

United Nations, and the role of the Economic and Social Council, especially under Article 63, paragraph 2, and Article 64 of the Charter,

*Recalling also* its resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977, in particular paragraph 5 (d) of section II and section V of the annex to that resolution, and noting the relevant progress reports of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination,<sup>195</sup>

*Mindful* of the importance of implementing fully and without undue delay the recommendations contained in its resolution 32/197,

*Bearing in mind* its resolution 32/114 of 15 December 1977, as well as Economic and Social Council resolutions 2110 (LXIII) of 3 August 1977 and 1978/74 of 4 August 1978,

*Mindful also* of the need to clarify further the nature of the comprehensive policy review of operational activities to be undertaken by the Economic and Social Council under paragraph 7 of Council resolution 1768 (LIV) of 18 May 1973,

*Reaffirming* the full and continuing validity of the consensus of 1970, as set forth in the annex to General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970,

1. *Invites* the Secretary-General to entrust to the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation, under his authority, the preparation, after consultation with the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, taking into account the views of the organs, organizations and bodies concerned, of a report on policy issues pertaining to operational activities for development of the United Nations system for consideration by the Economic and Social Council, and subsequently by the General Assembly, in 1980;

2. *Decides* that the report referred to above should concentrate on:

(a) The application of General Assembly resolutions 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 and 3405 (XXX) of 28 November 1975 by the United Nations Development Programme and the participating and executing agencies;

(b) A review of the progress made in the application by the United Nations system of the relevant recommendations of General Assembly resolution 32/197, in the light of the objectives contained in paragraph 28 of the annex to that resolution;

3. *Decides further* that the report should also:

(a) Include information on issues addressed in Economic and Social Council resolution 1978/74, in so far as they relate to operational activities;

(b) Include information on and an analysis of issues relating to operational activities for development of the United Nations system so as to enable the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council to assess and promote progress in the attainment of the objectives contained in paragraph 28 of the annex to Assembly resolution 32/197;

(c) Include an examination of the application by the United Nations system in its operational activities of the results of international conferences held under the aegis of the United Nations relating to the establishment of the new international economic order;

(d) State options and alternative courses of action, on the basis of a system-wide analysis, in order to facilitate the decision-making role of the appropriate legislative organs in implementing the strategies and policies laid down for operational activities for development;

4. *Recommends* that the Economic and Social Council, in considering the aforementioned report, should also elaborate guidelines for future comprehensive policy reviews of operational activities for development carried out according to Council resolution 1768 (LIV);

5. *Requests* all organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system engaged in operational activities for development to assist the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation in the preparation of the report referred to in paragraph 1 above, and to participate, in accordance with paragraph 14 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197, in the consideration of the report by the Economic and Social Council.

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### 33/202. Restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system<sup>196</sup>

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order and 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,

*Recalling* its resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975, by which it initiated the process of restructuring the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system with a view to making it more fully capable of dealing with problems of development and international economic co-operation in a comprehensive and effective manner and to making it more responsive to the requirements of the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order as well as those of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,

*Recalling also* its resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977, by which it endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Restructuring of the Economic and Social Sectors of the United Nations System,

*Recognizing* that the process of restructuring the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system is an integral part of the efforts required to ensure the equitable, full and effective participation of the developing countries in the formulation and application of all decisions within the United Nations system in the field of development and international economic co-operation,

*Noting* that, within the framework of the objectives outlined in paragraph 60 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197, the United Nations Secre-

<sup>195</sup> E/1978/107, E/1978/144.

<sup>196</sup> See also sect. X.B.4, decision 33/448.

ariat should ensure maximum cost-effectiveness in the utilization of the administrative mechanism and resources,

*Considering* that progress in the implementation of the recommendations annexed to resolution 32/197 has been slow in certain areas,

### I

1. *Takes note* of Economic and Social Council decisions 1978/71 of 4 August 1978 and 1978/97 of 19 December 1978;

2. *Invites* the Economic and Social Council to intensify its efforts to complete the implementation of the specific measures outlined in section II and section VII, paragraph 57, of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 in time to report to the Assembly at its thirty-fourth session;

### II

1. *Takes note* of the progress reports of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination outlining its response to General Assembly resolution 32/197 and, in particular, the progress it has made in streamlining its continuing subsidiary machinery;<sup>197</sup>

2. *Requests* the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to keep its *ad hoc* subsidiary machinery to the absolute minimum necessary to meet specific intergovernmental requirements and to support the work of its continuing machinery;

3. *Further requests* the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to give the highest priority in its work to substantive questions of central importance to the development of developing countries and to international economic co-operation, and to keep its functioning and reporting systems geared to the concerns, directives and programmes of work of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council;

4. *Welcomes*, in the light of paragraph 64 (a) of the annex to resolution 32/197, the intention of the Secretary-General to designate, when he is unable to preside over meetings of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation to chair, on his behalf, those meetings or subject-oriented sessions devoted, for instance, to general development issues or other questions in respect of which the United Nations has a specific leadership function;

### III

1. *Takes note* of the relevant sections of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the work of its eighteenth session;<sup>198</sup>

2. *Requests* the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination to continue pursuing the implementation of the recommendations addressed to it in section VI of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination with the necessary technical and substantive services in order that the Committee may be able to fulfil its increased responsibilities under resolution 32/197 and requests

him to ensure the timely submission of the necessary documents to the Committee;

### IV

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of those recommendations annexed to General Assembly resolution 32/197 that are addressed to him<sup>199</sup> and of the report of the Secretary-General on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system,<sup>200</sup> regrets the late submission of the latter report to the Assembly and urges avoidance of such late submission in the future;

2. *Takes note* of Economic and Social Council decisions 1978/70 of 4 August 1978 and 1978/94 of 19 December 1978;

3. *Takes note with appreciation* of the efforts made by the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation with a view to exercising his functions as outlined in paragraph 2 of resolution 32/197;

4. *Reaffirms* the authority and responsibility of the Secretary-General under the relevant Articles of the Charter of the United Nations;

5. *Affirms* that, in conformity with resolution 32/197:

(a) The Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation, under the direction of the Secretary-General, should be fully and effectively utilized as the official in charge of executing the functions outlined in paragraphs 64 (a) and 64 (b) of the recommendations annexed to resolution 32/197;

(b) The necessary resources should be provided to enable the Director-General, *inter alia*, to discharge effectively the functions envisaged in paragraphs 64 (a) and 64 (b) of the annex to resolution 32/197;

(c) The Director-General, under the direction of the Secretary-General, should have, fully and effectively, authority over all services and organs within the United Nations at the level of the secretariats in the economic and social sectors, without prejudice to their respective spheres of competence or the terms of reference as contained in their relevant legislative mandates, in discharging the functions envisaged in paragraph 64 (b) of the annex to resolution 32/197 and in carrying out, *inter alia*, the specific tasks assigned to him by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council and, *inter alia*, in establishing the policy-related guidelines for all activities undertaken by those services and organs in order to ensure their coherence, co-ordination and efficient management;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to undertake urgently all necessary steps to implement the above provisions, taking fully into account the views expressed by Member States in the Economic and Social Council during 1978, including the appropriate adjustment in the functioning and administrative arrangements, and a possible renaming, of the relevant organizational entities;

7. *Urges* the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency to offer their full and

<sup>197</sup> E/1978/107, E/1978/144.

<sup>198</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/33/38).*

<sup>199</sup> E/1978/118.

<sup>200</sup> A/33/410/Rev.1.

effective co-operation and assistance to the Director-General in discharging the functions as defined in paragraph 64 (a) of the annex to resolution 32/197;

8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to pursue actively, in accordance with paragraphs 62 and 63 of the annex to resolution 32/197, the process of rationalizing and streamlining the capabilities of the entities concerned, including, if necessary, the transfer of elements of their functions and the redeployment of staff resources, particularly to the regional commissions;

## V

1. *Takes note* of Economic and Social Council resolution 1978/74 of 4 August 1978;

2. *Notes* the progress made in the implementation of section IV of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 concerning structures for regional and interregional co-operation;

3. *Decides* that the regional commissions shall have the status of executing agencies, in their own right, in respect of the categories of projects described in and in conformity with paragraph 23 of the annex to resolution 32/197 and requests the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps in this regard;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to proceed expeditiously with the development and application of the measures contemplated in paragraph 93 of his report,<sup>200</sup> in particular those related to the decentralization to the regional commissions of appropriate research and analysis activities and technical co-operation projects coming within the scope of paragraph 23 of

the annex to resolution 32/197, the strengthening of co-operation arrangements with the regional commissions in regard to programme planning as well as research and analysis, and the involvement of the executive secretaries of the regional commissions in the machinery of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, and those that might enable the regional commissions effectively to exercise their responsibilities for co-ordination at the regional level, as envisaged in paragraph 20 of the annex to resolution 32/197, and to undertake measures to enhance interregional co-operation;

## VI

1. *Requests* all organs, organizations and bodies within the United Nations system to take further action to give full effect to the recommendations annexed to General Assembly resolution 32/197 within their respective spheres of competence, availing themselves as appropriate of the assistance of the Secretary-General;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, after appropriate consultations and, as relevant, with the co-operation of the executive heads of the agencies concerned, to prepare a consolidated report, to be submitted to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session through the Economic and Social Council, synthesizing information on actions taken by the various organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system in the implementation of resolution 32/197 and the present resolution.

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