

democracy and political pluralism and, in accordance with the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights on 25 June 1993,³⁷ to promote and defend all human rights and fundamental freedoms and to cooperate towards the achievement of those goals;

5. *Welcomes with satisfaction* the holding of the fourth meeting of the States members of the zone at Somerset West, South Africa, on 1 and 2 April 1996, and takes note of the Final Declaration, the decision on drug trafficking, the decision on the protection of the marine environment and the decision on illegal fishing activities in the zone, adopted at the meeting;

6. *Welcomes* the progress towards the full entry into force of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco),³⁸ and the conclusion of the African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty (Treaty of Pelindaba);³⁹

7. *Also welcomes* the efforts of the Government of Angola to implement the Lusaka Protocol,⁴⁰ expresses its deep concern at the delay in fully implementing the Lusaka Protocol and calls upon the União Nacional para a Independência Total de Angola to fulfil immediately the tasks enumerated in the "Mediation Document" formulated by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General in consultation with the three observer States, as contained in Security Council resolution 1075 (1996) of 11 October 1996;

8. *Reaffirms* its willingness to contribute by all means at its disposal to an effective and lasting peace in Angola;

9. *Urges* the international community to fulfil expeditiously its pledges to provide assistance to facilitate the rehabilitation of the Angolan national economy and the resettlement of displaced persons, and stresses the importance of such assistance at this time in order to consolidate the gains in the peace process;

10. *Welcomes* the outcome of the summit meeting of the Economic Community of West African States Committee of Nine on Liberia, which revalidated the Abuja Agreement⁴¹ and, *inter alia*, foresees the holding of democratic elections in Liberia by 30 May 1997;

11. *Commends and encourages* Nigeria in its capacity as chair of the Committee of Nine, as well as all the members of the Economic Community of West African States, to pursue

positive efforts towards peace in Liberia, and requests the international community to support the endeavours of the new chairperson of the Council of State of the Liberian National Transitional Government and to provide the necessary assistance to the Economic Community of West African States Monitoring Group to enable it to carry out its mandate;

12. *Commends* the efforts of Member States and humanitarian organizations to render humanitarian assistance to Angola and Liberia, and urges them to continue to provide and to increase such assistance;

13. *Affirms* the importance of the South Atlantic to global maritime and commercial transactions and its determination to preserve the region for all peaceful purposes and activities protected by international law, in particular the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea;⁴²

14. *Welcomes* the offer by Argentina to host the fifth meeting of the States members of the zone;

15. *Requests* the relevant organizations, organs and bodies of the United Nations system to render all appropriate assistance which States of the zone may seek in their joint efforts to implement the declaration of the zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic;

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep the implementation of resolution 41/11 and subsequent resolutions on the matter under review and to submit a report to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session, taking into account, *inter alia*, the views expressed by Member States;

17. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-second session the item entitled "Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic".

*58th plenary meeting
14 November 1996*

51/20. Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States

The General Assembly,

Recalling its previous resolutions on the promotion of cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States,⁴³

Recalling the decision of the Council of the League of Arab States that it considers the League a regional organization within the meaning of Chapter VIII of the Charter of the United Nations,

³⁷ A/CONF.157/24 (Part I), chap. III.

³⁸ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 634, No. 9068.

³⁹ See A/50/426.

⁴⁰ *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-ninth Year, Supplement for October, November and December 1994*, document S/1995/1441.

⁴¹ *Ibid.*, *Fiftieth Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1995*, document S/1995/742.

⁴² *Official Records of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea*, vol. XVII (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.84.V.3), document A/CONF.62/122.

⁴³ A/51/380 and Add.1

Noting the desire of both organizations to consolidate, develop and enhance further the ties existing between them in the political, economic, social, humanitarian, cultural and administrative fields,

Taking into account the report of the Secretary-General entitled "An Agenda for Peace",⁴⁴ in particular section VII, concerning cooperation with regional arrangements and organizations, and the "Supplement to an Agenda for Peace",⁴⁵

Convinced that the maintenance and further strengthening of cooperation between the United Nations system and the League of Arab States contribute to the promotion of the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

Convinced also of the need for more efficient and coordinated utilization of available economic and financial resources to promote common objectives of the two organizations,

Recognizing the need for closer cooperation between the United Nations system and the League of Arab States and its specialized organizations in realizing the goals and objectives of both organizations,

Welcoming the second meeting on cooperation between the United Nations and regional organizations, held on 15 and 16 February 1996,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General;⁴³

2. Commends the continued efforts of the League of Arab States to promote multilateral cooperation among Arab States, and requests the United Nations system to continue to lend its support;

3. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for the follow-up action taken by him to implement the proposals adopted at the meetings between the representatives of the secretariats of the United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system and the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States and its specialized organizations, including the last meeting held at Vienna in 1995;

4. Requests the Secretariat of the United Nations and the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States, within their respective fields of competence, to intensify further their cooperation towards the realization of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, the strengthening of international peace and security, economic development, disarmament, decolonization, self-determination and the eradication of all forms of racism and racial discrimination;

⁴⁴ A/47/277-S/24111; see *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-seventh Year, Supplement for April, May and June 1992*, document S/24111.

⁴⁵ A/50/60-S/1995/1; see *Official Records of the Security Council, Fiftieth Year, Supplement for January, February and March 1995*, document S/1995/1.

5. Requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to strengthen cooperation and coordination between the United Nations and other organizations and agencies of the United Nations system and the League of Arab States and its specialized organizations in order to enhance their capacity to serve the mutual interests of the two organizations in the political, economic, social, humanitarian, cultural and administrative fields;

6. Calls upon the specialized agencies and other organizations and programmes of the United Nations system:

(a) To continue to cooperate with the Secretary-General and among themselves, as well as with the League of Arab States and its specialized organizations, in the follow-up of multilateral proposals aimed at strengthening and expanding cooperation in all fields between the United Nations system and the League of Arab States and its specialized organizations;

(b) To maintain and increase contacts and improve the mechanism of consultation with the counterpart programmes, organizations and agencies concerned regarding projects and programmes, in order to facilitate their implementation;

(c) To associate whenever possible with organizations and institutions of the League of Arab States in the execution and implementation of development projects in the Arab region;

(d) To inform the Secretary-General, not later than 15 June 1997, of the progress of their cooperation with the League of Arab States and its specialized organizations, in particular the follow-up action taken on the multilateral and bilateral proposals adopted at the previous meetings between the two organizations;

7. Also calls upon the specialized agencies and other organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to intensify cooperation with the League of Arab States and its specialized organizations in the following priority sectors, namely, energy, rural development, desertification and green belts, training and vocational training, technology, environment, and information and documentation;

8. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in cooperation with the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States, to encourage periodic consultation between representatives of the Secretariat of the United Nations and the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States to review and strengthen coordination mechanisms with a view to accelerating implementation of, and follow-up action on, multilateral projects, proposals and recommendations adopted at the meetings between the two organizations;

9. Decides that, in order to enhance cooperation and for the purpose of review and appraisal of progress, a general meeting between the United Nations system and the League of Arab States should take place once every two years, and inter-agency sectoral meetings should be organized regularly on areas of priority and wide importance in the development of the Arab States, on the basis of agreement between the

counterpart programmes of the United Nations system and the League of Arab States and its specialized organizations;

10. *Recommends* that the next general meeting on cooperation between the representatives of the secretariats of the United Nations system and the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States and its specialized organizations be held during 1997;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

12. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-second session the item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States".

*60th plenary meeting
19 November 1996*

51/21. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 48/2 of 13 October 1993, by which it granted observer status to the Economic Cooperation Organization,

Recalling also its resolution 50/1 of 12 October 1995, in which it affirmed the need to strengthen the cooperation that already exists between the entities of the United Nations system and the Economic Cooperation Organization in the areas of economic and social development,

Recalling further that the Charter of the United Nations provides for the existence of regional arrangements or agencies for dealing with such matters as maintenance of international peace and security and economic cooperation as are appropriate for regional action, provided that their activities are consistent with the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

Bearing in mind that the Treaty of Izmir, signed at Izmir, Turkey, on 12 March 1977, later revised at Ashgabat on 11 May 1996 and signed at Izmir on 14 September 1996, created a permanent body for intraregional cooperation, consultation and coordination in order to enhance economic, social and cultural development,

Taking note of the Ashgabat Declaration issued at the Fourth Summit Meeting of the Heads of State and Government of the States members of the Economic Cooperation Organization at Ashgabat on 14 May 1996,

Taking note also of the recent measures by the Governments members of the Economic Cooperation Organization to revitalize that organization through the adoption of a new charter of the organization and related documents on its reorganization and restructuring,

Convinced that the maintenance and further strengthening of the cooperation between the United Nations system and the Economic Cooperation Organization promote the

implementation of the goals and principles of the Organization,

1. *Takes note* of the decision of the Heads of State and Government of the States members of the Economic Cooperation Organization welcoming the adoption of General Assembly resolution 50/1 on cooperation between the two organizations and endorsing the cooperative arrangements entered into by the Economic Cooperation Organization with various entities of the United Nations system for joint efforts towards the implementation of the economic projects and programmes of the Economic Cooperation Organization;

2. *Notes with satisfaction* the report of the Secretary-General⁴⁶ on the implementation of resolution 50/1, and invites the Secretary-General of the United Nations to continue his efforts, in consultation with the Secretary-General of the Economic Cooperation Organization, to promote and expand cooperation and coordination between the two secretariats in order to increase the capacity of the two organizations to attain their common objectives;

3. *Welcomes* the inauguration of the Tejan-Sarakhs-Mashad railway line, which illustrates the significance of the alternative road and railway links which exist or are being developed in order to provide the land-locked countries of the region of the Economic Cooperation Organization further access to the seaport facilities of the Indian Ocean, the Persian Gulf, the Gulf of Oman and the Caspian, Black, Mediterranean and Aegean Seas;

4. *Urges* the specialized agencies and other organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to initiate, maintain and increase consultation and programmes with the Economic Cooperation Organization and its associated institutions in the attainment of their objectives;

5. *Takes note* of Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific resolution 52/11 of 24 April 1996⁴⁷ on the strengthening of subregional economic cooperation among the south-western countries members of the Commission, including the countries members of the Economic Cooperation Organization, in which the Commission is called upon to promote economic and technical cooperation in trade, investment and transport and communications among countries members of the Economic Cooperation Organization and the request therein to the Executive Secretary of the Commission to report to the Commission at its fifty-fourth session in 1998 on the progress in the implementation of that resolution;

6. *Calls upon* the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, as the regional arm of the United Nations having all States members of the Economic Cooperation Organization as its members, to assume a specific role in promoting cooperation with the Economic Cooperation Organization;

⁴⁶ A/51/265 and Add.1.

⁴⁷ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1996, Supplement No. 16 (E/1996/36)*, chap. IV.