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RESOLUTIONS

1985/47. Small-scale mining

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1535 (XLIX) of 27 July 1970 setting out the terms of reference of the Committee on Natural Resources, in particular paragraph 4 (g) thereof,

Recognizing the effective contribution of small-scale mining and quarrying to the economic and social development of some countries, in particular as a source of employment and regional development,

Taking note of the fact that in some developing countries much mining is accomplished by small-scale operations, and that many of these operations face special problems, including lack of mechanized equipment, absence of expertise in the exploration for and operation of small mines, legal frameworks that, in some countries, differ from those of large-scale mining, and different marketing circumstances,

Taking note also of the fact that developing countries might benefit from an exchange of information on all aspects of exploration for, assessment of, development and operation of small mines and that continued studies on the problems of infrastructure, equipment and exploitation constitute an important step in finding an optimal scale for mining,

Taking into account the discussions in the Committee on Natural Resources at its last three sessions on fertilizer raw materials and non-metallic mineral resources,

1. *Recommends* that the Committee on Natural Resources, at its eleventh session, should consider small-scale mining in the context of its deliberations on mineral resources;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take small-scale mining into account when preparing reports for the eleventh session of the Committee; those reports should include an overview of small-scale mining and an evaluation of experience gained through technical co-operation projects;

3. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to examine whether there exist small-scale mining operations that could serve as demonstration projects for training and for developing new approaches to small-scale mining, in accordance with national development plans and priorities, and to report thereon to the Committee on Natural Resources at its eleventh session;

4. *Urges* Governments to submit to the Secretary-General at an early date information and reports on small-scale mining in their countries.

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1985/48. Mineral resources

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly 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, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Recalling the guidelines for action in the development of natural resources adopted by the Committee on Natural Resources at its second session,¹

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on trends and salient issues in the development of mineral resources,²

Recognizing the difficult situation of raw material exporting countries and the negative implications of that situation, particularly for the developing countries,

1. *Requests* the Committee on Natural Resources to consider at its tenth session the question of short-term and long-term trends and salient issues in the field of mineral resources;

2. *Also requests* the Committee to consider ways of increasing the efficiency of the mining sector, *inter alia*, by expanding the exploitation and processing of co-products and by-products.

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¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 5 (E/5097 and Corr.1), para. 20.*

² E/C.7/1985/2.

1985/49. Water resources development

A

PROGRESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MAR DEL PLATA ACTION PLAN

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 34/191 of 18 December 1979, in which the Assembly requested the Committee on Natural Resources, at its regular biennial sessions during the 1980s, to review the progress made by Governments in the implementation of the Mar del Plata Action Plan,¹

Recalling also Council resolutions 1979/67, 1979/68 and 1979/70 of 3 August 1979, 1981/80 and 1981/81 of 24 July 1981 and 1983/57 of 28 July 1983, concerning the implementation of the Mar del Plata Action Plan,

Recalling further its resolution 1984/73 of 27 July 1984,

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on the progress achieved and prospects in the implementation by Governments of the Mar del Plata Action Plan,⁴ and on education and training in the field of water resources in developing countries;⁵

2. *Reaffirms* the importance of the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Mar del Plata Action Plan;

3. *Expresses once again its concern* that, notwithstanding the progress achieved with regard to some aspects of the Mar del Plata Action Plan, far greater efforts need to be made, particularly in the African region in view of the present drought;

4. *Urges* Governments to intensify their efforts to develop their water resources, to assign high priority thereto, and to formulate or revise, as appropriate, national policies for the development and rational and environmentally sound utilization of water resources, in the context of their overall development plans, and to translate those policies into specific plans and programmes;

5. *Also urges* Governments to take steps, in the framework of national water plans and policies, to implement the recommendations contained in the Mar del Plata Action Plan concerning the assessment of water resources, for which increased efforts are urgently needed in many parts of the world;

6. *Requests* the Economic Commission for Africa to undertake a thorough review of the situation with regard to the development of water resources in the drought-stricken countries of the region, with a view to formulating short-term, medium-term and long-term frameworks for action at the national and international

levels, and to report thereon to the Committee on Natural Resources at its tenth session;

7. *Invites* the international conference on hydrology which is to be convened by the World Meteorological Organization and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at Geneva in March 1987 to formulate recommendations and develop programmes designed to assist Governments in the acceleration of their efforts to attain the objectives established by the United Nations Water Conference in the area of water resource assessment;

8. *Urges* Governments to develop public information programmes designed to make planners and decision makers aware of the role of water resources in socio-economic development, and to enhance the participation of the populations concerned in the resolution of major issues related to water;

9. *Also urges* Governments to continue their efforts to formulate or revise their water legislation, in the context of national social and economic objectives, placing emphasis on the conservation of surface and ground water and the protection of water quality;

10. *Calls upon* Governments to investigate, formulate and apply measures for the development of irrigated agriculture which incorporate lower-cost solutions and accelerated returns, including the greater involvement of local populations and institutions, phased investments in a complementary mix of small and large schemes and extensive training programmes, and to draw heavily on a transfer of experience on a regional and, where appropriate, interregional scale;

11. *Appeals* to Governments to strengthen mechanisms for co-ordination among national, regional and local agencies dealing with water resources in order to improve the formulation and implementation of policies and the effective planning, development, management and utilization of water resources;

12. *Draws attention* to the risk of degradation of water and soil resources as a result of increased intensification of land use for agriculture, and stresses the need for associated conservation measures to ensure sustained production and the protection of natural resources and the environment;

13. *Reiterates* the importance of carrying out the recommendations contained in the Mar del Plata Action Plan with regard to the assessment of manpower and training needs, and of strengthening, as needed, educational and training programmes and facilities;

14. *Takes note* of the activities of the organizations of the United Nations system for the development of integrated and comprehensive approaches and programmes concerning education and training, and requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, to continue his efforts in this regard;

15. *Requests* Governments and the United Nations organizations concerned, other support agencies and non-governmental organizations to intensify their

¹ Report of the United Nations Water Conference, Mar del Plata, 14-25 March 1977 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.77.II.A.12), chap. I.

⁴ E/C.7/1985/5.

⁵ E/C.7/1985/6.

technical and financial co-operation with developing countries, in particular the least developed countries and the drought-stricken countries of Africa, with a view to improving the assessment, development, utilization and management of water resources.

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B

HIGH-LEVEL MEETING OF EXPERTS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MAR DEL PLATA ACTION PLAN

The Economic and Social Council,

Mindful of the fact that 1987 represents the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Mar del Plata Action Plan,⁶

Bearing in mind that some specialized agencies will organize technical meetings in 1987 geared to the discussion of water-related issues stemming from the Mar del Plata Action Plan,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the proposal made by the Government of Argentina to sponsor a high-level meeting of experts to propose possible solutions in a number of key problem areas to facilitate the implementation of the Mar del Plata Action Plan, and requests the Secretary-General to provide the necessary assistance in the preparations for and the organization of the meeting, within existing budgetary resources;

2. *Invites* the regional commissions and the specialized agencies to co-operate with the Secretary-General in preparing for the meeting;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to inform the Committee on Natural Resources at its tenth session of the results of the high-level meeting.

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1985/50. Application of microcomputer technology in the development of water, energy and mineral resources

The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing the rapid growth and the development potential of computer technology, in particular the advent of inexpensive and reliable microcomputers and the need of developing countries for information on hardware, software and training materials,

Bearing in mind the advantages that developing countries could derive from a wider application of such techniques in the implementation of natural resources development policy,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the application of computer technology in mineral exploration and development⁷ and of the information provided on the current activities of the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development of the United Nations Secretariat in this field,

Taking note also of the progress made in the application of computer technology for the assessment and development of energy and water resources in the developing countries through various technical co-operation activities,

Mindful of the importance of the transfer of technology, in particular appropriate new technology, that will strengthen the capabilities of developing countries,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue activities related to the application of microcomputer technology in the assessment, development and planning of natural resources—water, energy and mineral resources—in such areas as the development and dissemination of appropriate software technology;

2. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Committee on Natural Resources at its tenth and subsequent sessions on the progress made in the application of the technology referred to in paragraph 1 above.

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1985/51. United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3167 (XX-VIII) of 17 December 1973 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1762 (LIV) of 18 May 1973, concerning the establishment of the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration⁸ and requests the Administrator to provide, in his next report, detailed information on deposits discovered;

2. *Welcomes* the efforts of the Fund to promote pre-investment follow-up to its successful mineral discoveries, in close co-operation with the recipient Governments;

3. *Also welcomes* the new activities of the Fund in geothermal exploration;

4. *Recognizes* the urgent requirement to increase financial support to the Fund by means of voluntary contributions;

⁶ Report of the United Nations Water Conference, Mar del Plata, 14-25 March 1977 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.77.II.A.12), chap. I.

⁷ E/C.7/1985/7.

⁸ DP/1985/46 and Add.1.

5. *Welcomes* the efforts made by the Fund to seek co-financing partners as a means of expanding its immediate funding capacity to meet the demands for projects.

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**1985/52. Permanent sovereignty
over natural resources**

The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing the problems caused by the present international economic situation to most countries, in particular the developing countries,

Noting the importance for all countries, in particular the developing countries, to maximize the benefits from the exploration for, and the exploitation and processing of, their natural resources in order to strengthen their economic development,

Having taken note of the report of the Secretary-General on permanent sovereignty over natural resources⁹ and of the comments made thereon by the Committee on Natural Resources at its ninth session,¹⁰

Taking into account the work done in other forums of the United Nations system regarding permanent sovereignty over natural resources,

1. *Requests* the Committee on Natural Resources to continue, at its tenth session, its consideration of the item entitled "Permanent sovereignty over natural resources", including:

(a) Strengthening of national capabilities to explore for, exploit and process natural resources for the national benefit;

(b) National experience of different countries in developing natural resources;

(c) Impact of the international economic situation on the exploitation of natural resources, particularly in the developing countries;

(d) Promotion of investments in natural resources to meet basic priorities in the developing countries, taking into account, *inter alia*, the perspectives of national and world markets;

(e) Creation of new industries in developing countries, based on an integrated transformation and industrialization of their natural resources;

(f) Technical and technological developments related to natural resources in developing countries;

(g) Conservation of natural resources;

(h) Environment and natural resources;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a report on the question of permanent sovereignty over

natural resources, taking into account the matters referred to in paragraph 1 above and the comments made by the Committee at its ninth session;

3. *Reaffirms*, in this context, the importance of the ongoing work of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on a code of conduct on transnational corporations, as it relates to natural resources.

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**1985/53. Co-ordination of programmes within the
United Nations system in the field of natural
resources**

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1535 (XLIX) of 27 July 1970, by which it decided to establish the Committee on Natural Resources and set out its terms of reference, specifically charging the Committee to maintain liaison between the activities in the field of natural resources of the regional commissions, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and other bodies doing relevant work, with a view to ensuring the utmost efficiency and co-operation,

Mindful of the vital contribution made by bilateral and multilateral technical co-operation programmes in enhancing national capabilities in developing countries effectively to explore for, manage and develop their natural resources,

Concerned that the Committee should effectively advise the Council in order to ensure maximum co-ordination, and thus the effectiveness and economy of the activities of the United Nations,

Recognizing that co-ordination of technical assistance activities within the United Nations system has significant potential for increasing the efficiency and expanding the results of United Nations and other resource development activities within existing funding constraints,

Observing that available information on United Nations and related activities in natural resources co-operation should be taken into consideration by the Committee in preparing its recommendations,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on co-ordination and co-operation in water resources development,¹¹

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on co-ordination and co-operation in water resources development and requests the Secretary-General to update that report for the tenth session of the Committee on Natural Resources;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Committee at its eleventh session a report based, *inter alia*, on information made available by Governments,

⁹ E/C.7/1985/8.

¹⁰ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1985, Supplement No. 7 (E/1985/27)*, chap. VII.

¹¹ E/C.7/1985/10.

documenting United Nations and related activities in mineral resources directed at:

(a) Strengthening national institutions in developing countries for the conduct of exploration, development and planning activities;

(b) Conducting surveys and studies to assist in the identification of mineral resources and the encouragement of their development;

(c) Enhancing national technical capabilities through the transfer and application of necessary technology for the development of basic resource information, and for the exploration for, assessment and development of natural resources, including the training of both technical and managerial personnel;

3. *Requests* the Committee on Natural Resources, at its eleventh session, on the basis of the report requested in paragraph 2 above, to make recommendations to the Economic and Social Council on ways to ensure and improve co-operation and the overall efficiency of all the aforementioned activities;

4. *Invites* Governments to take that report into account in their activities directed at co-operation in mineral resources.

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1985/54. Rationalization of the work of the Committee on Natural Resources

The Economic and Social Council,

Reiterating the need to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the work of the Committee on Natural Resources,

Reiterating that a timely distribution of documents is essential to an improvement of the efficiency of the work of the Committee,

Reiterating that the Committee could make recommendations on appropriate priorities and programme emphasis to the Economic and Social Council and through the Council to Governments and other bodies, such as the United Nations Development Programme,

Reaffirming the terms of reference of the Committee set out in Council resolution 1535 (XLIX) of 27 July 1970,

Recalling its resolution 1982/50 of 28 July 1982 on the revitalization of the Council and the views expressed on that subject by the Committee at its eighth session,¹²

1. *Reiterates* that the documents for each session of the Committee on Natural Resources should be distributed in the appropriate languages at least six weeks before the commencement of the session;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report on the programme activities of the United Nations system, in

¹² *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1983, Supplement No. 8 (E/1983/19 and Corr.1), chap. I, sect. B, decision 8.1.*

particular of the appropriate divisions of the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs and the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development of the United Nations Secretariat, in the field of natural resources, particularly with regard to mineral resources, energy and water; this information will assist the Committee in fulfilling its analytical and advisory role in the field of natural resources, outlined in its terms of reference;

3. *Decides* that, as an experiment, the Committee shall give priority at each of its sessions, on a cyclical basis, to the examination of one of the main subjects of natural-resources set out in paragraph 4 (a) of Council resolution 1535 (XLIX); in this connection, with due respect for the concept of the sovereignty of every State, attention shall also be paid to the other main subjects, as well as to other subjects within the terms of reference of the Committee;

4. *Also decides* that the Committee, at its tenth session, shall give priority consideration to the subject of water resources;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the appropriate organizations of the United Nations system, to pay special attention to the priority subject of water resources in preparing the documents for the tenth session of the Committee.

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1985/55. Improvement of secretariat servicing and substantive support services for the Committee on Natural Resources

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking into account the concerns expressed at the ninth session of the Committee on Natural Resources and at the second regular session of 1985 of the Economic and Social Council regarding the need to improve secretariat servicing and substantive support services for future sessions of the Committee on Natural Resources,

Recalling the recommendation made by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its twenty-fifth session concerning the early issuance of the Secretary-General's bulletin and the sections of the organizational manual for the relevant United Nations offices and departments in the economic and social field,¹³

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements, within existing resources and existing secretariat machinery, to assign secretariat responsibility which would ensure, on an ongoing basis, adequate and timely preparations, including document-

¹³ See the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on its twenty-fifth session (*Official Records of the General Assembly, Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/40/38)*), para. 619.

tation, for future sessions of the Committee on Natural Resources;

2. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its organizational session for 1986 on the action taken in this regard.

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1985/56. Assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Takes note with interest* of the oral report made on 9 July 1985 by the representative of the United Nations Co-ordinator of Assistance for the Reconstruction and Development of Lebanon pursuant to General Assembly resolution 39/197 of 17 December 1984;

2. *Appeals* to all Member States and to organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to continue and intensify their efforts to mobilize all possible assistance to the Government of Lebanon in its efforts for reconstruction and development, in accordance with the relevant resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council.

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1985/57. Assistance to the Palestinian people

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 39/224 of 18 December 1984,

Recalling also Council resolution 1984/56 of 25 July 1984,

Recalling further the Programme of Action for the Achievement of Palestinian Rights, adopted by the International Conference on the Question of Palestine,¹⁴

Noting the need to provide economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people;¹⁵

2. *Notes* the meeting on assistance to the Palestinian people which was held at Geneva on 5 and 8 July 1985 in response to General Assembly resolution 39/224;

3. *Expresses its thanks* to the Secretary-General for convening the meeting on assistance to the Palestinian people;

¹⁴ *Report of the International Conference on the Question of Palestine, Geneva, 29 August-7 September 1983* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.83.I.21), chap. I, sect. B.

¹⁵ A/40/353-E/1985/115 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1.

4. *Regards* such a meeting as a valuable opportunity to assess progress in economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people and to explore ways and means of enhancing such assistance;

5. *Draws the attention* of the international community, the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to the need to disburse their aid to the occupied Palestinian territories only for the benefit of the Palestinian people;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To review the progress made in the implementation of the proposed activities and projects described in the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people;

(b) To take all necessary steps to finalize the programme of economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people requested in General Assembly resolution 38/145 of 19 December 1983;

(c) To convene in 1986 a meeting of the relevant programmes, organizations, agencies, funds and organs of the United Nations system to consider economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people;

(d) To provide for the participation in the meeting of the Palestine Liberation Organization, the Arab host countries and relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations;

7. *Requests* the relevant programmes, organizations, agencies, funds and organs of the United Nations system to intensify their efforts, in co-operation with the Palestine Liberation Organization, to provide economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people;

8. *Also requests* that United Nations assistance to the Palestinians in the Arab host countries should be rendered in co-operation with the Palestine Liberation Organization and with the consent of the Arab host Government concerned;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-first session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

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1985/58. Economic development projects in the occupied Palestinian territories

The Economic and Social Council,

Aware of the Israeli restrictions imposed on the foreign trade of the occupied Palestinian territories,

Aware also of the imposed domination of the Palestinian market by Israel,

Taking into account the need to give Palestinian firms and products direct access to external markets without Israeli interference,

Noting the lack of progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 39/223 of 18 December 1984, as reflected in the report of the Secretary-General on economic development projects in the occupied Palestinian territories,¹⁶

1. *Calls* for the urgent lifting of the Israeli restrictions imposed on the economy of the occupied Palestinian territories;

2. *Recognizes* the Palestinian interest in establishing a seaport in the occupied Gaza Strip to give Palestinian firms and products direct access to external markets;

3. *Calls upon* all concerned to facilitate the establishment of a seaport in the occupied Gaza Strip;

4. *Also calls upon* all concerned to facilitate the establishment of a cement plant in the occupied West Bank and a citrus plant in the occupied Gaza Strip;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to facilitate the establishment of the above-mentioned projects and to report to the General Assembly at its forty-first session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

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1985/59. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

The Economic and Social Council,

Bearing in mind that 1985 marks the fortieth anniversary of the founding of the United Nations, as well as the twenty-fifth anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General¹⁷ and the report of the President of the Economic and Social Council¹⁸ concerning the question of the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations,

Having heard the statements of the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and the representative of the Chairman of the Special Committee against *Apartheid*,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and

Peoples, and all other resolutions adopted by United Nations bodies on this subject, including in particular Assembly resolution 39/43 of 5 December 1984 and Council resolution 1984/55 of 25 July 1984,

Deeply concerned that the objectives of the Charter of the United Nations and the Declaration have not been fully achieved as regards the peoples under colonial and alien domination, particularly those struggling in Namibia and South Africa under the repressive rule of the racist régime of Pretoria.

Reaffirming the responsibility of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to take all effective measures, within their respective spheres of competence, to assist in the full and speedy implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and other relevant resolutions of United Nations bodies,

Noting with deep concern that South Africa presents a serious and continuing threat to international peace and security owing to its practice of *apartheid*, its illegal occupation of Namibia and its acts of aggression and destabilization against the front-line and neighbouring States,

Recalling Security Council resolution 566 (1985) of 19 June 1985, in which the Council, *inter alia*, condemned the racist régime of South Africa for its installation of a so-called interim Government in Namibia and declared that action to be illegal and null and void,

Reaffirming that the denial of full political and civil rights to the majority of the population of South Africa is the result of the continuation of a colonial situation in that country,

Deeply conscious of the continuing critical need of the people of Namibia and their national liberation movement, the South West Africa People's Organization, for concrete assistance from the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations in their struggle for liberation from the illegal occupation of their country by the racist minority régime of South Africa,

Appreciating that progress has been maintained through the continuing efforts of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in the extension of assistance to refugees from southern Africa,

Deeply concerned that the action taken thus far by the organizations and agencies concerned in the provision of assistance generally to the people of Namibia is still far from adequate to meet their urgent and growing needs,

Gravely concerned at the continued collaboration of the International Monetary Fund with the Government of South Africa, in disregard of relevant General Assembly resolutions,

Noting with satisfaction the continuing efforts of the United Nations Development Programme in the extension of assistance to the national liberation movements

¹⁶ A/40/367-E/1985/116.

¹⁷ A/40/318.

¹⁸ E/1985/114.

concerned, and commending the initiative taken by that organization in establishing channels for closer, periodic contacts and consultations between the specialized agencies and United Nations institutions and the Organization of African Unity and the national liberation movements in the formulation of assistance programmes,

Bearing in mind the document on Namibia adopted by the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples at its extraordinary session, held at Tunis from 13 to 17 May 1985,¹⁹ and the Declaration and the Programme of Action adopted at Vienna on 7 June 1985 by the United Nations Council for Namibia at its extraordinary plenary meetings,²⁰

1. *Takes note* of the report of the President of the Economic and Social Council and endorses the observations and suggestions contained therein;

2. *Reaffirms* that the recognition by the General Assembly, the Security Council and other United Nations organs of the legitimacy of the struggle of colonial peoples to exercise their right to self-determination and independence entails, as a corollary, the extension by the United Nations system of organizations of all the necessary moral and material assistance to the peoples of Namibia and South Africa and their national liberation movements;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those specialized agencies and organizations within the United Nations system which have continued to co-operate in varying degrees with the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity in the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and other relevant resolutions of United Nations bodies, and urges all the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, in particular the World Bank and the International Finance Corporation and the International Monetary Fund, to contribute to the full and speedy implementation of the relevant provisions of those resolutions;

4. *Requests* the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, in the light of the intensification of the liberation struggle in Namibia, to do everything possible as a matter of urgency to render increased assistance to the people of Namibia, in consultation with the Organization of African Unity and the United Nations Council for Namibia, in particular in connection with the Nationhood Programme for Namibia;

5. *Requests* the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, in view of the deteriorating situation in South Africa and the

acts of aggression and destabilization by the *apartheid* régime against States in the region, to increase their assistance to the front-line and neighbouring States and to the liberation movements in South Africa;

6. *Also requests* the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to continue to take, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council, all necessary measures to withhold any financial, economic, technical or other assistance from the Government of South Africa until that Government restores to the people of Namibia their inalienable right to self-determination and independence, and to refrain from taking any action which might imply recognition of, or support for, the illegal occupation of Namibia by that régime;

7. *Further requests* the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council on the *apartheid* policy of the Government of South Africa, to intensify their support for the oppressed people of South Africa and to take such measures as will totally isolate the *apartheid* régime and mobilize world public opinion against *apartheid*;

8. *Condemns* the persistent non-compliance of the Government of South Africa with United Nations resolutions and decisions, in particular Security Council resolution 435 (1978) of 29 September 1978 containing the United Nations plan for the independence of Namibia, and declares illegal and null and void its installation on 17 June 1985 of a so-called interim Government at Windhoek;

9. *Deeply deplores* the persistent collaboration of the International Monetary Fund with the Government of South Africa, in disregard of repeated General Assembly resolutions to the contrary, and urgently calls upon the Fund to put an end to such collaboration;

10. *Recommends* that a separate item on assistance to national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity should be included in the agenda of future high-level meetings of the General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity and the secretariats of the United Nations and other organizations within the United Nations system, with a view to strengthening further the existing measures for co-ordination of action to ensure the best use of available resources for assistance to the peoples of the colonial territories;

11. *Notes with satisfaction* the inclusion of Namibia, represented by the United Nations Council for Namibia, in the membership of various agencies and organizations within the United Nations system and urges those which have not yet granted full membership to the United Nations Council for Namibia to do so without delay;

12. *Notes with satisfaction also* the arrangements made by several specialized agencies and United Nations

¹⁹ A/AC.109/830.

²⁰ See A/40/375-S/17262.

institutions which enable representatives of the national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity to participate fully as observers in proceedings relating to matters concerning their respective countries, and calls upon those international institutions which have not yet done so to follow that example and make the necessary arrangements without delay, including arrangements to defray the costs of the participation of those representatives;

13. *Recommends* that all States should intensify their efforts in the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system of which they are members to ensure the full and effective implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and other relevant resolutions of United Nations bodies;

14. *Urges* those specialized agencies and organizations within the United Nations system which have not already done so to include in the agenda of the regular meetings of their governing bodies a separate item on the progress made and action to be taken by those organizations in their implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and other relevant resolutions of United Nations bodies;

15. *Also urges* the executive heads of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to formulate, with the active co-operation of the Organization of African Unity, and to submit, as a matter of priority, to their governing and legislative organs concrete proposals for the full implementation of the relevant United Nations decisions;

16. *Draws the attention* of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to the present resolution and to the discussions on the subject at the second regular session of 1985 of the Economic and Social Council;

17. *Requests* the President of the Economic and Social Council to continue consultations on these matters with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and the Chairman of the Special Committee against *Apartheid* and to report thereon to the Council;

18. *Requests* the Secretary-General to follow the implementation of the present resolution and to report thereon to the Council at its second regular session of 1986;

19. *Decides* to keep these questions under continuous review.

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1985/60. Amendment of the terms of reference of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific: membership of Brunei Darussalam and Tuvalu

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting that Brunei Darussalam and Tuvalu have become members of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific in accordance with paragraph 3 of the terms of reference of the Commission;²¹

Decides to amend paragraphs 3 and 4 of the terms of reference of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific accordingly.

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1985/61. Industrial Development Decade for Africa

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling resolution 491 (XIX) of 26 May 1984 of the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa²² on the implementation of the programme for the Industrial Development Decade for Africa,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 39/233 of 18 December 1984, in which the Assembly endorsed the appeal made by the Seventh Conference of African Ministers of Industry, held at Addis Ababa from 26 to 28 March 1984,²³ for the allocation of at least \$5 million, on a permanent annual basis, from the regular budget of the United Nations to enable the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to assist the African countries and the intergovernmental organizations concerned in the implementation of the programme for the Industrial Development Decade for Africa,

Welcoming the declaration on the critical economic situation in Africa made by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its twentieth ordinary session, held at Addis Ababa from 12 to 15 November 1984,²⁴ in which it endorsed the programme for the Decade and the recommendations of the Seventh Conference of African Ministers of Industry, in particular resolution 1 (VII) on the implementation of the programme for the Decade,

Conscious of the need to alleviate the effects of the current economic crisis in Africa, particularly in the priority industries which support the rehabilitation and revitalization of the food and agricultural sector,

²¹ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1985, Supplement No. 12 (E/1985/33), annex V.

²² See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1984, Supplement No. 11 (E/1984/21), chap. IV.

²³ See E/ECN/CM.10/27.

²⁴ See A. 40/87, annex.

Recalling resolution 2 (VIII) of March 1985 of the Lusaka-based Multinational Programming and Operational Centre and similar resolutions of other such centres on the role that the centres have to play in the effective and speedy implementation of the Decade at the subregional level, particularly with respect to multinational projects,

1. *Recognizes*, and expresses appreciation for, measures taken or under way in Member States, intergovernmental organizations and the secretariats of the Organization of African Unity, the Economic Commission for Africa and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to implement the programme for and the activities of the Industrial Development Decade for Africa, and urges all concerned to continue and intensify their efforts;

2. *Takes note* of the decision of the General Assembly to increase to an annual minimum of \$5 million the allocation from the regular budget of the United Nations to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization for the Decade;

3. *Calls upon* the General Assembly to consider the allocation to the Economic Commission for Africa of \$700,000, to be absorbed from the \$5 million already approved—in Assembly resolution 39/233—in the regular budget for the biennium 1986-1987, to enable the Commission and the Multinational Programming and Operational Centres to conduct consultations and negotiations on ways of implementing multinational projects, including investment promotion;

4. *Requests* the secretariats of the Organization of African Unity, the Economic Commission for Africa and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to continue providing their services to enable Member States to implement the programme for the Decade effectively.

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1985/62. African Institute for Economic Development and Planning

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling resolutions 285 (XII) of 28 February 1975,²⁵ 350 (XIV) of 27 March 1979,²⁶ 399 (XV) of 12 April 1980²⁷ and, particularly, 433 (XVII) of 30 April 1982²⁸ of the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa, on the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning,

²⁵ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 10* (E/5657 and Corr.1 and 2).

²⁶ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1979, Supplement No. 15* (E/1979/50 and Corr.1 and Add.1).

²⁷ *Ibid.*, 1980, Supplement No. 7 (E/1980/27), part two, sect. D.

²⁸ *Ibid.*, 1982, Supplement No. 11 (E/1982/21), chap. V.

Recalling also Conference of Ministers resolution 526 (XIX) of 26 May 1984,²⁹ in which the Conference expressed concern about the deepening economic and social crisis in Africa and its grave implications for the peoples and economies of the continent, and considering the role and contribution that the Institute can play in alleviating and managing the present economic crisis,

Considering that at its twenty-seventh meeting, held at Addis Ababa on 9 and 10 January 1985, the Governing Council of the Institute requested the Conference of Ministers of the Commission, at its eleventh meeting, to prepare and adopt a resolution urging Member States, the United Nations Development Programme and the General Assembly to assist in the future funding of the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning,

Noting that the Institute should expand its teaching and research activities in line with the objectives of the Lagos Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Monrovia Strategy for the Economic Development of Africa³⁰ and that the major obstacle to its doing so is the inadequacy of financial resources,

Conscious that there is a need to consolidate and strengthen the financial position of the Institute in the medium term,

1. *Recommends* that the United Nations Development Programme should continue its financial support to the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning in view of the fact that it can serve as a resource institution assisting the Secretary-General and the Programme in their intensified efforts to help Africa alleviate its economic and social crisis;

2. *Recommends* to the General Assembly the incorporation of four posts for core professional staff for the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning into the United Nations regular budget as a contribution to the long-term financing of the Institute, in the same spirit as it has done for other regional institutions in Africa, such as the Multinational Programming and Operational Centres, and, outside Africa, in the region of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean.

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1985/63. Measures to ensure the effective and accelerated implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action in the African least developed countries during the second half of the 1980s

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 37/224 of 20 December 1982, 38/195 of 20 December 1983 and 39/174 of 17 December 1984 on the implementation of

²⁹ *Ibid.*, 1984, Supplement No. 11 (E/1984/21), chap. IV.

³⁰ A/S-11/14, annex I.

the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries.³¹

Recalling also resolution 397 (XV) of 12 April 1980 of the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa,³² by which the Conference of Ministers entrusted the Conference of Ministers of African Least Developed Countries with the responsibility for ensuring the co-ordination of efforts, establishing priorities, monitoring and evaluating progress under the Comprehensive New Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries³³ in African least developed countries, and Conference of Ministers resolution 503 (XIX) of 26 May 1984³⁴ on measures for the effective implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action in African least developed countries,

Deeply concerned about the continued serious deterioration in the economic and social conditions of the African least developed countries, exacerbated by the severe drought which has spread across the African region, creating enormous imbalances in food supply and consequently widespread famine in many countries,

Recognizing that there is therefore a need to assist the African least developed countries to effect the necessary structural changes and that they will need increased aid from donors in order to achieve this objective,

Noting with satisfaction the results of the Conference on the Emergency Situation in Africa, convened at Geneva on 11 and 12 March 1985 by the Secretary-General, which was aimed at mobilizing the international community to provide the necessary financial and technical assistance in favour of African countries, especially the least developed among them,

Expressing deep concern and disappointment at the painfully slow pace in the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action in the least developed countries, twenty-six of which are located in Africa, since its adoption in September 1981, and at the negative results of the negotiations on the resolution concerning the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action at the sixth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, held at Belgrade from 6 June to 2 July 1983,

Recognizing that primary responsibility for their development rests with the least developed countries themselves,

Noting the tremendous efforts made by the African least developed countries in the organization of their

respective country review meetings, especially in devising strategies and policies aimed at ensuring the successful implementation of their national development plans and public investment programmes and projects,

1. *Strongly urges* the African least developed countries to prepare themselves adequately, with the assistance of the Economic Commission for Africa, for the mid-term global review of the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries, to be carried out in September/October 1985, in order to make practical proposals for the readjustment of the Substantial New Programme of Action, as appropriate, to take into consideration their special circumstances and expedite its implementation during the second half of the 1980s;

2. *Urges* all countries, multilateral financing institutions, United Nations organizations and other concerned intergovernmental, non-governmental and international organizations to be represented at a high level at the meeting on the mid-term global review and to take appropriate measures to put the Substantial New Programme of Action into its proper perspective in order to ensure its effective implementation during the second half of the 1980s;

3. *Urges* the African least developed countries to intensify their efforts towards increased agricultural production, especially of food, as a means of reducing their ever-increasing dependence on external sources for food, and calls upon the international community to provide the necessary technical and financial assistance for agricultural and rural development in the African least developed countries;

4. *Urges* :

(a) The developed countries to reaffirm the commitments they undertook under the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade³⁵ with respect to the target of 0.7 per cent of gross national product as official development assistance and to the achievement of that goal by 1985, and in any case not later than in the second half of the Decade;

(b) Donor countries, within the overall context of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries, as adopted, and of progress towards the 0.7 per cent target, to attain 0.15 per cent of their gross national product as official development assistance or to double their official development assistance to the least developed countries by 1985 or as soon as possible thereafter;

5. *Calls upon* the General Assembly to consider increasing the human and financial resources at the disposal of the programme for the African least developed countries of the Economic Commission for Africa so that those countries can be given more effective assistance.

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³¹ *Report of the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Paris, 1-14 September 1981* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.82.I.8), part one, sect. A.

³² See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1980, Supplement No. 7 (E/1980/27)*, part two, sect. D.

³³ *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Fifth Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.79.II.D.14), part one, sect. A, resolution 122 (V).

³⁴ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1984, Supplement No. 11 (E/1984/21)*, chap. IV.

³⁵ General Assembly resolution 35/56, annex.

1985/64. Developmental social welfare policies and programmes on the situation of African migrant workers

The Economic and Social Council,

Aware of the serious consequences of the critical African socio-economic situation for the living conditions of the peoples in Africa, and for the funding and delivery of social services, which are even more essential now than in previous periods of economic development,

Reaffirming the essential role of social welfare in overall development and in dealing with pressing issues arising notably from food shortages, problems relating to refugees and displaced persons, the breakup of families, lack of adequate health and educational facilities, unemployment and underemployment, urbanization, and high rates of population growth,

Having considered the issue of African migrant workers and the impact it has on the socio-economic development of the sending and receiving countries,

Noting that, since 1979, work has been under way on an international convention on the protection of the rights of all migrant workers and their families,

1. *Urges* all Member States, particularly the least developed countries, to prepare for and be adequately represented at the Interregional Consultation on Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes, to be held in 1987;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to prepare a report on the issues identified in Council resolution 1983/22 of 26 May 1983, with special emphasis on those issues of particular concern for or relevance to Africa, and to ensure that the substance of that report is taken into full consideration in the agenda and documentation of the Interregional Consultation;

3. *Further requests* the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to make the necessary arrangements for an in-depth study of the situation of African migrant workers in both receiving and sending countries, in order to elicit appropriate action and measures to promote the welfare and protection of the rights of the migrant workers and their families, as well as appropriate policies for their social integration;

4. *Recommends* the General Assembly to approve the technical and financial implications of the involvement of the Economic Commission for Africa in both activities, as submitted in section 13 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987.¹⁶

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¹⁶ Official Records of the General Assembly, Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/40/6).

1985/65. Transport and Communications Decade in Africa

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 2097 (LXIII) of 29 July 1977 and General Assembly resolution 32/160 of 19 December 1977, by which the Assembly proclaimed the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa during the years 1978-1988,

Recalling also resolution 464 (XVIII) of 2 May 1983 of the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa,¹⁷ by which the Conference of Ministers requested the Executive Secretary of the Commission to ensure that the programme for the second phase of the Decade would, *inter alia*, promote harmonization and co-ordination of the various modes of transport and communications, and resolution 487 (XIX) of 26 May 1984,¹⁸ by which the Conference of Ministers endorsed the programme for the second phase,

Referring to Council resolution 1984/68 of 27 July 1984 and General Assembly resolutions 38/150 of 19 December 1983 and 39/230 of 18 December 1984,

Noting that financial resources have been allocated by the General Assembly for the activities envisaged in its resolutions 38/150 and 39/230, including the studies on the harmonization and co-ordination of the various modes of transport and communications,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme for his continuing support of the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa through the financing of the Decade Co-ordination Unit and requests him to continue to provide funds to the Economic Commission for Africa during the next programming cycle to enable it to complete the task of monitoring the implementation of the programme for the Decade and to evaluate the results of the whole programme for the Decade;

2. *Welcomes* the role played by the Inter-Agency Co-ordinating Committee under the Economic Commission for Africa as lead agency in co-ordinating activities and its contribution to realizing the objectives of the Decade;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide adequate financial resources to the Economic Commission for Africa to enable it to organize the Fifth Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning in 1986;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary of the Commission:

(a) To organize, in collaboration with other United Nations bodies and African intergovernmental organizations, a co-financing meeting each year until the end of the Decade, for the purpose of submitting

¹⁷ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1983, Supplement No. 13 (E/1983/44), chap. IV.

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, 1984, Supplement No. 11 (E/1984/21), chap. IV.

specific regional projects and transport corridor projects to appropriate donor countries and financial institutions;

(b) To intensify efforts to contact as many donor countries and financial institutions as possible to promote the programme for the Decade;

5. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to make available to the Commission sufficient financial resources to enable it to organize co-financing meetings for specific regional projects and projects located in corridors affording access to the sea for land-locked countries;

6. *Reiterates* the appeals previously made to donor countries and international financial institutions to give increased financial support to the programme for the second phase of the Decade and to accord particular attention to the financing of the regional projects and projects related to the maintenance and rehabilitation of infrastructures, training and technical assistance, and projects in corridors affording access to the sea for land-locked countries.

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1985/66. Appointment of directors of Multinational Programming and Operational Centres

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the fact that most of the Multinational Programming and Operational Centres of the Economic Commission for Africa are currently headed by interim rather than by titular directors,

Conscious of the importance of the economic role of the Multinational Programming and Operational Centres for subregional co-operation and integration and of the need for them to be appropriately staffed at the highest level, having regard to the sensitive nature of their responsibilities,

Aware of the need to procure the services of persons possessing the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity and to observe United Nations rules concerning the equitable geographical distribution of posts among the Member States,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all the necessary steps to ensure that the posts of directors of the Multinational Programming and Operational Centres are expeditiously filled;

2. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the directors of the Multinational Programming and Operational Centres are, whenever appropriate, nationals of the States members of the centres, in accordance with the practice followed in the Economic Commission for Africa.

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1985/67. Women and development in Africa

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling resolution 28 of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,¹⁹

Bearing in mind resolution 512 (XIX) of 26 May 1984 of the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa⁴⁰ on the mobilization of human and financial resources for the women's programme of the Commission beyond the end of the United Nations Decade for Women,

Bearing in mind also that women subjected to the policies of *apartheid* and women in illegally occupied Namibia are still victims of all forms of injustice, violent oppression and atrocities perpetrated by the racist régime of South Africa, and that the status of women in the front-line States has been seriously affected by the aggression and destabilizing policies of South Africa,

1. *Requests* Governments and international organizations to sustain their assistance for national machineries concerned with the integration of women in development to enable them to formulate and execute national programmes for women's development, taking into account, in particular, the Arusha Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of African Women beyond the United Nations Decade for Women;⁴¹

2. *Urgently requests* States which have not yet done so to sign the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women⁴² and States which have signed it to ratify it and do everything possible to ensure its application;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to spare no effort to procure regular budget posts and appropriations for the African Training and Research Centre for Women and the Multinational Programming and Operational Centres, through the redeployment of vacant posts and in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987, in order to ensure the continuity of the United Nations regional and subregional women's programmes.

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¹⁹ See *Report of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Copenhagen, 14-30 July 1980* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.IV.3 and corrigendum), chap. I, sect. B.

⁴⁰ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1984, Supplement No. 11* (E/1984/21), chap. IV.

⁴¹ E/CCA/CM.11/20.

⁴² General Assembly resolution 34/180, annex.

1985/68. Inclusion of Portuguese among the official working languages of the Economic Commission for Africa

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering the number of States members of the Economic Commission for Africa and the growing numbers of people in those countries that use Portuguese as an official working language,

Noting that basic economic, social and cultural development in any country depends on the transmission of technical and scientific information through the medium of language,

Recognizing that, at various summit meetings in Africa, the question of the Portuguese language has been discussed and has been of concern to the heads of State and Government of five countries that officially use Portuguese,

Realizing that, because of language difficulties, the people of those countries do not derive maximum benefit from the technical assistance, professional training, seminars and other activities that might facilitate their integration into the social and economic programmes being carried out at the subregional and regional levels,

1. *Decides* that Portuguese should be introduced gradually as an official working language of the Economic Commission for Africa;

2. *Requests* the General Assembly to make the necessary arrangements to this effect.

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1985/69. Amendment of the terms of reference of the Economic Commission for Western Asia: change of name of the Commission

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1818 (LV) of 9 August 1973, by which it established the Economic Commission for Western Asia and laid down its terms of reference,

Recalling paragraph 1 (f) of those terms of reference,

Aware of the extreme importance of social development in the context of the overall development of the economies of member States, and with the aim of achieving congruence between the subject-matter of the major activities undertaken by the Commission in the economic and social domains and its designation,

Recalling resolution 133 (XII) of 24 April 1985 of the Economic Commission for Western Asia on the designation of the Commission,⁴³

1. *Decides* to change the name of the Economic Commission for Western Asia to "Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia";

2. *Also decides* to amend the terms of reference of the Commission as contained in Council resolution 1818 (LV) to reflect the new name.

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1985/70. Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1982/57 of 30 July 1982, 1983/62 of 29 July 1983 and 1984/75 of 27 July 1984, concerning the Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar,

Referring to the conclusions contained in the interim reports prepared by the Executive Secretaries of the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe pursuant to those resolutions⁴⁴ and bearing in mind the discussion on this question in the First (Economic) Committee of the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1985,

1. *Takes note* of the development of studies and work on the Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar and the efforts made by Morocco and Spain as co-sponsors of the project, in consultation and co-operation with the Governments of the countries concerned and the international organizations and research institutes of the western Mediterranean region;

2. *Invites* the Governments of Morocco and Spain to continue to furnish information to Governments, international organizations, research institutes and universities in the Mediterranean area and other regions, as well as to the Economic Commission for Europe and the Economic Commission for Africa, to continue consultations and co-operation with them and to make concerted efforts with a view to the elaboration of the project;

3. *Requests* Governments, international organizations and research institutes to continue to co-operate with the Governments of Morocco and Spain and with the Economic Commission for Europe and the Economic Commission for Africa in developing studies and work on the project;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to explore the possibility of using extrabudgetary funds to provide the competent commissions with the necessary resources to carry out economic studies on the development of transport in the Mediterranean region in relation to the Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar;

5. *Requests* the Executive Secretaries of the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic

⁴³ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1985, Supplement No. 14 (E/1985/35), chap. I.*

⁴⁴ E/1983/87/Add.1, sect. V; E/1985/108, sect. IV.

Commission for Europe to submit an interim report on the development of project studies to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1987.

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1985/71. Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1979/44 of 11 May 1979 and 1982/67 of 27 October 1982,

Having considered the report of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting on its third session,⁴⁵

Acting upon the recommendation of the Group at its third session concerning its future work,

1. *Decides* that the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting should continue to meet on the basis of its existing mandate;

2. *Agrees* that the results of the work of the Group should be brought to the attention of Governments, standard-setting bodies, the accountancy profession, transnational corporations and other interested parties through United Nations publications.

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1985/72. Activities of transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia and collaboration of such corporations with the racist minority régime of South Africa

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling Security Council resolution 560 (1985) of 12 March 1985,

Recalling also General Assembly resolutions 39/72 A to G of 13 December 1984, in particular resolution 39/72 G on concerted international action for the elimination of *apartheid*,

Reaffirming previous resolutions of the Economic and Social Council on the activities of transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia and the collaboration of such corporations with the racist minority régime of South Africa,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia and the collaboration of such corporations with the racist minority régime in that

area⁴⁶ and the report of the Secretariat on the responsibilities of home countries with respect to the transnational corporations operating in South Africa and Namibia in violation of the relevant resolutions and decisions of the United Nations,⁴⁷

Noting with grave concern the deterioration of the situation in South Africa as evidenced by the recent increased brutality, indiscriminate killings and mass arrests of innocent persons, including children, by the authorities of the racist minority régime of South Africa,

Regretting that the inflows of foreign direct investment to South Africa have risen significantly in recent years,

Affirming the need for intensified action at the international level by all Governments and non-governmental organizations, including trade unions, academic institutions, parliamentarians and public officials in various countries,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia and the collaboration of such corporations with the racist minority régime in that area, in particular the list of transnational corporations operating in that area, and the report of the Secretariat on the responsibilities of home countries with respect to the transnational corporations operating in South Africa and Namibia in violation of the relevant resolutions and decisions of the United Nations;

2. *Condemns* the racist minority régime of South Africa and its brutal perpetuation of the inhuman system of *apartheid* and the illegal occupation of Namibia;

3. *Reaffirms* that the activities of transnational corporations in South Africa reinforce the racist minority régime in its perpetuation of the system of *apartheid* and its illegal occupation of Namibia;

4. *Notes with appreciation* the actions of those non-governmental organizations and academic institutions that have exerted pressure on transnational corporations collaborating with the racist minority régime for disinvestment of their assets and the proposals for legislative and other regulatory measures put forward by some parliamentarians and other public officials in various countries with a view to terminating the activities of transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia, and requests the Secretariat to transmit the text of the present resolution to all such organizations, parliamentarians and public officials;

5. *Welcomes* as a positive first step the measures taken by certain home countries of transnational corporations to place restrictions on further investments in South Africa and on bank loans to the racist minority régime;

⁴⁵ E/C.10/1985/12 and Corr.1.

⁴⁶ E/C.10/1985/7 and Corr.1.

⁴⁷ E/C.10/1985/9.

6. *Urges* all transnational corporations to terminate their investments in South Africa and to end all forms of collaboration with the racist minority régime;

7. *Reaffirms* Security Council resolution 301 (1971) of 20 October 1971, in which the Council called upon States to abstain from entering into economic relations with South Africa in respect of Namibia and declared that rights, titles or contracts granted to individuals or corporations by South Africa after the termination of the mandate were not subject to protection or espousal by their States against the claims of a future lawful Government of Namibia;

8. *Invites* all States, non-governmental organizations and all transnational corporations operating in South Africa and Namibia to co-operate with the United Nations in organizing public hearings on the activities of transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia so as to facilitate the conduct of fair, objective and balanced hearings on such activities with regard to the topics set out in Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/70 of 27 October 1982;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue the useful work of the Secretariat on the activities of transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia through the collection and dissemination of information;

(b) To provide more detailed information on the profiles of transnational corporations operating in South Africa and Namibia;

(c) To update, for submission to the Commission on Transnational Corporations at its twelfth session, the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia and the report of the Secretariat on the responsibilities of home countries with respect to the transnational corporations operating in South Africa and Namibia in violation of the relevant resolutions and decisions of the United Nations.

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1985/73. Pledging target for contributions to the World Food Programme for the biennium 1987-1988

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting that the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes, at its nineteenth session, held from 20 to 31 May 1985, postponed consideration of the pledging target for contributions to the World Food Programme for the biennium 1987-1988 to its twentieth session, to be held from 30 September to 11 October 1985,⁴⁸

Taking into account the fact that the pledging target will serve as a guiding figure for donor countries at the pledging conference for contributions to the World

Food Programme for the biennium 1987-1988, to be convened early in 1986,

Recommends the General Assembly to consider at its fortieth session the pledging target for contributions to the World Food Programme for the biennium 1987-1988.

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1985/74. Arrangements for the negotiation of an agreement between the United Nations and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 34/96 of 13 December 1979, in which the Assembly requested the Council to arrange for the negotiation with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization of an agreement to constitute it as a specialized agency in accordance with Articles 57 and 63 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling also Council decision 1983/105 of 4 February 1983, in which it authorized the President of the Council to appoint from among the States members of the Council, in consultation with the Chairmen of the regional groups, the members of the Committee on Negotiations with Intergovernmental Agencies,

1. *Takes note* of the appointment by the President of the Economic and Social Council of the members of the Committee on Negotiations with Intergovernmental Agencies;⁴⁹

2. *Authorizes* the Committee on Negotiations with Intergovernmental Agencies to meet at an appropriate time to negotiate with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization a relationship agreement between the United Nations and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit directly to the Committee on Negotiations with Intergovernmental Agencies relevant proposals regarding the relationship agreement;

4. *Requests* the President of the Council, in consultation with the members of the Bureau, to convene, if necessary, a resumed session of the Economic and Social Council to consider the outcome of the work of the Committee with a view to taking appropriate action;

5. *Invites* the Committee on Conferences to make appropriate arrangements, within existing resources, for the meetings of the Committee on Negotiations with Intergovernmental Agencies.

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⁴⁸ See WFP/CFA/19/22, para. 27.

⁴⁹ See E/1985/157.

**1985/75. Economic and technical aspects
of marine affairs**

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1980/68 of 25 July 1980 on co-operation in the uses of the sea and coastal area development and 1983/48 of 28 July 1983 on marine affairs, in response to which the Secretary-General has submitted to the Council, at its second regular session of 1985, a report on economic and technical trends and developments in marine affairs,⁵⁰

Convinced that the resources of the ocean represent an important existing and potential contribution to the development process,

Noting that an increasing number of Member States, especially developing countries, have embarked on activities designed to make full, rational use of the resources of the ocean, in particular in their exclusive economic zones,

Noting also that, in accordance with the programme on economic and technical aspects of marine affairs contained in chapter 25 of the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989,⁵¹ the Secretary-General has directed his efforts specifically towards assisting Member States in developing and managing ocean resources in their exclusive economic zones,

1. *Endorses* the efforts of the Secretary-General to make the programme on economic and technical aspects of marine affairs responsive to the growing needs of Member States;

2. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on economic and technical trends and developments in marine affairs;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to pursue, in close co-operation with all the competent organizations of the United Nations system, activities relating to the economic and technical aspects of marine affairs, and to report on new developments in this area to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1989;

4. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, within the mandate and terms of reference of the United Nations regarding the economic and technical aspects of marine affairs, to submit to the Council at its second regular session of 1987 a report identifying specific and practical needs and problems encountered by countries, in particular developing countries, in the management of their exclusive economic zones and the development of resources therein, as well as the types of activities and approaches to their implementation required for countries, with the support of the United Nations, to respond most effectively to those needs and problems, and to transmit to the General Assembly at its forty-

second session the conclusions and recommendations of Council.

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**1985/76. Report of the Committee for Programme
and Co-ordination on the work of its twenty-fifth
session**

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the work of its twenty-fifth session,⁵²

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1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the work of its twenty-fifth session and endorses the conclusions and recommendations contained therein;⁵³

2. *Re-emphasizes* the importance of the programming and co-ordination functions carried out by the Committee in accordance with its mandate and in the context of a continuing need for greater efficiency and effectiveness in the United Nations system;

3. *Recalls* that the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination is the main subsidiary organ of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly for planning, programming and co-ordination;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in accordance with Chapters IX and X of the Charter of the United Nations and the relevant resolutions of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly, to secure the follow-up and implementation by the organizations of the United Nations system of the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, once approved by the Council and/or the Assembly;

5. *Welcomes* the decision of the Committee to include in the provisional agenda for its twenty-sixth session an item on the improvement of its work and the duration of its sessions, and invites it to take into account the views expressed at its twenty-fifth session and at the second regular session of 1985 of the Economic and Social Council;

II

**INSTRUMENTS FOR PROGRAMMING
AND CO-ORDINATION**

1. *Reiterates* that the effectiveness of the instruments at the disposal of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination to fulfil its functions,

⁵⁰ E/1985/79.

⁵¹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 6A* (A/37/6/Add.1), annex II.

⁵² *Ibid.*, Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/40/38).

⁵³ *Ibid.*, chap. IX.

notably cross-organizational programme analyses, in-depth evaluations and triennial reviews of the implementation of its recommendations thereon, programme-budget mechanisms and medium-term plans, should continue to be improved;

2. *Re-emphasizes* the need to strengthen the links between the recommendations derived from cross-organizational programme analyses and evaluation exercises, on the one hand, and the preparation of programme budgets and medium-term plans, on the other hand;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, when presenting documents such as cross-organizational programme analyses and evaluations to the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, to ensure that they are concise and include objective and critical assessments of the activities and organizational arrangements under review, and of the relationships between activities and mandates;

III

PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1986-1987

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the improvements in the format of the proposed programme budget and of the improvements towards the timeliness of its submission to the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and requests the Secretary-General to take steps to ensure further improvement;

2. *Reaffirms* the importance of monitoring and evaluation in the programme planning and budgeting cycle and urges the Secretary-General to refine further the methods employed in those exercises;

3. *Reiterates* that the medium-term plan constitutes the principal policy directive of the United Nations and should continue to serve as the framework for the formulation of the biennial budget;

4. *Recognizes* that the Secretary-General should keep the issue of decentralization under review and report to the Committee as required on the better distribution of responsibilities between global and regional entities;

IV

CROSS-ORGANIZATIONAL PROGRAMME ANALYSES

1. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination concerning the importance, objectives, methodology, style, presentation and follow-up of cross-organizational programme analyses and future areas for such analyses;⁵⁴

2. *Stresses* the importance of the effective implementation of the recommendations made by the

⁵⁴ *Ibid.*, paras. 707-715.

Committee on the cross-organizational programme analysis of the activities of the United Nations system in the area of economic and technical co-operation among developing countries;⁵⁵

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take fully into account the recommendations of the Committee for the preparation of the cross-organizational programme analysis of economic and social research and policy analysis;⁵⁶

4. *Suggests* that the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, in the context of its discussion on the cross-organizational programme analysis of economic and social research and policy analysis, should consider the report of the Secretary-General on recurrent publications of the United Nations⁵⁷ with a view to identifying duplication and undue overlaps;

V

CROSS-ORGANIZATIONAL REVIEW OF SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS IN THE MEDIUM-TERM PLANS OF THE ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM

Decides to choose at its organizational session for 1986 a topic for the next cross-organizational review of the medium-term plans of the organizations of the United Nations system, to be considered at the second regular session of 1987 of the Council;

VI

REPORT OF THE JOINT INSPECTION UNIT ON REPORTING TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

1. *Takes note* of the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination⁵⁸ on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on reporting to the Economic and Social Council;⁵⁹

2. *Endorses* the recommendation of the Committee that the Secretary-General should submit to it at its twenty-sixth session a report describing the existing expert bodies within the United Nations system;⁶⁰

3. *Considers* that the Secretary-General, taking into account the views expressed in the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Economic and Social Council, should continue his efforts to bring about improvements, as suggested in his further comments on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit,⁶¹ and should keep the Council informed;

⁵⁵ *Ibid.*, paras. 723-734.

⁵⁶ *Ibid.*, paras. 717-722.

⁵⁷ E/AC.51/1985/14.

⁵⁸ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/40/38)*, paras. 756-758.

⁵⁹ See A/39/281-E/1984/81 and Corr.1 and Add.1.

⁶⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/40/38)*, para. 758.

⁶¹ A/40/284-E/1985/71.

VII

REPORTS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON CO-ORDINATION

1. *Takes note* of the annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination for 1984/85;⁶²

2. *Requests* the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, in the light of the debate at the second regular session of 1985 of the Economic and Social Council, to continue to improve its annual overview report, which should contain an analytical review of the activities of the Committee, the status of co-ordination efforts among the organizations of the United Nations system and recommendations for further co-operation and co-ordination among them;

3. *Takes note* of the Register of Development Activities proposed by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination⁶³ in response to Council resolution 1982/71 of 10 November 1982 and General Assembly resolution 37/226 of 20 December 1982 and urges its early implementation;

4. *Invites* the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to proceed with the technical design for the establishment and operation of the Register and to submit a detailed progress report to the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its twenty-sixth session, including, *inter alia*, information on cost, funding, assessment of utility to Member States and agency participation; with regard to the funding, the cost to be borne by the United Nations should be limited to the resources appropriated in the regular budget in connection with paragraph 23 of General Assembly resolution 37/226.

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1985/77. Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling Articles 57, 58, 63 and 64 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling also its resolutions 2008 (LX) of 14 May 1976 and 1984/61 B of 26 July 1984,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977, in particular paragraphs 2 and 3 thereof,

Having considered the report of the Chairmen of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on the twentieth series of Joint Meetings of the two Committees,⁶⁴

1. *Takes note* of the efforts made in the preparations for and in the conduct of the twentieth series of Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and stresses the need for improvement in the functioning of the Meetings;

2. *Takes note also* of the report of the Chairmen of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on the Joint Meetings of the two Committees, which includes the conclusions reached and the views expressed on the effectiveness and co-ordination of United Nations organs and specialized agencies in relief efforts in Africa and on economic and technical co-operation among developing countries;

3. *Stresses* the need for more vigorous observance of the responsibilities laid down in the Charter of the United Nations and the agreements between the United Nations and the specialized agencies, bearing in mind problems which have arisen in co-ordination and the pressing need for effective co-ordination among all the organizations of the United Nations system, including co-ordination between the United Nations and the specialized agencies;

4. *Urges* the development of an open and constructive dialogue in the Joint Meetings in order to reach concrete solutions to problems of interorganizational co-ordination; to that effect, requests that the background paper for the Meetings should be submitted sufficiently in advance to allow careful study; and also requests that that document should highlight the problems faced by organizations in the field of interorganizational co-ordination and difficulties of implementation and should be action-oriented;

5. *Recommends* that normally only one item should be chosen to serve as a focus for discussion at the Joint Meetings; the item chosen should be sufficiently precise and of such a nature as to allow a concrete discussion among members, centred on the issues identified in the background paper;

6. *Calls upon* Member States and members of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to be represented at a high level in order to maximize the usefulness of the Joint Meetings;

7. *Suggests* that problems of co-ordination should be more systematically taken into account in the work of the governing bodies of the organizations of the United Nations system in view of the discussion in the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and at the Joint Meetings.

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1985/78. Hiring and use of consultant services

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the relevant parts of the general conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for

⁶² E/1985/57.

⁶³ See E/AC.51/1985/7.

⁶⁴ E/1985/112.

Programme and Co-ordination on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987 as contained in its report on its twenty-fifth session,⁶⁵

Affirming that the use of consultant services is excessive and not conducive to an optimum utilization of regular staff resources,

Noting the importance of taking into account the appropriate competence, knowledge and expertise of the consultants,

Noting also the desirability of having as wide a geographical basis as possible in the hiring of consultants,

Recognizing the urgent need to address these and other related concerns regarding the hiring and use of consultant services by the United Nations and to take appropriate action,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take into careful consideration the comments made on this question by Member States at the twenty-fifth session of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and at the second regular session of 1985 of the Economic and Social Council;

2. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to continue to provide adequate information to the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the reasons why particular tasks could not be carried out by existing regular staff;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit, through the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Economic and Social Council, a detailed report on this question, including, *inter alia*, comments on the implementation of the existing guidelines on the hiring and use of consultant services by the United Nations,⁶⁶ to the General Assembly at its forty-first session for consideration.

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1985/79. Ninth special session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 2001 (LX) of 12 May 1976,

Recognizing that the social and human problems created by drug abuse continue to increase,

Aware of the probable need for the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to examine the urgent question of scheduling a number of substances under the provisions of the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances,⁶⁷ following receipt of recommendations to that effect from the World Health Organization,

⁶⁵ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/40/38)*, chap. IX, sect. A.

⁶⁶ ST/AI/296; ST/SGB/177.

⁶⁷ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1019, No. 14956, p. 175.

Decides that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs shall hold a special session of five days' duration in 1986 at a time when it will not overlap with other meetings, and within existing United Nations resources, to consider scheduling of substances under the provisions of the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances, follow-up action to General Assembly resolutions 39/141 and 39/143 of 14 December 1984, the review of the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1985, and other urgent matters.

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1985/80. Critical economic situation in Africa

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the Declaration on the Critical Economic Situation in Africa adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 39/29 of 3 December 1984,

Gravely concerned at the continuing critical economic situation in Africa, which has been exacerbated by the unfavourable international economic environment,

Recognizing the impact of drought and desertification, and environmental and demographic factors on the critical economic situation,

Expressing its appreciation of the efforts and generous contributions of the international community—Governments, organizations of the United Nations system, the general public, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations—in response to the emergency situation.

Welcoming all the initiatives undertaken by the Secretary-General in this connection,

Welcoming the resolve of African heads of State and Government and peoples to address in a coherent manner the economic and social problems facing the continent,

Welcoming in this context the declaration and resolutions on the economic situation in Africa, as well as on the Special Emergency Assistance Fund for Drought and Famine in Africa, adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its twenty-first ordinary session, held at Addis Ababa from 18 to 20 July 1985, which was devoted essentially to economic issues,

Gravely concerned also at the continuing negative effects of the destabilization policy of South Africa on the economies of southern African States,

Considering that the responsibility for the development of Africa lies primarily with African Governments and peoples,

Stressing, however, the need for the international community as a whole to continue to give priority attention to the critical economic situation in Africa and, to that end, to increase its concrete support in addressing the immediate as well as the medium-term and long-

term needs for the rehabilitation and sustained development of the African economies,

Concerned that, despite recent efforts undertaken by the donor community, the combined effects of a stagnation, over the past years, of overall official development assistance, higher levels of debt servicing and depressed commodity export earnings have led African countries to experience a negative flow of financial resources,

1. *Welcomes* the adoption of the priority programme for the economic recovery of Africa (1986-1990) by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its twenty-first ordinary session;

2. *Welcomes also* the high priority that African Governments individually and collectively have accorded to the improvement of the critical food situation in the continent and to the rehabilitation and development of the food and agricultural sector;

3. *Strongly urges* the international community to intensify its efforts in order to increase substantially the flow of resources—particularly of a concessional character—to Africa and to address in a comprehensive manner the critical problem arising from negative or insufficient flows of resources due, *inter alia*, to the heavy debt burden and to the depressed commodity export earnings of African countries;

4. *Appeals* to the international community, in particular donor countries, to extend all necessary support to African regional and subregional institutions engaged in the process of implementation of economic recovery programmes and economic self-reliance for their member countries;

5. *Recognizes*, moreover, the urgent need to support the rehabilitation and development of the industrial, manufacturing, transport and communications sectors, as well as improved scientific and technological capabilities, health services and human resources development, which are crucial for a sustained and integrated process of development of African countries;

6. *Stresses* that the international community, while continuing to address the African emergency, should give greater focus to supporting the medium-term and longer-term development actions without which no lasting solutions to the emergency situation can be found;

7. *Appreciates and encourages* efforts by African Governments to ensure the effectiveness of development assistance by overseeing effective co-ordination and, to this end, stresses the importance of close co-ordination by the United Nations system of assistance provided under its auspices;

8. *Appeals* to donor countries, international organizations and non-governmental organizations to consider generous contributions to the Special Emergency Assistance Fund for Drought and Famine in Africa to enable affected countries to resist these calamities effectively;

9. *Stresses* the urgent need for concerted international measures aimed at mitigating the adverse economic effects on the economies of southern African States of destabilizing acts of aggression by South Africa;

10. *Fully recognizes* the importance of Africa's debt problems and, in this context, takes note of the appeal launched by African heads of State and Government calling for the urgent convening of an international conference on Africa's external debt;

11. *Takes note with interest* of the decision by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity by which it requested the convening as soon as possible of a special session of the General Assembly to consider the critical economic situation in Africa;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of the present resolution, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its forty-first session.

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1985/165. Report of the Council of the United Nations University

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 19 July 1985, the Council took note of the report of the Council of the United Nations University on the work of the University in 1984.⁶⁸

1985/166. Report of the Committee on Natural Resources on its ninth session and provisional agenda and documentation for the tenth session of the Committee

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 25 July 1985, the Council:

(a) Took note of the report of the Committee on Natural Resources on its ninth session;⁶⁹

(b) Approved the provisional agenda and documentation for the tenth session of the Committee, set out below.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND DOCUMENTATION FOR THE TENTH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Water resources: progress in the implementation of the Mar del Plata Action Plan.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on progress made by Governments and the organizations of the United Nations system in the implementation of the Mar del Plata Action Plan

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of bilateral aid programmes and international organizations and on present capacities and the terms and conditions under which they provide finance for water resources development

Report of the Economic Commission for Africa on the review of the situation with regard to the development of water resources in the drought-stricken countries of the region

Report of the Secretary-General on the programme activities of the United Nations system, in particular of the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs and the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development of the United Nations Secretariat, in mineral resources, energy and water

4. Mineral resources.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on short-term and long-term trends and salient issues in the field of mineral resources

⁶⁸ E/1985/55.

⁶⁹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1985, Supplement No. 7 (E/1985/27)*.

Report of the Secretary-General on the programme activities of the United Nations system, in particular of the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs and the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development of the United Nations Secretariat, in mineral resources, energy and water

5. Energy resources.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on trends and salient issues in energy resources

Report of the Secretary-General on the programme activities of the United Nations system, in particular of the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs and the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development of the United Nations Secretariat, in mineral resources, energy and water

6. New techniques, including remote sensing, for identifying, exploring for and assessing natural resources.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the application of microcomputer technology in the assessment, development and planning of natural resources—water, energy and mineral resources

7. United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration.

Documentation

Report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration

8. Permanent sovereignty over natural resources.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on permanent sovereignty over natural resources

9. Co-ordination of programmes within the United Nations system in the field of natural resources.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on co-ordination of programmes within the United Nations system in the field of water resources

10. Provisional agenda for the eleventh session of the Committee.

11. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its tenth session.

1985/167. International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 25 July 1985, the Council decided to transmit the draft resolution annexed to the present decision to the General Assembly at its fortieth session.

International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 32/158 of 19 December 1977, in which it approved the Mar del Plata Action Plan adopted by the United Nations Water Conference,⁷⁰

Recalling also its resolution 35/18 of 10 November 1980, by which it proclaimed the period 1981-1990 as the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade,

Recalling further Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/57 of 28 July 1983, in which the Council urged Governments of developing countries to adopt national targets for drinking water supply and sanitation services, commensurate with resource availability, absorptive capacity and ability, and to formulate action plans and programmes for reaching the targets set,

Mindful of the fact that significant progress towards meeting the objectives of the Decade by 1990 will require a much greater sense of urgency and priority on the part of Governments and the continued support of the international community.

1. Welcomes the recommendations and conclusions contained in the report of the Secretary-General on progress in the attainment of the goals of the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade;⁷¹

2. Encourages Governments to seek to implement the recommendations for action contained in the report, in particular:

(a) To strengthen national capabilities for policy formulation and for the preparation, implementation and monitoring of water supply and sanitation programmes and projects;

(b) To prepare and implement national strategies to meet and develop both present and longer-term needs for skilled human resources;

(c) To intensify efforts to improve the mobilization and utilization of national financial resources;

(d) To increase the attention devoted to health education and community participation and to the need for close operational linkages between health and water supply agencies;

(e) To formulate and implement strategies that will enhance the participation of women in the planning, operation and assessment of water and sanitation programmes and projects;

3. Calls upon organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, as well as other multilateral, bilateral and non-governmental organizations, to continue and, where possible, increase their assistance to Governments in support of national plans and programmes for the Decade, as well as in support of efforts to implement the above-mentioned recommendations for action;

4. Urges the international community to take note of the need to enhance co-ordination of technical co-operation activities at the global and national levels and, in this regard, supports the role of the resident representatives of the United Nations Development Programme as focal points for the Decade at the country level;

5. Takes note of the need to focus efforts and resources on the least developed countries where requirements for drinking water and sanitation are the greatest, and of the need to give special consideration to the countries of sub-Saharan Africa;

6. Requests the Secretary-General, at the end of the Decade in 1990, to prepare, for submission to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session, a report on the progress achieved during the Decade, providing a detailed comparative analysis based as much as possible on quantitative data, as well as recommendations for future and follow-up action which may be required.

⁷⁰ Report of the United Nations Water Conference, Mar del Plata, 14-25 March 1977 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.77.II.A.12), chap. I.

⁷¹ A/40/108-E/1985/49.

1985/168. Report of the Secretary-General on progress in the attainment of the goals of the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 25 July 1985, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on progress in the attainment of the goals of the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade.⁷²

1985/169. Report of the Industrial Development Board

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 25 July 1985, the Council took note of the report of the Industrial Development Board on the work of its nineteenth session⁷³ and of the recommendations contained therein.

1985/170. Report of the Industrial Development Decade for Africa

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 25 July 1985, the Council took note of the fourth progress report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa on the Industrial Development Decade for Africa.⁷⁴

1985/171. Report of the Trade and Development Board

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 25 July 1985, the Council took note of the report of the Trade and Development Board on its thirtieth session.⁷⁵

1985/172. Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 25 July 1985, the Council took note of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the work of its thirteenth session.⁷⁶

⁷² Ibid.

⁷³ ID/B/350; for the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/40/16)*.

⁷⁴ A/40/420-E/1985/111, annex.

⁷⁵ UNCTAD/CA/2509; for the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/40/15)*, vol. I.

⁷⁶ See E/1985/L.44 and Corr.1; for the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/40/25)*.

**1985/173. Report of the Commission
on Human Settlements**

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 25 July 1985, the Council took note of the report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the work of its eighth session.⁷⁷

**1985/174. Report of the Secretary-General on the
living conditions of the Palestinian people in the
occupied Palestinian territories**

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 25 July 1985, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territories.⁷⁸

**1985/175. Report of the Intergovernmental Committee
on Science and Technology for Development**

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 25 July 1985, the Council took note of the report of the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development on its seventh session.⁷⁹

**1985/176. Preliminary report of the Secretary-General
on countries stricken by desertification and drought**

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 25 July 1985, the Council:

(a) Took note of the preliminary report of the Secretary-General on countries stricken by desertification and drought;⁸⁰

(b) Requested the Secretary-General to submit the final report as soon as possible to the General Assembly, taking into account the views expressed by delegations during the second regular session of 1985 of the Council.

**1985/177. Israeli economic practices in the occupied
Palestinian and other Arab territories**

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 25 July 1985, the Council:

(a) Took note, with concern, of the report of the Secretary-General prepared in pursuance of General Assembly decision 39/442 of 18 December 1984;⁸¹

(b) Requested the Secretary-General to prepare a report on the financial and trade practices of the Israeli

occupation authorities in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories;

(c) Invited the Secretary-General to utilize the services of competent United Nations bodies in preparing the report requested in paragraph (b) above;

(d) Requested the Secretary-General to submit the report to the General Assembly at its forty-first session, through the Economic and Social Council.

1985/178. Long-term trends in economic development

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 25 July 1985, the Council decided to transmit the draft resolution annexed to the present decision to the General Assembly at its fortieth session, for consideration and appropriate action.

ANNEX

Long-term trends in economic development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3508 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, by which it initiated ten years ago the examination, within the United Nations system, of long-term trends in world economic and social development,

Recalling also its resolution 37/249 of 21 December 1982, by which it decided, *inter alia*, that the overall socio-economic perspective of the world economy to the year 2000 should be revised and updated,

Convinced that a better knowledge of long-term trends in economic and social development can form a sound basis for policies determining development strategies and economic co-operation on a national, regional and global scale,

Noting that, despite certain improvements in the world economic situation, the long-term trends and prospects for many countries and regions remain uncertain, with persistent underdevelopment and growing social insecurity,

Conscious of the urgent necessity of reversing the growing arms race, which absorbs resources that might otherwise satisfy acute social and economic development requirements, especially those of the developing countries,

Considering that the examination of long-term trends in global socio-economic development should contribute to confidence-building in international economic relations and greater economic security for all countries,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on the overall socio-economic perspective of the world economy to the year 2000;

2. *Decides* to retain the practice of the submission of comprehensive reports every five years, the next to be prepared in time for the deliberations on the international development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade;

3. *Commends* Member States and United Nations organizations, organs and bodies for their contributions to the implementation of General Assembly 37/249 and calls upon them to continue to give all possible support in this endeavour;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, when preparing the updated version of the overall socio-economic perspective, to focus on conclusions pertaining to possible domains, mechanisms and forms of international economic co-operation designed to facilitate structural adjustment within the world economy and bring closer a new international economic order;

5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-fifth session an item entitled "Long-term trends in social and economic

⁷⁷ Official Records of the General Assembly, Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 8 (A/40/8 and Corr.1).

⁷⁸ A/40/373-E/1985/99.

⁷⁹ E/1985/L.43; for the final text, see Official Records of the General Assembly, Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 37 (A/40/37).

⁸⁰ A/40/392-E/1985/117.

⁸¹ A/40/381-E/1985/105.

development" and requests the Secretary-General to submit to it at that session the report referred to in paragraph 4 above.

1985/179. Long-term trends in economic development

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 25 July 1985, the Council, reaffirming General Assembly resolution 37/249 of 21 December 1982 relating to the overall socio-economic perspective of the world economy to the year 2000, taking note of the summary of the report of the Secretary-General on the overall socio-economic perspective of the world economy to the year 2000,⁸² and noting that the full report could not be submitted to it at its second regular session of 1985 as requested by the General Assembly in resolution 37/249, decided to request the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps to submit the full report on the overall socio-economic perspective of the world economy to the year 2000 to the General Assembly at its fortieth session for consideration by Member States.

1985/180. International economic security: a major condition for accelerating the economic decolonization of developing countries

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 25 July 1985, the Council decided to recommend the General Assembly to consider the issues contained in the draft resolution entitled "International economic security: a major condition for accelerating the economic decolonization of developing countries"⁸³ at its fortieth session for appropriate action.

1985/181. Conducting constructive and action-oriented international economic negotiations

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 25 July 1985, the Council, recalling its resolution 1984/82 of 27 July 1984 on the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations in 1985, having devoted special attention to an assessment of the role of the United Nations in promoting international economic and social co-operation and to the consideration of ways of strengthening the role of the Organization and of further enhancing its effectiveness in this regard, and noting the importance of the ideas contained in the draft resolution entitled "Conducting constructive and action-oriented international economic negotiations", annexed to the present decision, and the extensive discussion held thereon, decided to transmit the draft resolution to the General Assembly at its fortieth session for further consideration and appropriate action.

⁸² E/1985/102.

⁸³ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/40/3)*, chap. II, para. 61.

ANNEX

Conducting constructive and action-oriented international economic negotiations

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the fundamental purposes of the United Nations as laid down in its Charter,

Recalling that the United Nations should promote, *inter alia*, higher standards of living, full employment, and conditions of economic and social progress and development, as well as solutions of international economic, social and related problems,

Bearing in mind that conditions of stability and well-being are necessary for peaceful and friendly relations among nations based on respect for the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples,

Particularly concerned at the deterioration in the international economic environment, especially at the very grave economic situation suffered by developing countries,

Alarmed about the growing tendency to solve internal economic problems at the expense of other countries and to undermine normal economic and scientific-technological co-operation among nations,

Concerned also at the impasse in international economic negotiations within the United Nations on nearly all substantial issues as a result of a retreat from multilateral co-operation by certain developed countries,

Noting the important role and historic responsibility of Governments, statesmen and politicians for promoting international economic co-operation and for conducting fruitful multilateral negotiations to this end,

Stressing that the purposes of the United Nations can be achieved only under conditions in which States comply fully with their obligations assumed under the Charter,

Expressing the hope and desire that the year 1985—the fortieth anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations—will mark the beginning of an era of durable and global economic and social co-operation, of strengthening of the role of the Organization and of further enhancing its effectiveness in this regard,

1. *Reaffirms* that co-operation among all nations should be based on respect for the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of each State, including the right of each people to choose freely its own socio-economic and political system and to exercise full sovereignty over its wealth and natural resources;

2. *Appeals* to all States Members of the United Nations to reaffirm their solemn pledge to take joint and separate action in co-operation with the Organization for the achievement of the purposes set forth in the Charter of the United Nations on international economic and social co-operation and to contribute their genuine share of efforts to this end;

3. *Emphasizes* the urgency for all Member States to contribute actively to creating an atmosphere favourable to fruitful and constructive negotiations on international economic problems within the United Nations;

4. *Stresses* the willingness of the Member States to strengthen the United Nations Organization as a forum for constructive dialogue and joint efforts in solving international economic problems, especially problems confronting the developing countries, on the basis of the principle of equality, mutual benefit and respect for the legitimate interests and rights of all peoples, and with due regard for the real situation in the world;

5. *Urges* all Member States to conduct in good faith the negotiations initiated in recent years in the United Nations on international economic problems and to bring them to a successful end by reaching mutually acceptable and just solutions in accordance with the objectives agreed upon;

6. *Invites* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-first session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the progress achieved in this regard and to make conclusions as appropriate.

1985/182. Reports considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with its general discussion of international economic and social policy, including regional and sectoral developments

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 25 July 1985, the Council took note of the following documents:

(a) *World Economic Survey 1985: Current Trends and Policies in the World Economy*;⁸⁴

(b) Summary of the economic and social survey of Asia and the Pacific, 1984;⁸⁵

(c) Summary of the survey of economic and social developments in the region of the Economic Commission for Western Asia, 1985;⁸⁶

(d) Summary of the survey of economic and social conditions in Africa, 1983-1984;⁸⁷

(e) Summary of the survey of economic and social conditions in Latin America, 1984;⁸⁸

(f) Summary of the economic survey of Europe in 1984-1985;⁸⁹

(g) Report of the Committee for Development Planning on its twenty-first and resumed twenty-first sessions.⁹⁰

1985/183. Statement of the President of the Economic and Social Council on the general discussion of international economic and social policy, including regional and sectoral developments

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 25 July 1985, the Council decided to transmit the statement made at that meeting by the President of the Economic and Social Council on the general discussion of international economic and social policy, including regional and sectoral developments,⁹¹ to the General Assembly at its fortieth session.

1985/184. Reports of the Secretary-General relating to special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 25 July 1985, the Council:

(a) Took note of the reports of the Secretary-General on assistance to Kiribati⁹² and on assistance to Tuvalu⁹³

⁸⁴ E/1985/54 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.85.II.C.1).

⁸⁵ E/1985/66.

⁸⁶ E/1985/77.

⁸⁷ E/1985/81.

⁸⁸ E/1985/98.

⁸⁹ E/1985/101.

⁹⁰ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1985, Supplement No. 9* (E/1985/29).

⁹¹ Subsequently circulated as document A/40/525.

⁹² E/1985/67.

⁹³ E/1985/68.

and decided to transmit those reports to the General Assembly at its fortieth session;

(b) Took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region;⁹⁴

(c) Took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator.⁹⁵

1985/185. Oral reports relating to special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 25 July 1985, the Council took note of the following reports, made orally before the Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee on 9 July 1985:

(a) Oral report on assistance to Cape Verde, the Central African Republic, the Comoros, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, the Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Mozambique, Sao Tome and Principe, Sierra Leone, Swaziland, Uganda and Vanuatu made, on behalf of the Secretary-General, by the representative of the Under-Secretary-General for Special Political Questions;

(b) Oral report on humanitarian assistance to refugees in Somalia, assistance to displaced persons in Ethiopia, the situation of refugees in the Sudan and assistance to student refugees in southern Africa made, on behalf of the Secretary-General, by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;

(c) Oral reports on the Second International Conference on Assistance to Refugees in Africa made, on behalf of the Secretary-General, by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the representatives of the Under-Secretary-General for Special Political Questions and the United Nations Development Programme.

1985/186. Reports considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with the question of operational activities for development

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 25 July 1985, the Council took note of the following documents:

(a) Report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration;⁹⁶

(b) Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries on its fourth session;⁹⁷

⁹⁴ E/1985/65.

⁹⁵ E/1985/75.

⁹⁶ DP/1985/46 and Add.1.

⁹⁷ DP/1985/48; for the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 39* (A.40.39).

(c) Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund;⁹⁸

(d) Extract from the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its organizational meeting for 1985 and its thirty-second session.⁹⁹

1985/187. Report of the Secretary-General on economic development projects in the occupied Palestinian territories

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 26 July 1985, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on economic development projects in the occupied Palestinian territories.¹⁰⁰

1985/188. Venue of the twenty-first session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 26 July 1985, the Council decided that the twenty-first session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean should be held at Mexico City early in 1986, in accordance with paragraph 4 (f) of section I of General Assembly resolution 31/140 of 17 December 1976 and rule 2 of the rules of procedure of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean.¹⁰¹

1985/189. Venue of the twenty-first session of the Economic Commission for Africa and twelfth meeting of the Conference of Ministers of the Commission

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 26 July 1985, the Council, taking into account paragraph 4 (f) of section I of General Assembly resolution 31/140 of 17 December 1976, and taking note of the offer made by the Government of Cameroon¹⁰² to act as host to the twenty-first session of the Economic Commission for Africa and twelfth meeting of the Conference of Ministers of the Commission, decided that the twenty-first session of the Economic Commission for Africa and twelfth meeting of the Conference of Ministers should be held at Yaoundé in April 1986, in accordance with the terms of paragraph 5 of section I of General Assembly resolution 31/140.

⁹⁸ E/1985/L.41; for the final text, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1985, Supplement No. 10* (E/1985/31).

⁹⁹ E/1985/L.42 and Corr.1; for the full report, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1985, Supplement No. 11* (E/1985/32).

¹⁰⁰ A/40/367-E/1985/116.

¹⁰¹ See E/CN.12/850/Rev.1.

¹⁰² See E/1985/155.

1985/190. Rules of procedure of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 26 July 1985, the Council, taking into account General Assembly resolution 31/140 of 17 December 1976, requested the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean to analyse rule 2 of its rules of procedure¹⁰³ at its twenty-first session and to report thereon to the Council at its second regular session of 1986.

1985/191. Reports considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with the question of regional co-operation

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 26 July 1985, the Council took note of the following reports:

(a) Report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Report on the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific"¹⁰⁴ and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon;¹⁰⁵

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa;¹⁰⁶

(c) Report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Contribution of the United Nations system to conservation and management of cultural and natural heritage in Asia and the Pacific"¹⁰⁷ and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon;¹⁰⁸

(d) Report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "United Nations technical co-operation in Central America and the Caribbean", volume I, "Central America"¹⁰⁹ and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon;¹¹⁰

(e) Report of the Secretary-General on regional co-operation;¹¹¹

(f) Interim report of the Executive Secretaries of the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe on a Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar.¹¹²

1985/192. Provisional agenda and documentation for the twelfth session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 26 July 1985, the Council approved the provisional agenda and documen-

¹⁰³ See E/CN.12/850/Rev.1.

¹⁰⁴ See A/40/295-E/1985/72.

¹⁰⁵ A/40/295/Add.1-E/1985/72/Add.1.

¹⁰⁶ A/40/409-E/1985/107.

¹⁰⁷ See E/1984/52.

¹⁰⁸ E/1984/52/Add.1.

¹⁰⁹ See E/1985/3.

¹¹⁰ E/1985/3/Add.1.

¹¹¹ E/1985/106.

¹¹² E/1985/108.

tation for the twelfth session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations, set out below.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND DOCUMENTATION FOR
THE TWELFTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION
ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Recent developments related to transnational corporations and international economic relations.
Documentation
Report of the Secretary-General on recent developments related to transnational corporations and international economic relations
Report of the Secretary-General containing data on foreign direct investments, including capital inflows and outflows, on other aspects of the activities of transnational corporations, and containing suggestions for further action
4. Activities of the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations.
Documentation
Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations, including the activities of the joint units established with the regional commissions
Report of the Secretary-General on the utilization of programme resources during the biennium 1984-1985
5. Work related to the code of conduct on transnational corporations and other international arrangements and agreements:
 - (a) Code of conduct on transnational corporations;
Documentation
Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in the work on the code of conduct on transnational corporations
 - (b) Other international, regional and bilateral arrangements and agreements related to transnational corporations.
Documentation
Report of the Secretary-General
6. Transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia:
 - (a) Activities of transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia and collaboration of such corporations with the racist minority régime in that area;
Documentation
Report of the Secretary-General
 - (b) Public hearings on the activities of transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia;
Documentation
Report of the panel on the public hearings on the activities of transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia
 - (c) Responsibilities of home countries with respect to the transnational corporations operating in South Africa and Namibia in violation of the relevant resolutions and decisions of the United Nations.
Documentation
Report of the Secretary-General
7. Strengthening the negotiating capacity of developing countries in their dealings with transnational corporations:
 - (a) Programme of technical co-operation of the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations;
Documentation
Report of the Secretary-General
 - (b) Experience gained in technical co-operation activities related to negotiations between developing countries and transnational corporations.
Documentation
Report of the Secretary-General
8. Ongoing and future research.
Documentation
Report of the Secretary-General
9. Comprehensive information system.
Documentation
Report of the Secretary-General
10. International standards of accounting and reporting.
Documentation
Report of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting on its fourth session
11. Transnational corporations and issues related to the environment.
Documentation
Report of the Secretary-General
12. The role of transnational corporations in transborder data flows.
Documentation
Report of the Secretary-General
13. Work related to the definition of transnational corporations.
Documentation
Report of the Secretary-General
14. Question of expert advisers.
Documentation
Note by the Secretary-General on the question of expert advisers
15. Provisional agenda for the thirteenth session of the Commission.
16. Adoption of the report of the Commission.

**1985/193. Reconvened special session of the
Commission on Transnational Corporations**

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 26 July 1985, the Council took note of the report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its reconvened special session, held from 17 to 21 June 1985,¹¹³ and decided:

(a) To reconvene the special session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations from 20 to 31 January 1986, in order for the Commission to reach agreement on a final, overall solution to the outstanding issues, to complete the code of conduct on transnational corporations and to report thereon to the Economic and Social Council;

¹¹³ E/1985/109.

(b) To invite the expert advisers to the Commission on Transnational Corporations to participate in the work of the reconvened special session of the Commission in January 1986;

(c) To request the Secretary-General to review and revise his report on outstanding issues in the draft code of conduct on transnational corporations,¹¹⁴ taking fully into account the suggestions made during the discussions aimed at narrowing the differences regarding the outstanding issues.

1985/194. Report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its eleventh session

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 26 July 1985, the Council took note of the report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its eleventh session.¹¹⁵

1985/195. Work of the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 26 July 1985, the Council, bearing in mind General Assembly decision 39/443 of 18 December 1984, taking note of the proposals contained in draft resolutions E/1985/C.1/L.14 and E/1985/C.1/L.15,¹¹⁶ bearing in mind that those draft resolutions related to some important outstanding issues of the negotiations on the code of conduct on transnational corporations, and recognizing the importance of an early and successful completion of the code of conduct in a spirit of co-operation and understanding, decided that the issues raised in those draft resolutions should be considered after the reconvened special session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations in January 1986 at an appropriate occasion.

1985/196. Food and agricultural problems

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 26 July 1985, the Council decided to transmit the draft resolution annexed to the present decision to the General Assembly at its fortieth session for consideration.

ANNEX

Food and agricultural problems

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, contained in its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, contained in its resolution 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, resolution 3362 (S-VII) of

¹¹⁴ E/C.10/1985/S/2.

¹¹⁵ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1985, Supplement No. 8 (E/1985/28).*

¹¹⁶ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/40/3)*, chap. IV, paras. 110-111.

16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation, and the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, contained in the annex to resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980,

Reaffirming the Universal Declaration on the Eradication of Hunger and Malnutrition adopted by the World Food Conference¹¹⁷ and the Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development,¹¹⁸

Stressing the imperative need to keep food and agricultural issues at the centre of global attention,

Stressing also the urgent need for the international community in its development efforts to take determined action towards the elimination, *inter alia*, of poverty, hunger and malnutrition, and infant mortality,

Reaffirming the Declaration on the Critical Economic Situation in Africa, adopted by the General Assembly on 3 December 1984,¹¹⁹

Reaffirming also that food and agricultural problems in developing countries should be considered in a comprehensive manner in their different dimensions and in their immediate, short-term and long-term perspectives,

Deeply concerned that the African food crisis continues to worsen despite the encouraging response by the international community,

Reaffirming that the right to food is a universal human right which should be guaranteed to all people and, in that context, believing in the general principle that food should not be used as an instrument of political pressure,

Reaffirming also that the maintenance of peace and security and the strengthening of international co-operation in food and agriculture are important for improved economic conditions and enhanced food security,

1. *Reaffirms* its resolutions 38/158 of 19 December 1983 and 39/166 of 17 December 1984 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1984/54 of 25 July 1984, as well as all other relevant resolutions concerning food and agriculture, and calls for their immediate and effective implementation;

2. *Welcomes* the conclusions and recommendations, as adopted, contained in the report of the World Food Council on the work of its eleventh session, held in Paris from 10 to 13 June 1985;¹²⁰

3. *Welcomes also* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the tenth annual report of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes¹²¹ and in the report of the Committee on its nineteenth session;¹²²

4. *Affirms* that food represents an essential element of the world's economic, social and political development process and should therefore be treated with the highest priority by all Governments in their rededication to the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations in this fortieth anniversary year of the United Nations and in their rededication to the commitment of the World Food Conference to eliminate hunger and malnutrition;

5. *Reaffirms* that urgent action should be taken to increase food production, which is one of the most important elements in meeting the food needs of the developing countries; that, in this regard, sustained efforts at the national, regional and international levels should be pursued; and that the national food strategies, plans and pro-

¹¹⁷ *Report of the World Food Conference, Rome, 5-16 November 1974* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.II.A.3), chap. I.

¹¹⁸ See Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, *Report of the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development, Rome, 12-20 July 1979* (WCARRD/REP), part one.

¹¹⁹ Resolution 39/29, annex.

¹²⁰ WFC/1985/13 and Corr.1, part one; for the final text of the report, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 19 (A/40/19)*.

¹²¹ WFP/CFA:19/21; transmitted to the Economic and Social Council as document E/1985.110.

¹²² WFP/CFA:19/22.

grammes of developing countries should play a central role in the process of establishing priorities, in co-ordinating national and international funding and in the application of technology and human resources development, in order to promote food production and increase the national self-reliance of the developing countries;

6. *Welcomes* the positive efforts of developing countries for the development of their food and agricultural production, and calls upon the international community to provide effective support to those efforts;

7. *Emphasizes* the need for priority attention at the national, subregional, regional and international levels for the timely delivery of food to those requiring assistance, especially in African countries, and the need to assist recipient countries in developing and strengthening their logistic, transportation and administrative capacities, as well as internal distribution systems, and that emergency food aid programmes should whenever possible procure supplies within the region;

8. *Appeals* to the international community to provide, as a matter of extreme urgency, the logistic agricultural inputs and fulfil the unmet aid needs of the drought and famine-affected African countries;

9. *Notes with deep concern* the serious fall in commodity prices and the deteriorating terms of trade of developing countries, and calls for continuous efforts for the conclusion of appropriate commodity agreements and arrangements within the framework of the Integrated Programme for Commodities, as well as the early entry into force of the Agreement Establishing the Common Fund for Commodities;¹²³

10. *Expresses its concern* that external debts and measures under adjustment policies are imposing a severe burden on the economies of most developing countries, seriously affecting their capacity to tackle their food problems;

11. *Notes with concern* stagnation in commitments of external resources for the agricultural sector, particularly the decline in concessional flows, and the overall hardening of terms, and urges the donor community to take determined action to reverse this trend by, *inter alia*, increasing its contributions to the multilateral agencies and continuing efforts to increase concessional flows to the developing countries, thereby contributing to mitigate the negative effects of the net outflows of financial resources from the developing countries to the developed countries;

12. *Calls upon* the parties concerned urgently to achieve the conclusion of the negotiations on the second replenishment of the International Fund for Agricultural Development in the light of the broad agreement achieved at the seventh meeting of the consultation on the replenishment;

13. *Urges* developed countries to provide the International Development Association with the necessary financial resources, including, *inter alia*, supplementary financing, to enable it to cover any shortfall and to increase its assistance to developing countries, particularly in the development of food and agriculture;

14. *Recommends* that the International Wheat Council should continue to explore the possibilities of raising the minimum overall commitment under the Food Aid Convention towards 10 million tons;

15. *Recommends also* that the Committee on Trade in Agriculture of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade should continue, within its mandate, to accelerate to the greatest extent possible progress towards more operationally effective rules and disciplines for trade in agriculture, bearing in mind the concerns of all developing countries, including wider and more predictable access to markets;

16. *Urges* all countries to demonstrate the requisite political will by refraining from creating obstacles to agricultural imports, especially those from developing countries, and that all exporting countries, particularly developed countries, should endeavour to limit export subsidies and analogous practices which might hinder trade, especially that of developing countries;

17. *Notes with satisfaction* paragraph 2 (e) of Trade and Development Board resolution 286 (XXVIII) of 6 April 1984,¹²⁴ in which the Board decided that, in the annual review of the problems of protectionism and structural adjustment, attention should be given to strengthening the participation of developing countries in agro-industrial production and trade, and, in this regard, paragraph (g) of Board decision 310 (XXX) of 29 March 1985,¹²⁵ in which the Board recommended that, in preparing the documentation for the annual review to be carried out at the thirty-second session of the Trade and Development Board, the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development should give particular attention to this question and special attention to the difficulties of the African and the least developed countries;

18. *Recognizes* the important contribution and potential of women in the development of food and agricultural sectors and the need adequately to reward their contribution to those sectors, and urges Governments to ensure and enhance their participation in the formulation and implementation of national food and agricultural policies, plans and projects;

19. *Recognizes* the importance of implementing famine prevention measures and, in this regard, welcomes the increased activity and proposed strengthening of the Global Information and Early Warning System in Food and Agriculture of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and emphasizes the importance of establishing and improving national and regional early warning systems;

20. *Appreciates* the measures taken by the World Food Programme to ensure speedy and timely delivery of food aid as well as the development of an information system for the dissemination on a regular basis of all relevant information on food aid to facilitate planning and operational co-ordination;

21. *Urges* the donor community to provide the necessary financial support for the effective implementation of the Programme of Action approved by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations World Conference on Fisheries Management and Development;¹²⁶

22. *Urges* the World Food Council, within the context of its mandate, to mobilize and sustain greater efforts in the struggle to overcome hunger, to continue to review and report on major problems and policy issues, and to continue to serve as a co-ordinating mechanism in the field of food and other related policy matters within the United Nations system; in this connection, notes that the Council, in its report to the General Assembly,¹²⁷ addressed the question of strengthening its effectiveness and other related issues; and expresses the hope that the necessary action, as appropriate, will be undertaken in this regard;

23. *Stresses* the need to strengthen subregional, regional and inter-regional co-operation for the promotion of food security and the development of agriculture in developing countries and, in this context, calls upon the relevant entities of the United Nations system to accord priority support to economic and technical co-operation among developing countries in food and agriculture.

1985/197. Report of the Secretary-General on the critical situation of food and agriculture in Africa, 1984-1985

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 26 July 1985, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General

¹²⁴ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/39/15)*, vol. I, part one, chap. II.

¹²⁵ *Ibid.*, *Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/40/15)*, vol. I.

¹²⁶ See Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, *Report of the FAO World Conference on Fisheries Management and Development, Rome, 27 June-6 July 1984* (Rome, 1984).

¹²⁷ WFC/1985/13 and Corr.1; for the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 19 (A/40/19)*.

¹²³ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.81.II.D.8 and corrigendum.

on the critical situation of food and agriculture in Africa, 1984-1985.¹²⁸

1985/198. Reports considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with the question of international co-operation and co-ordination within the United Nations system

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 26 July 1985, the Council took note of the following reports:

(a) Report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Reporting to the Economic and Social Council"¹²⁹ and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon;¹³⁰

(b) Report of the Secretary-General of the World Tourism Organization on the progress made in implementing the Manila Declaration and the Acapulco Document on World Tourism.¹³¹

1985/199. International year for the mobilization of financial and technological resources to increase food and agricultural production in Africa

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 26 July 1985, the Council:

(a) Took note of the note by the Secretary-General on the international year for the mobilization of financial and technological resources to increase food and agricultural production in Africa;¹³²

(b) Requested the Secretary-General to submit the proposals in respect of the international year for the mobilization of financial and technological resources to increase food and agricultural production in Africa, requested by the General Assembly in resolution 38/198 of 20 December 1983, to the Council at its second regular session of 1986 for consideration and submission to the Assembly at its forty-first session.

1985/200. Summary records of sessional committees and subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 26 July 1985, the Council, recalling its resolutions 1979/69 of 2 August 1979 and 1981/83 of 24 July 1981 and its decision 1983/184 of 29 July 1983, decided to maintain, for a further period of two years, from 1986, the discontinuance of summary records for its sessional committees (First (Economic) Committee, Second (Social)

Committee and Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee) and for the following subsidiary bodies:

- Commission for Social Development;
- Commission on the Status of Women;
- Commission on Narcotic Drugs;
- Economic Commission for Europe;
- Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific;
- Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean;
- Economic Commission for Africa;
- Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations;
- Committee on Natural Resources;
- Committee for Programme and Co-ordination;
- Commission on Transnational Corporations.

1985/201. Provisional agenda and documentation for the ninth special session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 26 July 1985, the Council approved the provisional agenda and documentation for the ninth special session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, set out below.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND DOCUMENTATION
FOR THE NINTH SPECIAL SESSION OF
THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Follow-up action to General Assembly resolution 39/141 of 14 December 1984, entitled "Draft Convention against Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances and Related Activities".

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on comments and proposals received from Governments concerning a draft convention on illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances

Note by the Secretary-General concerning follow-up action to General Assembly resolution 39/141

4. Follow-up action to General Assembly resolution 39/143 of 14 December 1984, entitled "International campaign against traffic in drugs".

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General concerning follow-up action to General Assembly resolution 39/143

5. Implementation of the international treaties on the control of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on the implementation of the international treaties on the control of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances

6. Review of the report of the International Narcotics Control Board.

¹²⁸ A/40/329-E/1985/80.

¹²⁹ See A/39/281-E/1984/81 and Corr.1 and Add.1.

¹³⁰ A/39/281/Add.2-E/1984/81/Add.2 and Corr.1; A/40/284-E/1985/71.

¹³¹ A/40/363-E/1985/97, annex.

¹³² E/1985/113.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on the report of the International Narcotics Control Board

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board

7. Other urgent business.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General concerning recommendations of subsidiary organs of the Commission

Interim report of the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control

Note by the Secretary-General on the report of the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control

Note by the Secretary-General on co-ordination between the three United Nations drug control units

8. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its ninth special session.

1985/202. Calendar of conferences and meetings for 1986 and 1987

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 26 July 1985, the Council approved the calendar of conferences and meetings for 1986 and 1987.¹³³

1985/203. Reports considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with the review of the immediate and longer-term aspects of the critical economic situation in Africa and the follow-up of the response by the international community and the United Nations system

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 26 July 1985, the Council took note of the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the critical economic situation in Africa;¹³⁴

(b) Second Special Memorandum: International Action for Relaunching the Initiative for Long-term Development and Economic Growth in Africa adopted on 29 April 1985 by the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa.¹³⁵

¹³³ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/40/3)*, annex III.

¹³⁴ A/40/372-E/1985/104 and Add.1 and 2

¹³⁵ E/1985/122, annex.

1985/204. Elections

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 26 July 1985, the Council took the following action with regard to vacancies in its subsidiary bodies:

INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS ON INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS OF ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING

The Council elected CYPRUS, the FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, INDIA, ITALY, JAPAN, NIGERIA, the UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1986.

The Council postponed until a future session the election of three members from African States, one member from Asian States, two members from Eastern European States and three members from Latin American States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1986; and of two members from African States, one member from Eastern European States and one member from Latin American States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1987.

COMMITTEE FOR THE UNITED NATIONS POPULATION AWARD

The Council elected SPAIN for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1986.

1985/205. Summary of estimates of programme budget implications of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council during its first and second regular sessions of 1985

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 26 July 1985, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General containing the summary of estimates of programme budget implications of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Council during its first and second regular sessions of 1985.¹³⁶

¹³⁶ E/1985/158.

