

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.*

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

8. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-second session the item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization".

*67th plenary meeting
27 November 1996*

51/22. Elimination of coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion

The General Assembly,

Guided by the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, particularly those which call for the development of friendly relations among nations, and the achievement of cooperation in solving problems of an economic and social character,

Recalling its numerous resolutions in which it called upon the international community to take urgent and effective steps to end coercive economic measures,

Gravely concerned over the recent enactment of extraterritorial coercive economic laws in contravention of the norms of international law and the aims and purposes of the United Nations,

Believing that the prompt elimination of such measures is consistent with the aims and purposes of the United Nations and the relevant provisions of the World Trade Organization,

1. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of every State to economic and social development and to choose the political, economic and social system which it deems most appropriate for the welfare of its people, in accordance with its national plans and policies;

2. *Calls for* the immediate repeal of unilateral extraterritorial laws that impose sanctions on companies and nationals of other States;

3. *Calls upon* all States not to recognize unilateral extraterritorial coercive economic measures or legislative acts imposed by any State;

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

5. *Decides* to include in the agenda of its fifty-second session the item entitled "Elimination of coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion".

*67th plenary meeting
27 November 1996*

51/23. Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 181 (II) of 29 November 1947, 194 (III) of 11 December 1948, 3236 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974, 3375 (XXX) and 3376 (XXX) of 10 November 1975, 31/20 of 24 November 1976, 32/40 A of 2 December 1977, 33/28 A and B of 7 December 1978, 34/65 A of 29 November 1979 and 34/65 C of 12 December 1979, ES-7/2 of 29 July 1980, 35/169 A and C of 15 December 1980, 36/120 A and C of 10 December 1981, ES-7/4 of 28 April 1982, 37/86 A of 10 December 1982, 38/58 A of 13 December 1983, 39/49 A of 11 December 1984, 40/96 A of 12 December 1985, 41/43 A of 2 December 1986, 42/66 A of 2 December 1987, 43/175 A of 15 December 1988, 44/41 A of 6 December 1989, 45/67 A of 6 December 1990, 46/74 A of 11 December 1991, 47/64 A of 11 December 1992, 48/158 A of 20 December 1993, 49/62 A of 14 December 1994 and 50/84 A of 15 December 1995,

Having considered the report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People,⁴⁸

Welcoming the signing of the Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrangements, including its Annexes and Agreed Minutes, by the Government of the State of Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization in Washington, D.C., on 13 September 1993,⁴⁹ as well as the subsequent implementation agreements, in particular the Agreement on the Gaza Strip and the Jericho Area, signed at Cairo on 4 May 1994,⁵⁰ and the Israeli-Palestinian Interim Agreement on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, signed in Washington, D.C., on 28 September 1995,

Reaffirming that the United Nations has a permanent responsibility with respect to the question of Palestine until the question is resolved in all its aspects in a satisfactory manner in accordance with international legitimacy,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People for its efforts in performing the tasks assigned to it by the General Assembly;

2. *Considers* that the Committee can continue to make a valuable and positive contribution to international efforts to promote the effective implementation of the Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrangements and to mobilize international support for and assistance to the Palestinian people during the transitional period;

⁴⁸ A/51/35; *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 35*.

⁴⁹ A/48/486-S/26560, annex; see *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-eighth Year, Supplement for October, November and December 1993*, document S/26560.

⁵⁰ A/49/180-S/1994/727, annex; see *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-ninth Year, Supplement for April, May and June 1994*, document S/1994/727.