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### 1986/44. Countries stricken by desertification and drought in Africa

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting the commitment of African Governments, as expressed in the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990 annexed to General Assembly resolution S-13/2 of 1 June 1986, to continue to undertake as soon as possible measures to combat drought and desertification, including massive afforestation and reafforestation, better management of water resources, the protection of ecosystems, the development of alternative sources of energy, the stabilization of sand dunes, measures to stop soil erosion, measures against salination, the improvement of drainage, and other measures to protect the environment,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 39/208 of 17 December 1984 and 40/175 of 17 December 1985 on countries stricken by desertification and drought,

Recalling Economic and Social Council decision 1985/176 of 25 July 1985 on the preliminary report of the Secretary-General on countries stricken by desertification and drought,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 40/209 of 17 December 1985 on rationalizing the consideration of drought and desertification issues in the United Nations,

Recalling further the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification adopted by the United Nations Conference on Desertification,

Noting also that, in addition to the efforts of African countries, the support of the international community, particularly the donor countries, will be required,

Recognizing that the priority areas covered by the Special Programme for Sub-Saharan African Countries Affected by Drought and Desertification of the International Fund for Agricultural Development, such as support for the development of drought-resistant traditional crops, support for small-scale water-control schemes, and the adoption of measures to protect the environment, including agro-forestry and soil conservation, correspond to the priorities for combating drought and desertification of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990,

Noting further that, in the United Nations Programme of Action, the donor countries have, inter alia, agreed to increase support, whenever possible, to the Special Programme of the International Fund for Agricultural Development,

Considering that 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, adopted a recommendation<sup>2</sup> urging the international community to provide substantial assistance to the International Fund for Agricultural Development to enable it to achieve the target of \$300 million for its special programme for sub-Saharan Africa,

Bearing in mind that the Special Programme for Sub-Saharan African Countries Affected by Drought and Desertification was adopted unanimously by the Governing Council of the International Fund for Agricultural Development at its ninth session, in January 1986,

Noting that the statutory conditions for the effectiveness of the Special Programme have been met as a result of the deposit of the instruments of contribution as required and that therefore the President of the Fund has declared the Programme effective as from 28 May 1986,

Report of the United Nations Conference on Desertification, Nairobi, 29 August-9 September 1977 (A/CONF.74/36), chap. I.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A/40/666, annex 1, AHG/Decl.1(XXI), para. 110 (b).

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on countries stricken by desertification and drought,

- 1. Welcomes the report of the Secretary-General on countries stricken by desertification and drought, as it represents an important step towards an integrated and unified approach to the distinct but interrelated problems of desertification and drought;
- 2. Commends the Secretary-General for the thoroughness and comprehensiveness of the report he has prepared, with the assistance of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, synthesizing the existing information, experiences and proposals of organs, organizations and bodies both within and outside the United Nations system;
- 3. Takes note with satisfaction of the proposed specific action to be taken, as set out in the report of the Secretary-General, which is to be linked up with the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990 and the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification, and transmits it to the General Assembly at its forty-first session for consideration;
- 4. Expresses its appreciation for the role of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in helping, and in co-ordinating United Nations efforts to help, the States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel and the Intergovernmental Authority on Drought and Development in their programmes of recovery, rehabilitation and medium-term to long-term development, as well as desertification control;
- 5. Urges the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office to increase its assistance to the Sudano-Sahelian and adjacent regions in combating desertification and drought, paying attention to the most severely affected countries;
- 6. Appeals to all Governments to increase their support to the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office to enable it to respond more fully to the level of need of the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region;
- 7. Urges the international community to adopt an integrated approach to desertification problems and to give its full support to and provide adequate resources for the implementation of the Plan of Action on Tropical Forests of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;
- 8. Welcomes with satisfaction the establishment of the Special Programme for Sub-Saharan African Countries Affected by Drought and Desertification of the International Fund for Agricultural Development;
- 9. Expresses its appreciation to all donor countries that have deposited with the Fund their instruments of contribution or otherwise notified it of their intention to contribute to the Special Programme;

10. Appeals urgently to the international community, particularly donor countries, which have all supported the Special Programme of the Fund, to contribute effectively to the Programme so as to enable it to achieve its target of \$300 million as a further tangible sign of their support for the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990.

37th plenary meeting 21 July 1986

### 1986/45. Assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 35/90 and 35/91 of 5 December 1980, 36/221 of 17 December 1981, 37/147 of 17 December 1982, 38/216 of 20 December 1983, 39/205 of 17 December 1984 and 40/221 of 17 December 1985 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/46 of 28 July 1983 on assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the drought-stricken areas of those countries,

Deeply concerned at the serious effects of the prolonged and persistent drought in the region, which precipitated food shortages and famine and hindered the development efforts of the countries members of the Intergovernmental Authority on Drought and Development,

Stressing the need for practical regional arrangements for co-operation to promote the rehabilitation, recovery, and medium-term and long-term development of the countries of the region,

Appreciating the political will demonstrated by the countries members of the Intergovernmental Authority on Drought and Development to combat the effects of drought and other related natural disasters,

Bearing in mind the imperative need for the international community to render assistance to Member States in the event of natural disasters,

- 1. Reaffirms General Assembly resolutions 35/90, 35/91, 36/221, 37/147, 38/216, 39/205 and 40/221 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/46 on assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda;
- 2. Notes with appreciation the establishment of the Intergovernmental Authority on Drought and Development:
- 3. Commends the countries members of the Authority for the adoption of the development-oriented plan

<sup>3</sup> A/41/346-E/1986/96.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid., sect. VI.

<sup>5</sup> E/1986/107.

of action to tackle various aspects of drought and related problems;6

- 4. Notes with appreciation the assistance provided by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in the effort to establish the Authority, in line with the recommendations of the Secretary-General and pursuant to the resolutions of the General Assembly mentioned above;
- 5. Calls upon donor Governments and international organizations to participate at the highest level in the conference of donors for the countries members of the Authority, to be held in Djibouti in November 1986;
- 6. Appeals to all Governments, organizations of the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to contribute generously so as to provide the resources necessary for funding the operational costs of the unit within the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office entrusted with the responsibility of assisting the countries members of the Authority and for the implementation of the projects and programmes in those countries, and requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to intensify his efforts in this regard;
- 7. Requests' the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1987 on the progress achieved in the implementation of the present resolution.

38th plenary meeting 22 July 1986

### 1986/46. Assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon

The Economic and Social Council,

Referring to General Assembly resolution 40/229 of 17 December 1985 and the earlier resolutions of the General Assembly on international assistance for the reconstruction of Lebanon, by which the Assembly requested the specialized agencies and other organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to expand and intensify their programmes of assistance in response to the needs of Lebanon,

Recognizing that the present situation in Lebanon, owing to events, to the paralysis of economic activities and to the increase in the expenses of the State coinciding with the alarming fall in budget income, requires emergency assistance,

Appeals to all Member States and to all the organizations 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.

38th plenary meeting 22 July 1986

### 1986/47. Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971, by which the Assembly established the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator and, inter alia, recognized the need to ensure prompt, effective and efficient responses, in times of natural disasters and other disaster situations, that would bring to bear the resources of the United Nations system, prospective donor countries and voluntary agencies,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 36/225 of 17 December 1981, by which the General Assembly reaffirmed the mandate of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, called for the strengthening and improvement of the capacity and effectiveness of the Office, and stressed the need to ensure prompt delivery of concerted relief through an efficient and effective co-ordination system of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 37/144 of 17 December 1982 and other relevant resolutions and decisions, including Economic and Social Council resolutions 1983/47 of 28 July 1983 and 1984/60 of 26 July 1984, in which the Assembly and the Council, inter alia, stressed the need to strengthen and improve the capacity and effectiveness of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator in order to attain an effective co-ordination system of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance, and recognizing that, as a result of those resolutions and decisions, there is now in place a workable system to promote, facilitate and co-ordinate relief activities carried out by the United Nations system, in co-operation with Governments and voluntary agencies,

Convinced that the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator is in a special position, with adequate staff and facilities, to provide a world-wide system of mobilizing and co-ordinating disaster relief, including the collection and dissemination of information on disaster assessment, priority needs and donor assistance,

Recognizing in this connection the importance of the contribution of the International Committee of the Red Cross, the League of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and competent voluntary and nongovernmental organizations,

Recognizing also that the primary responsibility for administration, relief operations and disaster preparedness lies with the Governments of affected countries and that the major part of the material

<sup>6</sup> Ibid., para. 14.

assistance and human effort in disaster relief comes from the Governments of those countries,

Deeply concerned about the additional economic burden placed upon the developing countries by devastating natural disasters and other disaster situations, as well as the disruption of the development process in those countries.

Appreciating the contributions made by donors in supporting international relief operations, including those made to the Trust Fund of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator,

Recognizing that shortage of resources has been one of the major constraints on an effective response of the United Nations to disaster situations and continues to hamper the full achievement of the aim of a rapid and effective response to the needs of countries affected by disasters and that, if the shortage is to be overcome, efforts will be required by the international community to provide both funds and assistance in kind

Recalling in this regard General Assembly resolution 35/107 of 5 December 1980, in which the Assembly reaffirmed the necessity of ensuring a continued sound financial basis for the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator.

Noting with appreciation that the agreements between the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator and other organizations of the United Nations system, including the United Nations Development Programme, which define areas and means of co-operation, have helped to strengthen the collective response of the United Nations system to disasters,

- 1. Welcomes the decision of the Secretary-General to establish a working group to review the emergency response of the United Nations system, which is to make its recommendations by 31 August 1986;
- 2. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator<sup>7</sup> and of the statement made by the Co-ordinator before the Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee of the Council on 3 July 1986;
- 3. Reaffirms the sovereignty of individual Member States, recognizes the primary role of each State in caring for the victims of disasters occurring in its territory and stresses that all relief operations should be carried out and co-ordinated in a manner consistent with the priorities and needs of the countries concerned, and that the material and other assistance provided by the international community should be appropriate to the particular needs of the population of the disaster-affected areas;
- 4. Recognizes the importance of preparedness and prevention activities, and calls upon the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-

ordinator, Governments and organizations concerned to ensure that due priority attention is given to them;

- 5. Reaffirms the mandate of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, established by the General Assembly in resolution 2816 (XXVI) as the focal point in the United Nations system for disaster relief co-ordination, and calls for reinforcing and improving the capacity and effectiveness of the Office;
- 6. Affirms that the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator plays an active role in executing United Nations Development Programmeassisted projects in the field of disaster preparedness;
- 7. Reiterates its call to all Governments and competent organs and organizations to co-operate with the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator in order to improve, in particular, the flow of information to Governments and organizations concerned, so that a more complete picture of relief activities, assistance received and further requirements may be provided to all concerned;
- 8. Calls upon those contributing assistance in kind to provide, when appropriate, special grants to cover the cost of transport and distribution of the assistance to and within the affected country;
- 9. Requests the Secretary-General and the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator to intensify their efforts to mobilize additional voluntary resources to meet the needs arising from disaster and emergency situations;
- 10. Appeals to Governments for urgent voluntary contributions, channelled directly or through the Trust Fund of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, to enable the Office to cover, inter alia, unforeseen expenses in connection with disaster relief operations;
- 11. Recommends that, as the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator phases out his responsibility for disaster relief co-ordination in a given country, he should contribute to ensuring the necessary transition to the rehabilitation and reconstruction phase by passing on relevant data to competent organs and agencies of the United Nations system;
- 12. Emphasizes the essential need for the work of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator to be placed and kept on a sound financial basis, and calls upon the international community to respond positively and expeditiously to the appeal of the Secretary-General for contributions to the Trust Fund to meet natural disasters and other disaster situations;
- 13. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its forty-third session, through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1988.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> A/41/295-E/1986/65.

1986/48. 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,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General<sup>8</sup> and the report of the President of the Economic and Social Council<sup>9</sup> 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 Acting 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 Acting 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 General Assembly resolution 40/53 of 2 December 1985 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/59 of 26 July 1985,

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 continues to present a serious 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,

Strongly condemning the continuing breach by South Africa of the obligations assumed by it under the Charter of the United Nations and its persistent non-compliance with the relevant resolutions and decisions of the United Nations,

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 had 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 concerned in the provision of assistance 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 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,

Taking into account the Declaration adopted by the World Conference on Sanctions against Racist South Africa, 10 held in Paris from 16 to 20 June 1986,

Bearing in mind that the year 1986 marks the twentieth anniversary of the termination by the General Assembly of the mandate of South Africa over Namibia, 11

- 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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> A/41/407 and Add.1.

<sup>°</sup> A/1986/114.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> See A/41/434-S/18185 and Corr.1, annex.

<sup>13</sup> General Assembly resolution 2145 (XXI).

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, 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 policies of apartheid 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 plans 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 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 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 make such arrangements without delay, including arrangements to defray the cost 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 other 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 cooperation 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 1986 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 1987;
- 19. Decides to keep these questions under continuous review.

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### 1986/49. Assistance to the Palestinian people

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 40/170 of 17 December 1985,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/57 of 27 July 1985,

Recalling further the Programme of Action for the Achievement of Palestinian Rights, adopted by the International Conference on the Question of Palestine, 12

Noting that the programme of economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people requested in General Assembly resolution 38/145 of 19 December 1983 has not been prepared,

Noting the increasing 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;<sup>13</sup>
- 2. Notes the meeting on assistance to the Palestinian people held at Geneva on 2 July 1986 in response to General Assembly resolution 40/170;
- 3. Expresses its thanks to the Secretary-General for convening the meeting on assistance to the Palestinian people;
- 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. Urges the international community, the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to disburse their aid or any other form of assistance to the occupied Palestinian territories only for the benefit of the Palestinian people

<sup>12</sup> Report of the International Conference on the Question of Palestine, Geneva, 29 August-7 September 1983 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.83.1.21), chap. I, sect. B.

and in a manner which will not serve to prolong the Israeli occupation;

- 6. Requests the Secretary-General:
- (a) To prepare without further delay the programme of economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people requested in General Assembly resolution 38/145;
- (b) To convene in 1987 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;
- (c) To invite the Palestine Liberation Organization, the Arab host countries and relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to participate in the meeting;
- 7. Requests the international community, the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to sustain and increase their assistance to the Palestinian people in co-operation with the Palestine Liberation Organization;
- 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-second session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

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### 1986/50. Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Chairmen of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on the twenty-first series of Joint Meetings of the two Committees, <sup>14</sup>

- 1. Notes the progress made at the twenty-first series of Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination in establishing a useful and constructive dialogue between the two Committees:
- 2. Stresses that further improvements are needed for the Joint Meetings to accomplish their objectives,
- 3. Takes note of the report of the Chairmen of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on the twenty-first series of Joint Meetings of the two Committees, which includes the conclusions reached by the Chairmen and the views expressed on the preparedness

<sup>13</sup> A/41/319-E/1986/72 and Corr.1.

<sup>1</sup> F/1986/113.

of the United Nations system for emergency situations and its co-ordination aspects and links to longer-term development;

4. Decides, as agreed by the members of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, that the topic for the twenty-second series of Joint Meetings of the two Committees shall be "Co-ordination of the activities of the United Nations system in human resources development and its contribution to meeting the economic and social objectives of the developing countries".

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### 1986/51. Report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the work of its twenty-sixth session

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the work of its twenty-sixth session, 15

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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-sixth session and endorses the conclusions and recommendations contained therein;
- 2. Emphasizes once again the importance of the programming and co-ordinating functions carried out by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination as the main subsidiary organ of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly for planning, programming and co-ordination;

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IMPROVEMENT OF THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME AND CO-ORDINATION UNDER ITS MANDATE

- 1. Endorses the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the improvement of its work under its mandate;<sup>16</sup>
- 2. Welcomes, in particular, the recommendations relating to the review of the medium-term plan and the programme budget, convinced that their implementation will contribute to the effectiveness and efficiency of the United Nations;
- 3. Reiterates the importance of setting priorities in the plans and programmes of the United Nations in accordance with the Regulations Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation,<sup>17</sup> endorses the recommendations of the

Committee on priority setting, and urges the Committee to continue to improve priority setting in the United Nations in accordance with its role, as set out in its mandate:

- 4. Endorses, in particular, the recommendations of the Committee on general and specific measures to improve the relevance and effectiveness of co-ordination within the United Nations system, on the implementation of the conclusions reached by the Committee upon consideration of analyses of the state of co-ordination in given areas, and on better integration of planning, programming and co-ordination;
- 5. Stresses the importance of an adequate mechanism to ensure that the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee are systematically followed up by the appropriate sectoral, functional and regional intergovernmental bodies and, in that context, requests the Secretary-General to implement fully the measures referred to in paragraph 48 of the report of the Committee:

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Proposed revisions and addendum to the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989

- 1. Endorses the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination. on the proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989;19
- 2. Notes with satisfaction the addition to the medium-term plan of chapter 31, containing a new major programme on programme planning and coordination,<sup>20</sup> as revised by the Committee;<sup>21</sup>
- 3. Reiterates that the medium-term plan should continue to serve as the framework for the formulation of biennial programme budgets;

#### IV

STATEMENTS OF PROGRAMME BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

- 1. Notes that rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council<sup>22</sup> provides that the Secretary-General shall prepare and provide to the Council an estimate of the programme budget implications of implementing any proposal involving the expenditure of United Nations funds;
- 2. Welcomes the recommendation of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination that the Economic and Social Council, starting with its first regular session of 1987, should, for a trial period of two years, be provided with statements of programme budget implica-

<sup>33</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/41/38 and Corr.2).

<sup>16</sup> Ibid., paras. 25-55.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> General Assembly resolution 37/234, annex.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/41/38 and Corr.2), paras. 117-152.

<sup>19</sup> Ibid., Supplement No. 6 (A/41/6).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Ibid., Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 6C (A/37/6/Add.3).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Ibid., Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/41/38 and Corr.2), para. 114.

<sup>22</sup> E/5715/Rev.1 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.83.1.9).

tions of the draft resolutions before the Council in the format established for such statements submitted to the General Assembly;<sup>23</sup>

#### V

#### PROGRAMME PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION

- 1. Notes with satisfaction the changes in the methodology introduced in the report on programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 1984-1985<sup>24</sup> and requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts towards further improvement;
- 2. Stresses the importance of programme performance reports, evaluations and cross-organizational programme analyses, as endorsed by the competent intergovernmental bodies, as instruments for promoting efficiency and for integrating the programming and coordination processes;
- 3. Endorses the recommendation of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination that, in programme areas where a major conference is to be held, the programme should be evaluated sufficiently in advance of the conference for the findings and recommendations to be taken into account in the preparatory work for the conference; if a programme is evaluated after a conference has taken place, such an evaluation should be made only after the programme has been revised in the light of the results of the conference and enough time has elapsed for its impact to be assessed;<sup>25</sup>

#### VI

CROSS-ORGANIZATIONAL REVIEWS OF THE MEDIUM-TERM PLANS OF THE ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM AND CROSS-ORGANIZATIONAL PROGRAMME ANALYSES

- 1. Endorses the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination<sup>26</sup> on the cross-organizational programme analysis on economic and social research and policy analysis in the United Nations system;<sup>27</sup>
- 2. Stresses, in particular, the need for research on current and emerging issues of international cooperation in the economic and social fields and the need to improve further the quality of research activities and products;
- 3. Stresses also the need for a closer relationship and better complementarity between the studies undertaken within the regular programmes of the organizations and the research activities of the United Nations University and of the autonomous research institutes of the United Nations system;

- 4. Invites its subsidiary bodies to examine ongoing and planned research activities within their areas of competence and to formulate their requests for studies in the light of such information and of emerging issues of international concern, and further invites them to consider, where appropriate and feasible, explicitly relating their draft resolutions to the medium-term plan;
  - 5. Requests the Secretary-General:
- (a) To enhance the quality and relevance of research activities in the United Nations by, inter alia, implementing the measures recommended in paragraphs 186 and 187 of the report of the Committee;
- (b) To increase, through the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, the flow of information on the research activities and research findings of the organizations of the United Nations system;
- (c) To submit to the Council, on a biennial basis, a summary of the main research findings of the system on major global economic and social trends, policies and emerging issues;
- 6. Requests the Administrative Committee on Coordination to follow up the system-wide recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and Coordination on economic and social research and policy analysis;
- 7. Decides to review the implementation of its recommendations on this subject at its second regular session of 1988 on the basis of a report of the Secretary-General to be submitted through the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination;
- 8. Endorses the recommendation of the Committee that the cross-organizational review of the medium-term plans of the organizations of the United Nations system and the cross-organizational programme analysis in the area of science and technology for development be merged into a single report of the Secretary-General to be submitted to the Council at its second regular session of 1987, through the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination;<sup>28</sup>
- 9. Decides to consider at its second regular session of 1987 the methodology, format and role of the existing analytical instruments for co-ordination, including cross-organizational programme analyses, cross-organizational reviews of the medium-term plans of the organizations of the United Nations system and systemwide medium-term plans, on the basis of the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, in the context of its consideration of the report of the Secretary-General on all aspects of co-ordination requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 40/177 of 17 December 1985:
- 10. Reaffirms that the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination has the responsibility for making recommendations to the Council on the subjects and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/41/38 and Corr.2), para. 155.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> A/41/318 and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 38, (A/41/38 and Corr. 2), para. 50.

<sup>26</sup> Ibid., paras. 181-190.

<sup>27</sup> E/AC.51/1986/7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/41/38 and Corr.2), para. 192.

timing of analytical studies pertaining to issues of coordination.

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### 1986/52. Duration of the twenty-seventh session of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1984/61 C of 26 July 1984, in which it recommended that the twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth sessions of the Committee for Programme and Coordination should each be of five weeks' duration, on an experimental basis, in order to allow the Committee adequate time for the discussion, inter alia, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 39/238 of 18 December 1984, in which the Assembly approved the decisions of the Economic and Social Council contained in its resolution 1984/61.

Having considered the recommendation contained in paragraph 55 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the work of its twenty-sixth session,<sup>29</sup>

Recommends that the twenty-seventh session of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination should be of five weeks' duration.

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### 1986/53. Work of the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1913 (LVII) of 5 December 1974, in particular the mandate of the Commission on Transnational Corporations, as well as the terms of reference of the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations,

Aware of the growing interdependence of issues and of the roles of enterprises engaged in transnational operations, regardless of form or nature of ownership and country of origin, but with due regard to their relative weight and influence in the world economy,

Conscious of the relevance of the activities of such enterprises and the importance of minimizing their negative effects while maximizing their positive effects,

Requests the Secretary-General, without prejudice to the negotiations on the code of conduct on transnational corporations, to study ways and means by which the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations can take account of the preamble to the present resolution in preparing research, analyses and information and in pursuing other activities, and to report thereon to the Commission on Transnational Corporations at its thirteenth session.

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### 1986/54. Ongoing and future research on transnational corporations

The Economic and Social Council.

Recalling the report of the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations entitled Transnational Banks: Operations, Strategies and Their Effects in Developing Countries, 30 prepared pursuant to the decision taken by the Commission on Transnational Corporations at its second session, 31

Taking note of the ongoing and future research of the Centre as reflected in the reports of the Secretary-General,<sup>32</sup>

- 1. Requests the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations to update the report entitled Transnational Banks: Operations, Strategies and Their Effects in Developing Countries, taking into account the changes in this field that have occurred during the 1980s:
- 2. Requests the Centre to include in that report an analysis of the following issues:
- (a) economic elements behind the determination of interest rates by transnational banks within the system of variable rates;
- (b) The role of transnational banks in the transfer of resources from developing to developed countries;
- (c) Differences and similarities in the recycling of international liquidity in the 1970s and the 1980s by transnational banks;
- (d) Forms and procedures of negotiation of transnational banks vis-à-vis developing countries in relation to external debt:
- (e) Interaction between the transnational banks and the International Monetary Fund and other agencies in the negotiation of the external debt of developing countries:
- 3. Requests the Centre to submit the report to the Commission on Transnational Corporations at its thirteenth session.

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### 1986/55. Expert advisers to the Commission on Transnational Corporations

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1913 (LVII) of 5 December 1974, by which it established the Commission on

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/41/38 and Corr.2).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No. E.81.II.A.7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 5 (E/5782), para. 29 (a).

<sup>32</sup> E/C.10/1986/4 and E/C.10/1986/12 and Corr.1.

Transnational Corporations and defined and authorized the institution of expert advisers to support the Commission,

Noting the satisfaction expressed by the Commission with the contribution of the expert advisers to its work and the desire expressed by the Commission to make fuller use of their diversified knowledge,<sup>33</sup>

Recommends that adequate provision for the continuation of the services of expert advisers to the Commission on Transnational Corporations beyond 1986 be restored to section 9 of the programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987.<sup>34</sup>

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### 1986/56. Net transfer of resources from developing to developed countries

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, 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation, and 35/56 of 5 December 1980, the annex to which contains the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

Taking note with appreciation of the World Economic Survey 1986 35 and the report of the Committee for Development Planning on its twenty-second session, 36

Considering that, owing to the persistent structural imbalance of the world economy, the developing countries continue to face major problems in the areas of money, finance, debt, trade and resource flows and have even become net capital exporters,

Bearing in mind that this serious distortion impedes the development efforts of developing countries and adversely affects the implementation of the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

Noting with concern that this net transfer of resources from developing to developed countries has reached such proportions and is increasing at such a pace that concerted action is required on the part of the international community to halt and reverse the process,

Noting, furthermore, that developing countries face a large and growing financing gap in obtaining meaningful flows of resources over the next decade and that the reverse transfer of resources is seriously endangering the possibilities for development of developing countries and causing the living conditions of their people to deteriorate,

Bearing in mind that this dangerous process, far from being conjunctural or temporary, is a prolonged one which is intensifying, thereby undermining the development efforts of developing countries and causing a regression of serious consequences,

- 1. Draws the attention of the General Assembly and the specialized agencies to the alarming levels reached in the net transfer of resources from developing to developed countries as set out in the World Economic Survey 1986;
- 2. Emphasizes the need to reverse this trend, which adversely affects the development efforts of developing countries and runs counter to the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade and international co-operation for development;
- 3. Stresses the fact that recent developments in the world economy had resulted in substantial gains for the developed countries because of declining prices of commodities, including oil, and that such benefits have been estimated at over \$100 billion;
- 4. Emphasizes the need to redirect such benefits to promote the development of the developing countries;
- 5. Points out that, additionally, the net interest paid in external debt servicing by developing countries amounted to \$54 billion in 1985 and the income outflow on foreign direct investment amounted to \$13 billion, also in 1985:
- 6. Underlines the fact that while these huge transfers of resources from developing to developed countries are occurring, transfers from developed to developing countries have continued to decline and during 1985 amounted to \$13 billion in loans and credit facilities, \$14 billion in official development assistance and \$9 billion in direct investment, leaving a balance of immense proportions to the detriment of the developing countries;
- 7. Calls upon all States, specialized agencies and other competent organizations of the United Nations system to take appropriate and effective measures in the fields of money, trade and finance, including debt, in order to halt and reverse the net transfer of resources from developing to developed countries;
- 8. Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the executive heads of the competent bodies and organizations of the United Nations system, to prepare a comprehensive analytical report on the net transfer of resources from developing to developed countries, on its impact on the development of developing countries, and on the measures to be taken within the framework of the United Nations system to halt and reverse that process,

<sup>33</sup> See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1986, Supplement No. 7 (E/1986/27), para. 121.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> See Official Records of the General Assembly, Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/40/6), vol. 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No. E.86.II.C.1.

<sup>36</sup> Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1986, Supplement No. 6 (E/1986/26).

and to submit it to the General Assembly at its fortysecond session, through the Economic and Social Council.

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1986/57. Amendment of the terms of reference of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific: admission of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Republic of Palau as associate members of the Commission

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting that the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Republic of Palau have become associate members of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific in accordance with paragraph 5 of the terms of reference of the Commission<sup>17</sup>, in place of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands,

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

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1986/58. Proposals for updating the programme of work of the Economic Commission for Africa for the biennium 1986-1987 in the light of appropriations approved by the General Assembly and the availability of extrabudgetary resources

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling resolution 554 (XX) of 29 April 1985 of the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa<sup>38</sup> on the programme of work and priorities of the Economic Commission for Africa, 1986-1987,

Having examined the proposals for updating the programme budget of the Commission for the biennium 1986-1987,<sup>39</sup>

Concerned about the declining resources available to the Commission for the effective implementation of its programme of work and activities,

Convinced that the programme of activities of the Commission should reflect available resources,

1. Decides to update the programme of work and priorities of the Economic Commission for Africa for the biennium 1986-1987 in accordance with the abovementioned proposals;

- 2. Expresses its gratitude to the members of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination for their support of the programme of work and priorities of the Commission for the biennium 1986-1987;
- 3. Requests the Executive Secretary of the Commission to revise the relevant programmes of the Commission for the biennium 1986-1987 in accordance with the updated programme of work and priorities;
- 4. Calls upon the Secretary-General to take the above-mentioned proposals into account when preparing the report on programme performance for the biennium 1986-1987.

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### 1986/59. Financial status of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

The Economic and Social Council,

Having examined resolution 149 (XIII) of 24 April 1986 of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia<sup>40</sup> on the financial status of the Commission.

Having taken note of the concern expressed by the members of the Commission at any measures aimed at curtailing any of the Commission's mandated activities for the biennium 1986-1987 or at restricting the ability of the Commission to supplement the human resources necessary to carry out those activities,

Noting the concern of the members of the Commission, in view of the special and unique situation of the Commission, at the serious shortage of the human resources that are a basic necessity if it is to carry out its mandated programmes and activities, especially since the Commission has already undertaken, in adopting its budget, to cancel 30 subprogrammes because of the lack of financial and human resources,

Calls upon the General Assembly to strengthen the positive and constructive role assumed by the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia in the economic and social development of the region so that it may make a more far-reaching contribution to promoting regional and national development plans and programmes.

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#### 1986/60. Request for the relocation of the headquarters of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

The Economic and Social Council,

Having taken note of resolution 152 (XIII) of 24 April 1986 of the Economic and Social Commission for

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1986, Supplement No. 11 (E/1986/32), annex V.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1985, Supplement No. 15 (E/1985/36), chap. IV.

<sup>39</sup> E/ECA/CM.12/36.

<sup>\*\*</sup> See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1986, Supplement No. 14 (E/1986/35), chap. IV.

Western Asia41 on the request for the relocation of the headquarters of the Commission,

Recalling the generous offer made by the Government of Iraq, and accepted by the Economic and Social Council, to provide for the establishment of the permanent headquarters of the Commission in Baghdad, together with all the necessary support facilities for the Commission and its staff.

Also recalling the agreement of 13 June 1979 between the United Nations and the Government of Iraq relating to the headquarters of the Commission and the supplementary agreements concluded pursuant thereto, including the supplementary agreement of 30 June 1983 relating to the premises to be occupied as the permanent headquarters of the Commission,

Taking note of the wish of the host country that, for security reasons, the headquarters be relocated to other premises in Baghdad without incurring any cost or loss to the United Nations as a result of such relocation,

Expressing the conviction that the host country, in accordance with the considerable hospitality and generosity which it has always extended to the Commission, will wish to ensure that in any change of location the highest standards already secured for the Commission and its staff at its present location will be maintained,

Desiring to ensure that any change in location will be carried out without disruption of the work of the Commission and in full accord with the terms of the headquarters agreement and the supplementary agreements concluded pursuant thereto,

Authorizes the Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia to enter into discussions with the Government of the host country on the following matters:

- (a) The provision by the host country of the permanent headquarters of the Commission at a new location in Baghdad, on the understanding that the Commission will be provided with all the necessary facilities, including equipment, to enable it to perform its functions;
- (b) Suitable timing for the move to a new permanent headquarters once adequate alternative facilities to those available at the present headquarters have been identified;
- (c) The financial arrangements involved in any move, so that it is carried out without cost to the United Nations and without any financial loss resulting from improvements made or equipment installed in the present headquarters at the expense of the United Nations which cannot be transferred to a new location;
- (d) The formulation of any revised supplementary agreement or agreements which may be necessary to give effect to the foregoing or to deal with any other pending matters which either party may consider it necessary to resolve.

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The Economic and Social Council,

Having reviewed the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "United Nations technical co-operation in Central America and the Caribbean", volume II, "The Caribbean", 42 and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon,41

- 1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "United Nations technical co-operation in Central America and the Caribbean", volume II, "The Caribbean", and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon;
- 2. Urges organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to take into account, as far as possible and as necessary, in consultation with States members of the Commission in the region, the main conclusions and recommendations contained in the report with respect to the provision of technical cooperation to the Caribbean region.

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#### 1986/62. Transport and Communications Decade in Africa

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling resolution 291 (XIII) of 26 February 1977 of the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa,44 Economic and Social Council resolution 2097 (LXIII) of 29 July 1977 and General Assembly resolution 32/160 of 19 December 1977 proclaiming the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa.

Recalling also resolution 487 (XIX) of 26 May 1984 of the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa,45 by which the Conference of Ministers endorsed the programme for the second phase of the Decade, and resolution 544 (XX) of 29 April 1985 of the Conference of Ministers,46 by which the Secretary-General was requested to provide the Commission with resources to enable it to organize the fifth session of the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning, as well as meetings on cofinancing arrangements,

Referring to Economic and Social 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 on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa.

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<sup>1986/61.</sup> Strengthening United Nations technical co-operation in the Caribbean region

<sup>42</sup> See E/1985/3/Add.2.

<sup>41</sup> E/1985/3/Add.3.

<sup>44</sup> Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 7, vol. I (E/5941), part three.

<sup>45</sup> Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1984, Supplement No. 11 (E/1984/21), chap. IV.

<sup>46</sup> Ibid., 1985, Supplement No. 15 (E/1985/36), chap. IV.

<sup>41</sup> Ibid.

Referring also to the report of the Secretary-General on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa submitted to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1985 and to the General Assembly at its fortieth session,<sup>47</sup>

Noting the annual reports for 1984 and 1985 on the implementation of the programme for the Decade, the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the Decade and the report of the Inter-Agency Co-ordinating Committee on the Regional African Satellite Communications System,

Appreciating the efforts made by the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to mobilize resources and to secure international assistance for implementing the second phase of the programme,

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

Noting with satisfaction that certain projects related to trans-African axes included in the programme for the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa have been implemented using national resources of African countries members of the Economic Commission for Africa.

- 1. Endorses the report and the resolutions adopted by the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning at its fifth session, held at Harare on 10 and 11 March 1986;<sup>48</sup>
- 2. Notes with satisfaction the achievements by all African countries in the implementation of all the resolutions previously adopted by the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning within the framework of the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa, which achievements shall be included among the accomplishments of the Decade:
- 3. Welcomes the role played by the Inter-Agency Coordinating Committee on the Regional African Satellite Communications System, under the Economic Commission for Africa as the lead agency, in co-ordinating activities towards the attainment of the objectives of the Decade;
- 4. Appreciates the continued financial support of Member States for the activities of the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa;
- 5. Expresses its appreciation to the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme for his continuing support of the Decade through the financing of the Decade Co-ordination Unit and other Decade activities, and requests him to continue to provide funds to the Commission during the Programme's fourth programming cycle (1987-1991) for the realization of the

development process which was accepted during the Decade;

- 6. Expresses its thanks to donor countries and financing institutions for the financial assistance provided for the implementation of the programme for the Decade, and urges them to continue and intensify their support for the programme and for the strengthening of the Coordinating Committee for the Decade;
- 7. Requests the General Assembly to allocate, within the limits of available resources, the necessary means to enable the Commission:
- (a) To carry out an in-depth evaluation of the programme for the Decade in accordance with the recommendations contained in the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the Decade;<sup>49</sup>
- (b) To organize and service meetings of the Technical Committee on Air Transport;
- 8. Requests the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to draw the attention of the member States to the recommendations contained in the present resolution, taking into account the views expressed in the Economic and Social Council on the subject, and to report to the Commission as soon as possible on the matter.

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### 1986/63. Industrial Development Decade for Africa

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling resolution 532 (XX) of 29 April 1985 of the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa, 50 in which the Conference of Ministers called, inter alia, for the allocation of resources to make it possible to implement the programme for the Industrial Development Decade for Africa,

Cognizant of Africa's Priority Programme for Economic Recovery, 1986-1990,<sup>51</sup> adopted at the twenty-first ordinary session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, held at Addis Ababa from 18 to 20 July 1985,

Conscious of the fact that the implementation of the programme for the Decade and of the Priority Programme depends upon the availability of adequate resources and the full commitment of Governments at the national, subregional and regional levels, and of the international community,

Recalling its resolution 1985/61 of 26 July 1985, in which it called upon the General Assembly to consider the allocation in the programme budget for the bien-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> A/40/409-E/1985/107.

<sup>48</sup> E/ECA/CM.12/43.

<sup>49</sup> A/40/633, annex.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1985, Supplement No. 15 (E/1985/36), chap. IV.

<sup>11</sup> See A/40/666, annex I, AHG/Decl.1 (XXI).

nium 1986-1987 of \$700,000 to the Economic Commission for Africa, to be absorbed from the \$5 million allocated to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, under Assembly resolution 39/233 of 18 December 1984, for the implementation of the Industrial Development Decade for Africa,

Mindful of the fundamentally important linkage between industry and agriculture in Africa's Priority Programme for Economic Recovery, 1986-1990, and of the vital contribution which the implementation of the programme for the Industrial Develoment Decade for Africa would make to food production and the rehabilitation of agriculture in Africa,

- 1. Reiterates the importance and priority with African countries accord to the industrial sector in view of its fundamental role in the implementation of Africa's Priority Programme for Economic Recovery, 1986-1990, and the full attainment of the objectives of the Lagos Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Monrovia Strategy for the Economic Development of Africa' and the Final Act of Lagos; 33
- 2. Commends the efforts made by African countries and organizations, as well as by the secretariats of the Economic Commission for Africa, the Organization of African Unity and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, towards the implementation of the programme for the Industrial Development Decade for Africa;
- 3. Requests the secretariats of the Economic Commission for Africa and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to increase their assistance to African countries and subregional organizations with a view to promoting subregional industrial co-operation within the framework of the Decade;
- 4. Expresses its appreciation to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization for allocating \$8.6 million to the Decade in its programme budget for 1986-1987;
- 5. Urges the Programme and Budget Committee and the Industrial Development Board of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to increase the allocation for the Decade in the programme budget for 1988-1989 in accordance with the high priority accorded to the programme by that organization;
- 6. Requests that the transformation of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization into a specialized agency should not lead to a reduction of the resources made available for assistance to African countries and organizations within the framework of the programme for the Decade;
- 7. Appeals to the international community, multilateral funding agencies, especially the United Nations Development Programme and the World Bank, and bilateral and investment institutions to increase the flow of investment and technical assistance resources to the industrial sector in Africa to maske it possible to im-

plement national and subregional investment and support projects.

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### 1986/64. Updating of the world survey on the role of women in development

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that the General Assembly, in its resolution 40/204 of 17 December 1985, invited the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirty-first session to suggest terms of reference for the first update of the World Survey on the Role of Women in Development, which is to be submitted to the Assembly at its forty-fourth session, in 1989.

Emphasizing the need to update the multidisciplinary and multisectoral survey on the integration of women in development,

Aware that the majority of the developing countries are at present suffering from a serious financial, economic and social crisis and that their precarious situation is leading to deterioration in the condition of broad groups of the population, particularly women,

Bearing in mind that the problems of the developing countries caused by the critical situation are aggravated by increasing external debt, deterioration in the terms of trade, protectionism, and other measures that affect their exports,

Conscious of the urgent need to study and to propose alternative courses of action to face the critical situation at minimum cost to the well-being of women,

Emphasizing the interrelationship between the preparations for updating the survey and the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women, 55 including, inter alia, the system-wide medium-term plan for women and development.

- 1. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission on the Status of Women at its 1988 session a first draft of the updated world survey on the role of women in development, taking into account the integrity of the three themes of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women, namely, equality, development and peace;
- 2. Recommends the Secretary-General, in preparing the update of the survey and in linking it closely to the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women:

<sup>52</sup> A/S-11/14, annex 1.

<sup>53</sup> Ibid., annex II.

<sup>4</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No. E.86.IV.3.

<sup>55</sup> Report of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Nairobi, 15-26 July 1985 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.85.IV.10), chap. 1, sect. A.

- (a) To analyse the impact on women of the adjustment policies resulting from financial indebtedness, deterioration in the terms of trade, protectionism, and other measures that affect exports from developing countries and resource flows to those countries;
- (b) To identify and assess the effectiveness and efficiency of selected innovative policies to promote women's integration into the economy, in particular to draw conclusions regarding any changes in the data in the light of such policies;
- (c) To include other emerging development trends, to be identified in consultation with the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations cooperating in this effort, in particular to focus on one or two areas where women are most disadvantaged or most prominent in the work-force, such as the informal sector, agriculture and food production, including livestock raising, and issues relating to women and population;
- (d) To examine the impact of the reduction in spending on programmes for the advancement of women in those countries where such reduction has taken place, particularly in the fields of health, education and housing;
- 3. Requests the Secretary-General to make all efforts, through the Statistical Office of the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs and the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women in co-operation with the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations, to improve the availability and reliability of data on women in the economy, including the informal sector, for the updated survey, bearing in mind the need for standardization of data and consistency between chapters of the updated survey;
- 4. Requests all the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, including all the regional commissions and the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, to co-operate in the preparation of the first update of the survey;
- 5. Further requests the Secretary-General to pay attention to the concrete implications for action of the survey and the updates by disseminating the results, especially to national machineries by way of information notes and training seminars;
- 6. Recommends that the first update of the survey should be submitted, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session and to the Commission on the Status of Women in 1990;
- 7. Requests the Secretary-General, in the preparation of the updates, to draw as far as possible on existing and already planned studies.

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### 1986/65. Strengthening the work of the United Nations in integrating women effectively in economic development programmes and activities

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970 setting forth the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, the first instrument to include as an objective the full integration of women in the total development effort,

Recalling also 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, and 35/56 of 5 December 1980, to which is annexed the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

Recalling further General Assembly resolutions 3342 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, 3505 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, 31/175 of 21 December 1976, 33/200 of 29 January 1979, 34/204 of 19 December 1979, 35/78 of 5 December 1980, 36/74 of 4 December 1981, 39/172 of 17 December 1984, 40/108 of 13 December 1985 and 40/204 of 17 December 1985 concerning the effective mobilization and integration of women in development,

Fully recognizing the economic value of women's contribution to overall growth and development, including food and agriculture,

Emphasizing the vital importance to national economic growth and development of the effective mobilization and integration of women in economic life.

Aware that the General Assembly, in its resolution 40/108, invited intergovernmental organizations to give high priority to the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women<sup>56</sup> and, in particular, to ensure that sectoral policies and programmes for development included strategies to promote the participation of women as agents and beneficiaries on an equal basis with men, and requested those organizations to report periodically through the Commission on the Status of Women to the Economic and Social Council on the activities undertaken at all levels to implement the Forward-looking Strategies,

Recalling that the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women, held at Nairobi from 15 to 26 July 1985, reiterated and extended to the year 2000 the goals of the United Nations Decade for Women: equality, development and peace,

Considering that the measures to integrate women effectively, in all aspects of development outlined in chapter II of the Forward-looking Strategies have major implications for the work programmes of the United

<sup>&</sup>quot; Ibid.

Nations and the specialized agencies, in particular in the economic sector,

Further considering that the full participation of women in the formulation and implementation of the above-mentioned work programmes will enhance their effectiveness and efficiency,

Convinced that the proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989<sup>57</sup> should take into account the legislative mandate to integrate women in economic development activities, projects and programmes provided by the Conference and by the General Assembly in its resolution 40/108,

Bearing in mind the recent initiatives taken by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund, the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes of the World Food Programme, the Commission on Human Settlements, the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development, the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy, the Economic Commission for Europe, the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the Economic Commission for Africa, as well as by the International Labour Organisation, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the World Health Organization, to take into account the relevant recommendations of the Forward-looking Strategies when drawing up their respective programmes of work,

Noting paragraph 338 of the Forward-looking Strategies, in which the Economic and Social Council is encouraged to play a more forceful and dynamic role in reviewing and co-ordinating all activities of the United Nations system relevant to women's issues,

- 1. Requests the Secretary-General:
- (a) To propose activities for the implementation of those measures contained in chapter II of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women that relate to programmes of work of the United Nations in such economic fields specifically identified in the Strategies as employment, education, energy, the environment, food, water and agriculture, housing, settlement, community development and transport, trade and commercial services, science and technology, and communications, in order to provide for effective programme planning to integrate women in economic development, for review by the relevant intergovernmental and expert bodies within their respective spheres of competence;
- (b) To include in his instructions for the preparation of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989 a reminder to programme managers in the area of economic development to take the Forward-looking Strategies into account when preparing their

programme proposals and to ensure that the necessary checks are applied during the review of the proposals to determine that the instructions have been followed;

- (c) To take account of the relevant policy orientations and goals of the Forward-looking Strategies in the formulation of the objectives and strategies in all sectors of economic development when preparing the draft medium-term plan for the period 1990-1995;
- (d) To prepare an intersectoral analysis of the various United Nations programmes dealing with women, with cross-referencing in the context of the system-wide medium-term plan for women and development to related work of all other organizations of the United Nations system, to accompany the medium-term plan for the period 1990-1995;<sup>18</sup>
- 2. Requests the Secretary-General to take appropriate steps, in particular for the period 1988-1989, to implement chapter V of the Forward-looking Strategies, on international and regional co-operation, taking into account the need to assess the performance, achievements and effectiveness of the work of the United Nations system in integrating women in economic development activities by means of technical co-operation, training and advisory services, research and policy analysis and the dissemination of information;
- 3. Requests the Secretary-General, bearing in mind section VIII of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977, to make the necessary arrangements for the effective, system-wide implementation of the Forward-looking Strategies in the economic field and to ensure that specific measures are taken to co-ordinate the application of the Strategies at the regional and international levels, taking particular account of the need:
- (a) To ensure coherence among approaches to the implementation of the Forward-looking Strategies by central, regional and sectoral bodies;
- (b) To provide to intergovernmental bodies of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations a compilation of United Nations intergovernmental mandates which have specific reference to women;
- (c) To harmonize the implementation and monitoring of the Forward-looking Strategies with all relevant United Nations intergovernmental and international strategies and programmes of action;
- 4. Requests the Secretary-General to include, in his comprehensive report on co-ordination to be prepared in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 40/177 of 17 December 1985, a review of intersecretariat arrangements for the co-ordination of administrative, operational and programme activities relating to the integration of women in economic development, as well as specific recommendations aimed at enhancing co-ordination in the implementation of the Forward-looking Strategies, having due regard for the need:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>57</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/41/6).

<sup>38</sup> As recommended by the Secretary-General (E/1985/45, para. 83).

- (a) To give priority attention to joint planning and programming;
- (b) To ensure in-depth consideration of the question at periodic intervals;
- (c) To develop concrete measures to improve the delivery of technical co-operation activities;
- (d) To integrate women in the decision-making and policy-formulating process of the United Nations system;
- 5. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its forty-second session, through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1987.

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### 1986/66. Work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1488 (XLVIII) of 22 May 1970, 1974 (LIX) of 30 July 1975, 1983/7 of 26 May 1983 and 1985/9 of 28 May 1985,

Reiterating the world-wide importance and practical value of the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods constantly to develop and update internationally harmonized safety standards and regulations,

Taking into account the growing desirability of widening the decision-making base of the Committee through broader geographical representation by granting observers full membership in the Committee in view of their active participation in its work and by encouraging the participation of developing countries and other non-member countries in its future work,

Noting that the satisfactory functioning of the Committee is dependent upon an adequate level of technical support and servicing,

- 1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General concerning the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, 59 particularly questions of extended participation and membership;
- 2. Invites the Secretary-General, in the light of his report and further consultations with experts and observers participating in the work of the Committee, to take the following measures to widen the decision-making base of the Committee:
- (a) Encouraging the participation of experts on a wider geographical basis;
- (b) Welcoming, in particular, the participation of interested developing countries, upon request, as full members of the Committee;
- (c) With respect to the active participation of observers in the work of the Committee, appointing ex-

perts designated by the Netherlands and Sweden as full members of the Committee, subject to confirmation by the Committee but not later than February 1987;

- 3. Invites Governments, in particular those of interested developed countries having expertise in the transport of dangerous goods, with the assistance of the Secretariat, to support the participation of interested developing countries, upon request, in the meetings of the Committee:
- 4. Repeats its request to Secretary-General to maintain the regular work programme at the requisite level by the full implementation resolutions 1983/7 and 1985/9;
- 5. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare a report on the implementation of the present resolution for submission to the Council not later than at its second regular session of 1987.

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### 1986/67. Membership of Israel in the Economic Commission for Europe

The Economic and Social Council.

Noting the letter dated 2 May 1986 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Economic and Social Council, 60 containing an application for admission to membership in the Economic Commission for Europe,

Noting the draft decision entitled "Membership of Israel in the Economic Commission for Europe", 61 sponsored by the United States of America,

Conscious of the right of all States Members of the United Nations to be admitted to a regional commission as full members,

Recognizing that the members of a regional commission should be consulted before the admission of any new member,

Recognizing that the question of admitting Israel to a regional commission as a full member should be resolved at the earliest possible time,

- 1. Decides to transmit the draft decision regarding Israel's membership in the Economic Commission for Europe<sup>62</sup> to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1987;
- 2. Requests the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe to consult with States members of the Commission on the question of admitting Israel to the Commission and to report thereon to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1987, with a view to taking

<sup>59</sup> E/1986/106.

<sup>60</sup> E/1986/82.

<sup>\*\*</sup> E/1986/C.1/L.7; see Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/41/3), chap. IV.

<sup>62</sup> Ibid.

action on the question of Israel's full participation in the regional economic activities of the United Nations.

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### 1986/68. Centenary of the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works

The Economic and Social Council,

Referring to article 27, paragraph 2, of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, <sup>63</sup> which provides that everyone has the right to the protection of the moral and material interests resulting from any scientific, literary or artistic production of which he is the author,

Bearing in mind that, in accordance with Article 62, paragraphs 1 and 2, of the Charter of the United Nations, the Economic and Social Council may make recommendations with respect to international economic, social, cultural, educational and related matters and may make recommendations for the purpose of promoting respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all,

Recalling that 9 September 1986 will be the one hundredth anniversary of the adoption of the Berne Convention for the Protection of Liberary and Artistic Works.

- 1. Notes with satisfaction that, in the first century of the existence of the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works, the number of countries of the Union created by that Convention had increased from nine to seventy-six;
- 2. Declares its conviction that the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works, by providing at the international level for the protection of the rights of authors in as effective and uniform a manner as possible, contributes to the practical implementation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and to cultural, social and economic development in all countries of the Berne Union;
- 3. Recommends all States not yet members of the Berne Union to treat 1986, the year of the centenary of the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works, as an occasion for considering the possibility of adhering to that international Convention.

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#### 1986/69. World decade for cultural development

The Economic and Social Council,

Having been informed of recommendation No. 27 adopted by the World Conference on Cultural Policies organized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at Mexico City in 1982, in

which it recommended that the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization propose to the General Assembly of the United Nations the proclamation of a world decade for cultural development,

Having also been informed of the matter by the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in conformity with resolution 11.10 adopted by the General Conference at its twenty-third session and decision 5.4.1 adopted by the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its one hundred and twenty-fourth session,64

Taking note of the draft plan of action for the decade submitted by the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. 65

Recalling that the subject was raised in a preliminary manner at its second regular session of 1984 and that, by its decision 1984/176 of 26 July 1984, it took note of the proposal,

Recommends the General Assembly to take a decision at its forty-first session on the question of the proclamation of a world decade for cultural development.

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## 1986/70. Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies: draft annex relating to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of General Assembly resolution 179 (II) of 21 November 1947, by which the Assembly approved the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies and submitted it to the specialized agencies for acceptance and to every Member of the United Nations and every other State member of one or more of the specialized agencies for accession,

Noting that the General Assembly considered it desirable that any specialized agency thereafter brought into relationship with the United Nations should derive its privileges and immunities exclusively from that Convention,

Noting that the Constitution of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, 66 adopted by the United Nations Conference on the Establishment of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization as a Specialized Agency, provides in paragraph 2 (a) of article 21 that in the territory of any member of that organization that has acceded to the Convention in respect of the organization, the legal capacity, privileges

<sup>63</sup> General Assembly resolution 217 A (III).

<sup>64</sup> See E/1986/116.

<sup>65</sup> E/1986/L.30, annex.

<sup>66</sup> A/CONF.90/19.

and immunities provided for in that Constitution shall be as defined in the standard clauses of the Convention as modified by an annex thereto approved by the Industrial Development Board,

Noting that section 35 of the Convention provides that the Secretary-General shall transmit to any specialized agency not mentioned by name in the Convention a draft annex recommended by the Economic and Social Council,

Taking into account the draft annex to the Convention recommended by the Industrial Development Board for consideration by the Council,

Recommends to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization the following draft annex:

#### "Annex

"United Nations Industrial Development Organization

"In their application to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (hereinafter called "the Organization") the standard clauses shall operate subject to the following modifications:

- "1. (a) Experts (other than officials coming within the scope of article VI) serving on committees of, or performing missions for, the Organization shall be accorded the following privileges and immunities so far as is necessary for the effective exercise of their functions, including the time on journeys in connection with service on such committees or missions:
  - "(i) Immunity from personal arrest or detention and from seizure of their personal baggage;
  - "(ii) In respect of words spoken or written or acts done by them in the performance of their official functions, immunity from legal process of every kind, such immunity to continue notwithstanding that the person concerned is no longer serving on committees of, or employed on mission for, the Organization;
  - "(iii) The same facilities in respect of currency and exchange restrictions and in respect of their personal baggage as are accorded to officials of foreign Governments on temporary official missions;
  - "(iv) Inviolability for all papers and documents relating to the work in which they are engaged for the Organization;
  - "(v) For their official communications, the right to use codes and to receive documents and correspondence by courier or in sealed bags.
  - "(b) In connection with subparagraphs (iv) and (v) of paragraph 1 (a) above, the principle contained in the last sentence of section 12 of the standard clauses shall be applicable.
  - "(c) Privileges and immunities are granted to experts of the Organization in the interests of the Organization and not for the personal benefit of the individuals

themselves. The Organization shall have the right and duty to waive the immunity of any expert in any case where in its opinion the immunity would impede the course of justice, and it can be waived without prejudice to the interests of the Organization.

"2. The privileges, immunities, exemptions and facilities referred to in section 21 of the standard clauses shall also be accorded to any Deputy Director-General of the Organization."

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1986/71. System-wide medium-term plan for women and development and system-wide co-ordination of the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1985/46 of 31 May 1985, in which it requested the Secretary-General to take the initiative in formulating a system-wide medium-term plan for women and development,

Bearing in mind paragraphs 311, 338 and 339 of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women, <sup>67</sup> outlining measures to improve system-wide co-ordination of activities for the advancement of women and as a means of implementing the Strategies,

Noting General Assembly resolution 40/108 of 13 December 1985, in which the Assembly endorsed the Foward-looking Strategies,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the proposed framework of the system-wide medium-term plan for women and development, 68

- 1. Takes note of the proposed framework of the system-wide medium-term plan for women and development;
- 2. Emphasizes the importance for the comprehensive implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women of programme 2, on access to productive resources, income and employment, and programme 3, on access to services, 69
- 3. Decides that the system-wide medium-term plan for women and development should pay particular attention to programme 2, which includes activities of the highest priority for integrating women into economic development, and to programme 3;

<sup>67</sup> Report of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Nairobi, 15-26 July 1985 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.85.IV.10), chap. 1, sect. A.

<sup>61</sup> E/1986/8.

<sup>&</sup>quot; Ibid., para. 14.

- 4. Recommends that future medium-term plans of the United Nations and the specialized agencies should contain intersectoral presentations of the various programmes dealing with issues of concern to women, particularly those relating to the access of women to productive resources, income and employment and the access of women to services;
- 5. Recommends also that priority areas addressed in programmes 2 and 3 of the system-wide medium-term plan should be reflected in technical co-operation activities carried out for the benefit of women;
- 6. Emphasizes that the system-wide medium-term plan shold be formulated so as to permit verification and monitoring of the progress made towards the achievement of its objectives;
- 7. Further emphasizes the importance of the plan of action formulated by the United Nations Development Programme in consultation with the United Nations Development Fund for Women for the more active and deliberate involment of women in development through technical co-operation;
- 8. Requests the Committee for Programme and Coordination to undertake in 1989 a cross-organizational programme analysis in order to review systematically the activities for and resources allocated to the advancement of women;
- 9. Decides that the Commission on the Status of Women shall review the final draft of the system-wide medium-term plan for women and development before its consideration by the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1987.

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### 1986/72. Protection against products harmful to health and the environment

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 37/137 of 17 December 1982, 38/149 of 19 December 1983 and 39/229 of 18 December 1984,

Having reviewed the report of the Secretary-General on products harmful to health and the environment regarding progress in the development of the consolidated list of products whose consumption and/or sale have been banned, withdrawn, severely restricted or not approved by Governments,

- 1. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for his report on products harmful to health and the environment, describing work undertaken in preparing the consolidated list and in advancing work towards improvement of the list in future editions;
- 2. Commends the Secretary-General for initiating the memoranda of understanding between the United

Nations and the World Health Organization and between the United Nations and the United Nations Environment Programme/International Register of Potentially Toxic Chemicals, and for developing constructive and appropriate delegation of responsibility for the preparation of the consolidated list;

- 3. Decides that the consolidated list of products which have been banned, withdrawn, severely restricted or not approved by Governments shall continue to be published as one document, including generic/chemical and brand names and the names of all manufacturers of such products;
- 4. Urges Governments to continue to co-operate with the United Nations Environment Programme/International Register of Potentially Toxic Chemicals and the World Health Organization in providing current, corrected and updated information on national regulatory actions.

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#### 1986/73. Development of human resources

The Economic and Social Council,

Reaffirming the crucial role of human resources in the socio-economic development process,

Recalling the importance attached to the development of human resources in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

Recalling also General Assembly resolutions 2083 (XX) of 20 December 1965 on the development and utilization of human resources, 2542 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969, containing the Declaration on Social Progress and Development, and 40/213 of 17 December 1985 on the role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries,

Recalling further Economic and Social Council resolutions 1090 A (XXXIX) of 31 July 1965 and 1274 (XLIII) of 4 August 1967 on the development and utilization of human resources,

Considering that it is for each developing country to decide the possible content of a national programme for the development of human resources,

Welcoming the activities of States which place increased emphasis on co-operation for the development of human resources in the developing countries,

Taking into account the increasing importance of United Nations activities in the development of human resources, as envisaged for future years, and convinced of the need for greater co-ordination of those activities.

Noting with appreciation decision 86/14 of 27 June 1986 of the Governing Council of the United Nations

<sup>10</sup> A/41/329-E/1986/83.

<sup>&</sup>quot; General Assembly resolution 35/56, annex.

Development Programme on the role of the Programme in the development of human resources, 72

- 1. Reaffirms the need for an integrated and multidisciplinary approach to all aspects of the development of human resources in the programmes of work of the United Nations and the other organizations of the United Nations system;
- 2. Requests the Secretary-General, taking into account earlier studies and the discussions to be held at the twenty-second series of Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, to submit a report on human resources development and on the activities of the United Nations system as a whole in this field, with conclusions and recommendations, to the General Assembly at its forty-second session, through the Economic and Social Council, for consideration and appropriate action;
- 3. Calls upon all organs and organizations of the United Nations system to implement the present resolution and to convey their views on the question to the Secretary-General.

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### 1986/74. Policy review of operational activities for development

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 General Assembly resolutions 38/171 of 19 December 1983 and 40/211 of 17 December 1985,

Appreciating the overall impact of operational activities for development, which have become an established and important dimension of the development efforts of the organizations of the United Nations system,

Reaffirming that the primary objective of the operational activities for development of the United Nations system is to promote the economic self-reliance of developing countries through multilateral co-operation and, in this context, emphasizing the need to maintain the multilateral character of the operational activities of the United Nations system and for all Governments to enhance their commitment in this regard,

Stressing the urgent need to strengthen multilateral co-operation for development through, inter alia, in-

<sup>12</sup> See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1986, Supplement No. 9 (E/1986/29), annex 1.

creased voluntary contributions to the operational activities for development of the United Nations system,

Reaffirming the exclusive responsibility of the Government of the recipient country in formulating its national development plan, priorities and objectives, as set out in the consensus contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970, and emphasizing that the integration of the operational activities for development of the United Nations system with national programmes would enhance the impact and relevance of those activities,

Reaffirming that economic and technical cooperation among developing countries should be a significant dimension of all operational activities for development, as a key element in the strategy of collective self-reliance and an essential instrument to promote changes contributing to a balanced and equitable process of global economic development,

Emphasizing the need to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the operational activities for development of the United Nations system in supporting the efforts of developing countries,

Emphasizing also the urgency for the United Nations system to respond in an effective and coherent manner to the increasing requirements for external assistance and, in this context, reaffirming the need for new and purposeful efforts at all levels to improve the provision, utilization, administration and co-ordination of development assistance,

Aware that a substantial part of world resources, material as well as human, continues to be diverted to armaments, with a detrimental effect on international security and on bilateral and multilateral co-operation, including the operational activities for development of the United Nations system,

- 1. Expresses its appreciation for the contribution of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation in promoting operational activities for development and takes note with interest of the report of the Director-General for the triennial policy review of operational activities for development;<sup>73</sup>
- 2. Takes note of the information provided by some of the organizations of the United Nations system in response to General Assembly resolution 40/211,<sup>74</sup> urges all organizations to respond, and expresses the hope that the quality of such information will be improved in the future;
- 3. Expresses its deep concern at the stagnation in recent years in real terms of overall contributions for operational activities for development, particularly the prognosis of a marginal annual rate of growth over the next few years;

<sup>&</sup>quot; A/41/350-E/1986/108, annex.

 $<sup>^{24}</sup>$  See A/41/374-E/1986/109 and Add.1 and 2 and E/1986/C.3 L.1.

- 4. Emphasizes the need for a significant, continuous, predictable and real increase in resources for operational activities for development to meet the growing requirements for development of the developing countries, in particular the least developed countries;
- 5. Urges all countries to increase their voluntary contributions for operational activities for development, in particular those countries whose overall performance is not commensurate with their capacity;
- 6. Affirms that the programming and implementation of operational activities for development shall continue to be based on the principles set out in the consensus of 1970, as contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV);
- 7. Reiterates the need for all organizations of the United Nations system to make greater use of the capacities of developing countries, inter alia, through increasing government execution of projects and employment of local consultants and national experts, with a view to improving the cost-effectiveness and relevance of operational activities for development as well as facilitating the transfer of skills;
- 8. Expresses its concern at the recent decline in the proportion of equipment procured from developing countries, reaffirms the need to increase procurement from sources that at present are underutilized, and invites organizations of the United Nations system engaged in operational activities for development to take the necessary measures to widen the geographical distribution of their sources of procurement consistent with the principle of competitive international bidding through, inter alia, better utilization of sources of supplies from developing countries and underutilized donor countries;
- 9. Requests the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation to conduct further comparative analyses of the relationship between programme delivery and administrative and support costs with a view to releasing the maximum amount of resources for development activities and increasing programme delivery;
- 10. Encourages the steps being taken to conduct needs assessments as a basis for the co-ordination of all technical co-operation in support of the priority programmes of the recipient Government;
- 11. Reaffirms the responsibility of developing countries to co-ordinate development co-operation, through, inter alia, the determination of local co-ordination arrangements;
- 12. Requests organizations of the system to give high priority to assisting Governments at their request in strengthening their capacity for co-ordination at both the overall and the sectoral level;
- 13. Invites the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to introduce, in close cooperation with the Governments of recipient countries, specific measures aimed at strengthening the capabilities of the recipient countries to exercise their sovereign rights regarding preparation and realization of pro-

- grammes and projects of technical co-operation, including training projects for personnel in national planning, co-ordination and evaluation institutions and measures to increasingly entrust Governments and institutions of recipient countries with the responsibility for executing projects;
- 14. Decides to intensify its efforts to ensure overall co-ordination of the operational activities for development of the United Nations system and, in this context, stresses that efforts should be undertaken to strengthen the necessary dialogue and interaction between the governing bodies of the organizations of the United Nations system concerned with operational activities for development so as to ensure consistency between decisions taken by policy-making bodies;
- 15. Invites the governing bodies of the organizations of the United Nations system to reaffirm their full support for improved coherence of action by the system at the country level and for the role of the resident coordinator in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977 and in accordance with the relevant recommendations of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation;
- 16. Strongly urges Governments and organizations of the United Nations system to provide resident coordinators with the requisite authority to carry out their role and responsibilities as defined in General Assembly resolution 32/197, taking into account other relevant Assembly resolutions, in order to promote greater coherence and co-ordination within the United Nations system, inter alia, through the following measures:
- (a) Enabling the resident co-ordinator to consult on a regular basis with the Government and representatives of organizations of the United Nations system on specific measures regarding areas where greater coherence of action is required and, where host country Governments so request, to play a broader co-ordinating role;
- (b) Strengthening local co-ordination arrangements, where necessary, for the implementation of such measures, inter alia, through the conduct of joint technical co-operation needs assessments and programming missions;
- (c) Establishing systematic exchange of information and streamlining procedures and reporting requirements by the United Nations field offices;
- 17. Requests the governing bodies of the organizations of the United Nations system to pay particular attention to the need to rationalize field representation of the organizations and, recognizing the necessity to consult with the recipient Government on such matters, to establish new field offices only if the required services cannot be shared with other organizations or provided in any other way;
- 18. Emphasizes the importance for recipient countries to receive full information from all donors on their assistance efforts within the framework of operational activities for development, including information on the

cost, nature and objective of each project, concessionality, and tying status;

- 19. Requests the resident co-ordinators to assist Governments of recipient countries, upon request, in managing information from all donors on their assistance efforts and in ensuring co-ordination and improved effectiveness of such assistance;
- 20. Requests the Director-General to study in a few selected donor and recipient countries, with the agreement and co-operation of the Governments concerned, existing co-ordination practices designed to ensure consistence and coherence in their policy and positions in the area of operational activities for development;
- 21. Stresses the importance of the United Nations Development Programme country programme as the framework for promoting a more coherent and coordinated approach to technical co-operation activities by the United Nations development system;
- 22. Invites the Director-General, with the support of extrabudgetary resources, to conduct case studies in one or more countries, with the agreement and co-operation of the Governments concerned, on the functioning of the operational activities for development of the United Nations system, bearing in mind the specificity of individual country circumstances;
- 23. Urges the continuation of efforts to harmonize, to the extent possible, the operational procedures of the organizations of the United Nations system engaged in operational activities for development, in areas such as project presentation, monitoring, evaluation and procurement;
- 24. Invites the organizations concerned to improve the integration of food aid with overall development efforts;
- 25. Strongly urges the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme to continue their efforts for co-ordinated programming, through the Joint Consultative Group on Policy, so as to promote greater collaboration;
- 26. Urges other organizations to consider adopting similar co-ordinated programming practices;
- 27. Invites organizations of the United Nations system to continue to pursue measures to enhance the involvment of non-governmental organizations and enterprises in operational activities, in accordance with the objectives and priorities of each developing country;
- 28. Reiterates the need for the increased participation of women in operational activities and requests the Director-General, in presenting his report<sup>75</sup> to the General Assembly at its forty-first session, to address this issue along the lines called for in Assembly resolution 40/211;

- 29. Strongly urges the organizations of the United Nations system engaged in operational activities for development to intensify their efforts to integrate economic and technical co-operation among developing countries into operational activities, inter alia, by orienting their programmes and projects towards strengthening such co-operation in accordance with the priorities defined by the developing countries themselves;
- 30. Emphasizes the need for close collaboration between the United Nations Development Programme and the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development of the United Nations Secretariat in view of the potential for greater complementarity between them and requests the Director-General to include recommendations in this regard, as appropriate, in his report for the next policy review;
- 31. Reaffirms the authority and responsibility entrusted to the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation by the General Assembly in resolution 32/197, to ensure effective leadership of the United Nations system in the field of development and international economic co-operation and in exercising overall co-ordination within the system in order to ensure a multidisciplinary approach to the problems of development on a system-wide basis;
- 32. Requests the Director-General to include in his annual report on operational activities for development information on important policy and management issues affecting the coherence and functioning of system-wide activities, in the light of the relevant decisions of the governing bodies of organizations of the system, and to submit that information to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council for consideration;
- 33. Requests the Director-General, in preparing his report for the next policy review, to provide a general framework of broad objectives for operational activities for development within the United Nations system, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/197;
- 34. Also requests the Director-General to include in his report for the next comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development a specific chapter containing information about measures taken by organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations aimed at strengthening the capabilities of the recipient countries in the preparation and implementation of programmes and projects of technical co-operation;
- 35. Invites the governing bodies of the organizations of the United Nations system to provide the Council at its second regular session of 1987 with views and comments on the implementation of the present resolution, in particular on the role of the resident co-ordinators, the use of the United Nations Development Programme country programming process as a framework for operational activities, the co-location of field offices and the further harmonization of operational procedures;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> A/41/350-E/1986/108, annex.

36. Further requests the Director-General, in presenting his report to the General Assembly at its forty-first session, to take into account the views expressed by Member States during the present review, including those on updating the report and particularly those concerning the mobilization of financial resources for operational activities for development and other areas that require greater coverage.

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### 1986/75. Confidence-building in international economic relations

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking into account General Assembly resolutions 38/196 of 20 December 1983, 39/226 of 18 December 1984 and 40/173 of 17 December 1985,

Reiterating its view that there can be no sustained global development unless the deterioration of the economic situation of the developing countries is halted

and the multilateral dialogue on key development issues is resumed,

Convinced that strengthening confidence in international economic relations and protecting those relations from the impact of political tensions is in the interest of all Member States,

- 1. Takes note with interest of the report of the Secretary-General on confidence-building in international economic relations, 76 prepared on the basis of responses of Governments and United Nations bodies and organizations, and endorses the conclusions contained therein;
- 2. Requests the Secretary-General to keep the matter under review and to take the necessary action to identify and promote possible economic confidence-building measures in appropriate regional and specialized bodies of the United Nations system.

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#### **DECISIONS**

### 1986/152. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

- 1. At its 21st plenary meeting, on 2 July 1986, the Economic and Social Council adopted the agenda of its second regular session of 1986 and decided to transmit the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees<sup>77</sup> to the General Assembly at its forty-first session
- 2. At its 24th plenary meeting, on 4 July 1986, the Council decided to consider at its second regular session of 1986, under the agenda item entitled "International co-operation and co-ordination within the United Nations system", the question of the proclamation of a world decade for cultural development, as requested by the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,78 on the understanding that no substantive decision would be taken by the Council, but only a procedural decision to transmit the draft plan of action for the decade79 to the General Assembly at its forty-first session.80

### 1986/153. Inclusion of Kiribati, Mauritania and Tuvalu in the list of the least developed countries

At its 34th plenary meeting, on 11 July 1986, the Economic and Social Council decided:

- (a) To endorse the conclusion and recommendation of the Committee for Development Planning regarding the inclusion of Kiribati, Mauritania and Tuvalu in the list of the least developed countries;<sup>81</sup>
- (b) To recommend that the General Assembly at its forty-first session approve the inclusion of Kiribati, Mauritania and Tuvalu in the list of the least developed countries.

### 1986/154. Report of the Council of the United Nations University

At its 35th plenary meeting, on 17 July 1986, the Economic and Social Council took note of the report of the Council of the United Nations University on the work of the University in 1985.<sup>82</sup>

<sup>&#</sup>x27; A/41/320-E/1986/73 and Add.1.

<sup>&</sup>quot; Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/41/12).

<sup>78</sup> See E/1986/116.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>79</sup> E/1986/L.30, annex.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> For the action taken by the Council, see resolution 1986/69 in the present volume.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1986, Supplement No. 6 (E/1986/26), para. 189.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 31 (A/41/31).

### 1986/155. Israeli economic practices in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories

At its 36th plenary meeting, on 18 July 1986, the Economic and Social Council, having considered the note by the Secretary-Generalis concerning the report on the financial and trade practices of the Israeli occupation authorities in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories requested by the General Assembly in its decision 40/432 of 17 December 1985, decided that that report should be submitted for consideration to the General Assembly at its forty-second session, through the Council at its second regular session of 1987.

### 1986/156. Participation of the Organization of Ibero-American States for Education, Science and Culture in the work of the Economic and Social Council

At its 37th plenary meeting, on 21 July 1986, the Economic and Social Council, having considered the application of the Organization of Ibero-American States for Education, Science and Culture, decided, in accordance with rule 79 of the rules of procedure of the Council,84 that the Organization of Ibero-American States for Education, Science and Culture might participate, on a continuing basis, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Council on questions within the scope of the activities of that organization.

#### 1986/157. Improvement of secretariat servicing and substantive support services for the Committee on **Natural Resources**

At its 37th plenary meeting, on 21 July 1986, the Economic and Social Council took note of the oral report made on 17 July 198685 by the Assistant Secretary-General for Secretariat Services for Economic and Social Matters, in pursuance of its decision 1986/104 of 7 February 1986, on the question of improving the secretariat servicing and substantive support services for the Committee on Natural Resources.

### 1986/158. Report of the World Food Council on the work of its twelfth session and eleventh annual report of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes

At its 37th plenary meeting, on 21 July 1986, the Economic and Social Council took note of the report of the World Food Council on the work of its twelfth ses-

sion<sup>86</sup> and the eleventh annual report of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes. 87

### 1986/159. Development and utilization of new and renewable sources of energy

At its 37th plenary meeting, on 21 July 1986, the Economic and Social Council took note of the report of the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy on its third session.88

### 1986/160. Report of the Secretary-General on energy exploration and development trends in developing countries

At its 37th plenary meeting, on 21 July 1986, the Economic and Social Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on energy exploration and development trends in developing countries.89

#### 1986/161. Report of the Trade and Development Board

At its 37th plenary meeting, on 21 July 1986, the Economic and Social Council took note of the report of the Trade and Development Board on its thirty-second session.90

#### 1986/162. International Year of Shelter for the Homeless

At its 37th plenary meeting, on 21 July 1986, the Economic and Social Council, recalling Commission on Human Settlements resolution 9/2 of 16 May 1986,91 requested the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-second session a comprehensive report on the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless, including recommendations for an agenda for human settlements for the coming decade, taking full account of the views of Member States and the deliberations of the Commission on Human Settlements at its tenth session, to be held in 1987, the tenth anniversary of the establishment of the Commission.

<sup>13</sup> A/41/410-E/1986/97.

<sup>\*\*</sup> E/5715/Rev.1 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.83.I.9).

<sup>35</sup> See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1986, Plenary Meetings, vol. II, 35th meeting (E/1986/SR.35).

<sup>&</sup>quot; Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 19 (A/41/19).

WFP/CFA: 21/23: transmitted to the Economic and Social Council as document E/1986/102.

<sup>&</sup>quot; Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 44 (A/41/44).

<sup>&</sup>quot; A/41/383-E/1986/101.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/41/15), vol. 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>91</sup> Ibid., Supplement No. 8 (A/41/8), annex I, sect. A.

### 1986/163. Report of the Commission on Human Settlements

At its 37th plenary meeting, on 21 July 1986, the Economic and Social Council:

- (a) Took note of the report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the work of its ninth session<sup>92</sup> and of the recommendations contained therein;
- (b) Decided to recommend to the General Assembly at its forty-first session the adoption of the draft resolutions on the tenth session of the Commission on Human Settlements and on the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless recommended by the Commission.<sup>93</sup>

### 1986/164. Report of the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development

At its 37th plenary meeting, on 21 July 1986, the Economic and Social Council took note of the report of the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development on its eighth session.<sup>94</sup>

#### 1986/65. Special economic assistance programmes

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 22 July 1986, the Economic and Social Council decided to recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of the draft resolution annexed to the present decision.

### ANNEX Special economic assistance programmes

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of the special economic assistance programmes, 93

Affirming the validity of the concept of special economic assistance programmes and the need to enhance their efficiency,

- 1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General;
- 2. Endorses the recommendation made by the Secretary-General that special economic assistance programmes should be limited to countries genuinely in need of such assistance and to special circumstances falling outside the competence of the regular programmes of the United Nations system and should be of limited duration;
- 3. Also endorses the recommendation that the special economic assistance programme for a country should terminate after the review mission and that any continuing responsibilities should then be transferred to the regular programmes of the system;
- 4. Recommends that efforts to transfer the implementation of the special economic assistance programmes to other United Nations bodies should be continued, if practicable;
- 5. Affirms that special economic assistance programmes should be drawn up in consultation with the recipient Governments concerned

and recommends that the programmes, should as far as possible, be established and reviewed through the field offices of the United Nations system.

### 1986/166. Oral reports relating to special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 22 July 1986, the Economic and Social Council took note of the following reports, made orally before the Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee on 3 and 4 July 1986:

- (a) Oral report on assistance to Djibouti, Guinea, Madagascar, Mauritania, Mozambique, 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 assistance to Benin, Cape Verde, the Central African Republic, the Comoros, Equatorial Guinea, the Gambia, Guinea-Bissau and Sierra Leone made, on behalf of the Secretary-General, by the representative of the United Nations Development Programme;
- (c) Oral report on humanitarian assistance to refugees in Somalia, assistance to displaced persons in Ethiopia and assistance to student refugees in southern Africa made, on behalf of the Secretary-General, by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;
- (d) Oral reports on the situation of refugees in the Sudan made, on behalf of the Secretary-General, by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and by the representative of the Under-Secretary-General for Special Political Questions;
- (e) Oral report on the follow-up to 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.

### 1986/167. Report of the Secretary-General on economic development projects in the occupied Palestinian territories

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 22 July 1986, the Economic and Social Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on economic development projects in the occupied Palestinian territories. <sup>96</sup>

### 1986/168. Provisional agenda and documentation for the thirteenth session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 22 July 1986, the Economic and Social Council approved the provisional agenda and documentation for the thirteenth session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations set out below.

<sup>92</sup> Ibid., Supplement No. 8 (A/41/8).

<sup>33</sup> Ibid., annex I, sect. A, resolutions 9/1 and 9/2.

<sup>94</sup> Ibid., Supplement No. 37 (A/41/37).

<sup>91</sup> A/41/308-E/1986/67.

<sup>%</sup> A/41/342-E/1986/88.

### PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND DOCUMENTATION FOR THE THIRTEENTH 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 rela-

Report of the Secretary-General on data on foreign direct investment, including capital inflows and outflows and other aspects of the activities of transnational corporations

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 commis-

- 5. Work related to the code of conduct on transnational corporations and other international arrangements and agreements:
  - (a) Code of conduct on transnational corporations;

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress in the work on the code of conduct on transnational corporations

(b) Other international, regional and bilateral arrangements and agreements relating to transnational corporations.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

6. International standards of accounting and reporting.

#### **Documentation**

Report of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting on its fifth

- 7. 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;
  - (b) Follow-up to the report and recommendations of the Panel of Eminent Persons established to conduct 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

Reports of the Secretary-General

8. Strengthening the negotiating capacity of developing countries in their dealings with transnational corporations.

Report of the Secretary-General on experience gained in technical co-operation activities relating to negotiations between developing countries and transnational corporations

- 9. Ongoing and future research:
  - (a) Research results and current and future programmes;
  - (b) The role of transnational corporations in services, including transborder data flows;
  - (c) Transnational corporations and issues relating to the environment.

Documentation

Reports of the Secretary-General

10. Role of transnational banks.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

11. Comprehensive information system.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

12. Work related to the definition of transnational corporations.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

- 13. Provisional agenda for the fourteenth session of the Commission.
- 14. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its thirteenth ses-

### 1986/169. Report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its reconvened special session and report of the Secretary-General on the question of expert advisers

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 22 July 1986, the Economic and Social Council took note of the report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its reconvened special session, and the report of the Secretary-General on the question of expert advisers.98

### 1986/170. The role of entrepreneurship in promoting economic development

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 22 July 1986, the Economic and Social Council decided to transmit the draft resolution entitled "The role of entrepreneurship in promoting economic development", contained in document E/1986/L.36, and the amendments thereto contained in document E/1986/L.38, as orally revised, and document E/1986/L.40° to the General Assembly at its forty-first session for consideration and action.

### 1986/171. International economic security

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 22 July 1986, the Economic and Social Council decided to transmit the draft resolution entitled "International economic security", contained in document E/1986/L.37,100 to the General Assembly at its forty-first session for consideration and action.

<sup>•7</sup> E/1986/50 and Add.1.

<sup>94</sup> E/1986/105.

<sup>&</sup>quot; For the texts, see Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/41/3), chap. II.

<sup>100</sup> For the text, see Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/41/3), chap. II.

### 1986/172. Interrelated issues of money, finance, debt, resource flows, trade and development

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 22 July 1986, the Economic and Social Council decided that no agreed conclusions had been reached in the consideration of and negotiations on the revised informal working paper entitled "Interrelated issues of money, finance, debt, resource flows, trade and development" transmitted to the Council by the General Assembly by its decision 40/475 of 20 June 1986, and to recommend that the General Assembly pursue consideration and negotiation of the question at its forty-first session.

### 1986/173. Rule 2 of the rules of procedure of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 22 July 1986, the Economic and Social Council decided to endorse resolution 480 (XXI) of 25 April 1986 of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean<sup>102</sup> on rule 2 of the rules of procedure of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean concerning the place of meeting of its sessions.

### 1986/174. Special conference of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 22 July 1986, the Economic and Social Council decided to approve the implementation of resolution 487 (XXI) of 25 April 1986 of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean<sup>103</sup> on the special conference of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean.

### 1986/175. Amendment of the terms of reference of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 22 July 1986, the Economic and Social Council decided to amend the terms of reference of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean<sup>104</sup> as follows:

- (a) In the introductory sentence of paragraph 1, the words "Economic Commission for Latin America" shall be replaced by the words "Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean";
- (b) In paragraphs 1 (a), 1 (b), 2 and 15, the words "Latin America" shall be replaced by the words "Latin

America and the Caribbean''; in paragraphs 1 (a), 1 (e) and 2, the words "Latin American" shall be replaced by the words "Latin American and Caribbean';

- (c) The first sentence of paragraph 3 (a) shall be amended to read: "Membership in the Commission shall be open to the Members of the United Nations in North, Central and South America and in the Caribbean area, and to France, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain and the United Kingdom.";
- (d) Paragraph 4 shall be amended to read: "The geographical scope of the Commission's work comprises the Latin American and Caribbean States Members of the United Nations and participating territories in Central America and the Caribbean.";
- (e) Paragraph 9 shall be amended to read: "The Commission shall co-operate with and take the necessary measures to co-ordinate its activities with the appropriate organs of the Inter-American System in order to avoid any unnecessary duplication of effort between those organs and itself; to this end the Commission is empowered to, and shall seek to, make working arrangements with the appropriate organs of the Inter-American System regarding the joint or independent study of economic problems within its competence and ways of solving them and regarding the fullest exchange of information necessary for the co-ordination of efforts in the economic field. The Commission shall invite the Organization of American States and other regional bodies to nominate a representative to attend the meetings of the Commission in a consultative capacity.".

### 1986/176. Reports of the Secretary-General on regional co-operation and on the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 22 July 1986, the Economic and Social Council took note of the reports of the Secretary-General on regional co-operation<sup>105</sup> and on the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific.<sup>106</sup>

### 1986/177. Internal evaluation and effective management of programmes of the United Nations system

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 23 July 1986, the Economic and Social Council decided to transmit to the General Assembly at its forty-first session, for action, the draft resolution annexed to the present decision.

<sup>101</sup> E/1986/L.28, annex.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>102</sup> See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1986, Supplement No. 13 (E/1986/34), sect. D.

<sup>103</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>104</sup> See E/CN.12/544 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1984/67.

<sup>105</sup> E/1986/98 and Corr.2.

<sup>106</sup> E/1986/66

#### **ANNEX**

### Internal evaluation and effective management of programmes of the United Nations system

The General Assembly,

Convinced that internal evaluation is an essential function in the effective management of the programmes of the United Nations system,

Stressing the need to establish such evaluation activities throughout the United Nations system,

Impressed by the quality and thoroughness of the recent reports of the Joint Inspection Unit on the subject of evaluation activities,

Expresses its full support for the implementation of General Assembly resolutions regarding the need for internal evaluation, and particularly endorses the recommendations contained in the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Third report on evaluation in the United Nations system: integration and use", 107 which establish the principles for integrating the internal evaluation function completely into the management operations of the United Nations.

# 1986/178. Oral report on the progress made in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 40/177 on co-ordination in the United Nations and the United Nations system

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 23 July 1986, the Economic and Social Council took note of the oral report on the progress made in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 40/177 of 17 December 1985 on co-ordination in the United Nations and the United Nations system, made before the Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee of the Council by the representative of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation.

# 1986/179. 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 38th plenary meeting, on 23 July 1986, the Economic and Social Council took note of the following reports:

- (a) Annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination for 1985/86, 108
- (b) Report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on expenditures of the United Nations system in relation to programmes, 109
- (c) Report of the Secretary-General on the hiring and use of consultant services, 110
- (d) Report of the Secretary-General on co-operation between the United Nations and the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation, [11]
  - 101 A/41/202, annex.
  - 108 E/1986/13.
  - 109 E/1986/112.
  - 110 A/41/291-E/1986/58 and Corr.1.
  - ш A/41/344-E/1986/80.

- (e) Report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Some reflections on reform of the United Nations", 112 and note by the Secretary-General 113 and comments of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination 114 concerning that report;
- (f) Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Status of internal evaluation in organizations of the United Nations system" and "Third report on evaluation in the United Nations system: integration and use", "16 and comments of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination" and of the Secretary-General thereon.

### 1986/180. Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 23 July 1986, the Economic and Social Council took note of an extract from the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its organizational meeting for 1986 and on its thirty-third session.

### 1986/181. Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 23 July 1986, the Economic and Social Council:

- (a) Endorsed the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its 1986 session;<sup>120</sup>
- (b) Recommended to the General Assembly that the Executive Director of the Fund be authorized to promulgate, after consultation with the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and subsequent deliberation and approval by the Executive Board, the financial regulations required to meet the specific needs of the Fund.

# 1986/182. Documents 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 38th plenary meeting, on 23 July 1986, the Economic and Social Council took note of the following documents:

<sup>112</sup> See A/40/988 and Corr.1.

<sup>113</sup> A/40/988/Add.1.

<sup>114</sup> E/1986/L.113, annex.

<sup>113</sup> A/41/201, annex.

<sup>116</sup> A/41/202, annex.

<sup>117</sup> A/41/304, annex.

<sup>118</sup> A/41/409, annex.

E/1986/L.31, containing the decisions adopted by the Governing Council during 1986. For the full report, see Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1986, Supplement No. 9 (E/1986/29).

Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1986, Supplement No. 8 (E/1986/28).

- (a) World Economic Survey 1986: Current Trends and Policies in the World Economy; 121
- (b) Summary of the survey of economic and social conditions in Africa, 1984-1985;<sup>122</sup>
- (c) Summary of the economic survey of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1985;123
- (d) Summary of the economic and social survey of Asia and the Pacific, 1985;124
- (e) Summary of the survey of economic and social developments in the region of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, 1985;<sup>125</sup>
- (f) Summary of the economic survey of Europe in 1985-1986; 126
- (g) Report of the Committee for Development Planning on its twenty-second session;<sup>127</sup>
- (h) Report of the Secretary-General on a unified approach to development analysis and planning;128
- (i) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Task Force on Long-term Development Objectives of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on policy changes for long-term growth and development.<sup>129</sup>

#### 1986/183. Elections and confirmations

1. At its 38th plenary meeting, on 23 July 1986, the Economic and Social Council took the following action with regard to vacancies in its subsidiary bodies:

#### COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

The Council elected Indonesia for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1988.

The Council postponed until a future session the election of one member from Western European and other States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1987.

#### COMMISSION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

The Council elected Iran (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF) for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1987.

The Council postponed until a future session the election of two members from Asian States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1988.

#### COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

The Council elected IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF) for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1987.

The Council postponed until a future session the election of two members from African States, two members from Asian States and four members from Western European and other States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1987, and one member from Western European and other States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1988.

#### COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS

The Council elected IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF) for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1987.

The Council postponed until a future session the election of one member from Asian States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1988.

2. At the same meeting, the Council confirmed the nomination, by her Government, of Lindsay Niemann (Canada) as a representative on the Commission on the Status of Women.

1986/184. 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 1986

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 23 July 1986, the Economic and Social Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General containing a summary of estimates of programme budget implications of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Council during its first and second regular sessions of 1986. 130

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>121</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No. E.86.II.C.1.

<sup>122</sup> E/1986/62.

<sup>123</sup> E/1986/63.

<sup>124</sup> E/1986/64.

<sup>125</sup> E/1986/69.

<sup>126</sup> E/1986/81.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>127</sup> Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1986, Supplement No. 6 (E/1986/26).

<sup>121</sup> A/41/323-E/1986/77 and Add.1.

<sup>129</sup> E/1986/84.

<sup>130</sup> E/1986/139.

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