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¹ See also sect. IV.B, decision S-11/21.

**II. RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED WITHOUT REFERENCE TO
A MAIN COMMITTEE**

S-11/1. Admission of the Republic of Zimbabwe to membership in the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Having received the recommendation of the Security Council of 30 July 1980 that the Republic of Zimbabwe should be admitted to membership in the United Nations,²

Having considered the application for membership of the Republic of Zimbabwe,³

Decides to admit the Republic of Zimbabwe to membership in the United Nations.

*1st plenary meeting
25 August 1980*

S-11/2. Credentials of representatives to the eleventh special session of the General Assembly

The General Assembly

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.⁴

*17th plenary meeting
5 September 1980*

² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eleventh Special Session, Annexes, agenda item 9, document A/S-11/10.*

³ A/S-11/12. For the printed text, see *Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-fifth Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1980, document S/14064.*

⁴ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eleventh Special Session, Annexes, agenda item 3, document A/S-11/23.*

III. RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED ON THE REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE ELEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION

S-11/3. Suggestions by the Secretary-General to overcome the critical economic situation of many developing countries

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind that the economic situation of the large majority of developing countries has increasingly deteriorated during the past decade,

Deeply concerned at the gravity of the deteriorating economic and social situation of the least developed and other developing countries, particularly those in the special categories, where development needs and problems are greatest,

Conscious of the unprecedented economic problems faced by those countries, for the solution of which the assistance of the international community is indispensable,

Emphasizing the imperative need for simultaneous and parallel action to resolve the short-term, medium-term and long-term problems of developing countries,

Noting with great interest the suggestions made by the Secretary-General in his address to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1980⁵ for overcoming the critical economic situation of many developing countries,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to elaborate further his suggestions, in consultation with the concerned organizations of the United Nations system, and to submit them to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;

2. *Decides* to consider and to take appropriate action on the matter at its thirty-fifth session.

*21st plenary meeting
15 September 1980*

S-11/4. Measures to meet the critical situation in the least developed countries

The General Assembly,

Deeply concerned at the gravity of the deteriorating economic and social situation of the least developed countries and the dismal development record of those countries during the past two decades, as well as at their bleak development prospects for the 1980s,

Also deeply concerned at the continued critical lack of basic infrastructure in the least developed countries,

Recalling resolutions 62 (III) of 19 May 1972⁶ and 98

(IV) of 31 May 1976⁷ of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, as well as other relevant resolutions and decisions of the United Nations system which have remained largely unimplemented,

Recalling also resolution 122 (V) of 3 June 1979⁸ of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, by which it adopted, as one of its major priorities, a Comprehensive New Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries in two phases, an Immediate Action Programme, for 1979–1981, and a Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s,

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

Recalling its resolution 34/210 of 19 December 1979, in which it endorsed the Comprehensive New Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries,

Recalling further its resolution 34/203 of 19 December 1979, in which it decided to convene the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries in 1981,

Noting the concern expressed by the international community at the desperate plight of the least developed countries,

Noting with appreciation that some developed countries have taken positive steps towards the implementation of resolution 122 (V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,

Regretting that, even more than one year after the adoption of the Immediate Action Programme for 1979–1981 contained in resolution 122 (V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, very limited progress has been made towards its implementation,

Emphasizing the particular importance of the contribution that economic co-operation among developing countries can make, *inter alia*, to the development of the least developed among them,

Reaffirming that there is an immediate need for a greatly expanded increase in the transfer of resources to meet the critical needs of the least developed countries and to help promote their rapid and self-sustained socio-economic development,

1. *Urges* all developed countries, developing countries in a position to do so, multilateral development institutions and other sources to take urgent steps to implement without any further delay, on a priority basis, the commitments undertaken in the

⁵ *Ibid.*, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/35/3/Rev.1), chap. II, paras. 7–28.

⁶ See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Third Session*, vol. I, Report and Annexes (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.73.II.D.4), annex I.A.

⁷ *Ibid.*, Fourth Session, vol. I, Report and Annexes (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.II.D.10 and corrigendum), part one, sect. A.

⁸ *Ibid.*, Fifth Session, vol. I, Report and Annexes (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.79.II.D.14), part one, sect. A.

Immediate Action Programme for 1979–1981 contained in resolution 122 (V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

2. *Also urges* donor countries to make equitable and all possible efforts with a view to doubling, at the earliest possible time within the first half of the 1980s, the flow of official development assistance to the least developed countries, in accordance with the commitments undertaken in paragraph 13 of resolution 122 (V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, and to give serious consideration to this end to the proposal that such a doubling should be in real terms, taking into account the relative performance of donor countries;

3. *Further urges* donor countries, in the context of the over-all increase of official development assistance, to give serious consideration, not later than at the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries to be held in 1981, to the proposals for further measures to provide an adequate minimum flow of official development assistance, including, *inter alia*, those proposals for tripling the net disbursement of concessional assistance by 1984 and quadrupling it by 1990 at 1977 prices on a predictable, continuous and assured basis;

4. *Urges* all developed countries to provide official development assistance to the least developed countries as a general rule in the form of grants, which should normally be untied;

5. *Calls upon* the international community and the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to take all necessary measures to ensure the success of the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, which will, *inter alia*, finalize, adopt and launch the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s, as called for in resolution 122 (V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

6. *Requests* multilateral development agencies, including international, interregional, regional and inter-governmental funds, to accord priority to the least developed countries in the programming and allocation of their resources;

7. *Urges* all developed countries, developing countries in a position to do so, multilateral development institutions and other sources to extend substantial assistance to the least developed countries for the development of their energy resources;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to monitor implementation of the measures adopted in favour of the least developed countries, including those of the Immediate Action Programme for 1979–1981, and to report thereon to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1981 and to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session.

*21st plenary meeting
15 September 1980*

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A. ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

S-11/11. Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee

At its 1st plenary meeting, on 25 August 1980, the General Assembly decided that the Credentials Committee for the eleventh special session, appointed in accordance with rule 28 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, would have the same composition as that for the thirty-fourth session.

The Committee was therefore composed of the following Member States: BELGIUM, CHINA, CONGO, ECUADOR, PAKISTAN, PANAMA, SENEGAL, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

S-11/12. Election of the President of the General Assembly⁹

At its 1st plenary meeting, on 25 August 1980, the General Assembly decided that Mr. Salim Ahmed SALIM (United Republic of Tanzania), President of the Assembly at its thirty-fourth session, would serve in the same capacity at the eleventh special session.

S-11/13. Election of the Chairmen of the Main Committees⁹

At its 1st plenary meeting, on 25 August 1980, the General Assembly decided that the Chairmen of the Main Committees of the thirty-fourth session would serve in the same capacity at the eleventh special session, on the understanding that the Chairman of the Special Political Committee would be replaced by another member of his delegation.

⁹ In accordance with rule 38 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the General Committee consists of the President of the Assembly, the twenty-one Vice-Presidents and the Chairmen of the seven Main Committees.

The following persons were therefore elected Chairmen of the Main Committees:

First Committee: Mr. Davidson L. HEPBURN (Bahamas),

Special Political Committee: Mr. Mohammad Samir MANSOURI (Syrian Arab Republic),

Second Committee: Mr. Costin MURGESCU (Romania),

Third Committee: Mr. Samir I. SOBHY (Egypt),

Fourth Committee: Mr. Thomas S. BOYA (Benin),

Fifth Committee: Mr. André Xavier PIRSON (Belgium),

Sixth Committee: Mr. Pracha GUNA-KASEM (Thailand).

S-11/14. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly⁹

At its 1st plenary meeting, on 25 August 1980, the General Assembly decided that the Vice-Presidents of the Assembly at its thirty-fourth session would serve in the same capacity at the eleventh special session.

The representatives of the following twenty-one Member States were therefore elected Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly: BYELORUSSIAN SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC, CHINA, COSTA RICA, CYPRUS, ETHIOPIA, FRANCE, GUYANA, ICELAND, LESOTHO, PAKISTAN, PANAMA, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, SINGAPORE, SOMALIA, TOGO, TURKEY, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, UNITED REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and YEMEN.

B. OTHER DECISIONS

S-11/21. Adoption of the agenda and allocation of agenda items

At its 1st plenary meeting, on 25 August 1980, the General Assembly adopted the agenda of its eleventh special session.¹⁰

At the same meeting, the Assembly decided:

- (a) To consider items 1 to 6 and item 8 directly in plenary meeting;
- (b) To allocate item 7 to the *Ad Hoc* Committee of the Eleventh Special Session, except that the debate on that item would take place in plenary meeting.

S-11/22. Organization of the session

At its 1st plenary meeting, on 25 August 1980, the General Assembly decided that:

- (a) It would establish an *Ad Hoc* Committee of the Eleventh Special Session;
- (b) The *Ad Hoc* Committee would have a Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur, elected on the basis of equitable geographical distribution, experience and personal competence;
- (c) The Chairman of the *Ad Hoc* Committee would be accorded, for the duration of the eleventh special session only, full rights of membership in the General Committee, including the right to vote;
- (d) Plenary meetings would be held twice daily throughout the duration of the special session;
- (e) Provision would be made for the *Ad Hoc* Committee to hold meetings twice daily during the session;
- (f) Provision would also be made for additional plenary meetings and meetings of the *Ad Hoc* Committee or other bodies that the General Assembly might wish to establish during the special session;
- (g) Verbatim records would be provided for plenary meetings and summary records for meetings of the *Ad Hoc* Committee;
- (h) Arabic would be both an official and a working language of the *Ad Hoc* Committee;

¹⁰ A/S-11/15; see sect. I. The agenda comprised the items of the provisional agenda (A/S-11/4) and one supplementary item (A/S-11/11).

(i) The executive heads of the specialized agencies would be invited to participate in the debate in plenary meeting;

(j) The Latin American Economic System would be invited, on an *ad hoc* basis, to participate in the eleventh special session as an observer;

(k) The Secretariat would make arrangements similar to those made at the seventh special session regarding facilities for non-governmental organizations.

S-11/23. International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade

At its 21st plenary meeting, on 15 September 1980, the General Assembly took note with satisfaction of the consensus reached on the text of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,¹¹ to come into effect and be implemented as from 1 January 1981.

S-11/24. Global negotiations relating to international economic co-operation for development

At its 21st plenary meeting, on 15 September 1980, the General Assembly:

(a) Took note of paragraph 18 of the report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee of the Eleventh Special Session;¹²

(b) Decided to transmit to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session all its documents relevant to the global negotiations relating to international economic co-operation for development.

¹¹ A/S-11/AC.1/L.2 and Corr.1 and Add.1-3. Subsequently issued as document A/35/464.

¹² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eleventh Special Session, Annexes, agenda item 7, document A/S-11/25.*

ANNEX

CHECK LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS

This check list includes the resolutions and decisions adopted by the General Assembly during its eleventh special session. All the resolutions and decisions were adopted without a vote.

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