII) of 12 December 1958,

Desiring to promote the strengthening of permanent sovereignty of peoples and nations over their natural wealth and resources,

1. *Expresses its thanks* for the revised study on the status of permanent sovereignty over natural wealth and resources, prepared by the United Nations Secretariat;²⁶

2. *Requests* that arrangements be made speedily for the printing of that study, together with the report of the Commission on Permanent Sovereignty over Natural Resources,²⁷ so that these documents may be available to all who wish to consult them for the useful information they contain;

3. *Decides* that the United Nations work on permanent sovereignty over natural wealth and resources shall be continued and recommends that priority be given for the discussion of this matter in the Second Committee at its next session.

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²⁵Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 84 document A/5059, para. 4.

²⁶A/AC.97/5/Rev.1 and Corr.1 and 2 and Add.1.

²⁷Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-second Session, Annexes, agenda item 9, document E/3511.