

Mandate Review: ‘Development of Africa’

Recommendations

(Specific recommendations are highlighted in bold for easy reference)

Recommendations for Red Mandates

‘Final review and appraisal of the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990’

Mandate 6188: *‘Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session on the implementation of the New Agenda’* (resolution: ‘46/151).

Recommendation: **This Mandate should be discontinued.** This reporting requirement was fulfilled (A/48/336), and the mandate was subsequently superseded by UN-NADA.

‘United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s’

Mandate 18307: *‘Reaffirms the high priority attached, in the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, to Africa's economic recovery and development, including the effective implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s as integrated in Programme 45’* (resolution: ‘48/214).

Mandate 18321: *‘Invites the Secretary-General to strengthen the capacity and capability of the Secretariat to raise international awareness of the urgent international and African actions needed to overcome the economic crisis in Africa, and to reinforce the capabilities of the Office of the Special Coordinator for Africa and the least developed countries to follow up, monitor and evaluate implementation of the New Agenda and, in the process, provide an effective framework for the Economic and Social Council to consider the implementation of the New Agenda in 1995 as part of its high-level segment, as well as for the General Assembly to conduct a mid-term review of the implementation of the New Agenda in 1996, in accordance with paragraph 43 (b and c) thereof’* (resolution: ‘48/214).

Mandate 18327: *‘Decides also to take full account of the conclusions of those consultations in determining, during its resumed forty-eighth session, the appropriate actions to be taken to strengthen support for the diversification of African economies, including the proposed establishment of new funding arrangements, together with the organization of follow-up activities, such as seminars or expert workshops’* (resolution: ‘48/214).

Mandate 18329: *‘Encourages African countries to establish national diversification councils, as recommended in the report transmitted by the Secretary- General, including representatives from the Government and the private sector’* (resolution: ‘48/214).

Mandate 18310: *'Notes with appreciation the establishment of a panel of high-level personalities to advise and assist the Secretary-General on African development, in particular on the implementation of the New Agenda, and requests that this panel continue to meet regularly under the chairmanship of the Secretary-General and that its recommendations be made available to the Member States'* (resolution: '48/214).

Mandate 18333: *'Reaffirms the recommendations stipulated in paragraphs 23 to 28 of the New Agenda concerning Africa's debt problem, and in that context invites the international community to address Africa's external debt crisis and debt problems of African countries, including continuing to give serious consideration to the proposal for the convening of an international conference on Africans external indebtedness'* (resolution: '48/214).

Mandate 18312: *'Urges all United Nations organs, organizations and programmes to integrate the priorities of the New Agenda in their mandates, to allocate sufficient resources for their operation and to improve further the use of available resources'* (resolution: '48/214).

Mandate 18316: *'Recommends that, as part of capacity-building assistance, interested African countries be assisted in the monitoring of the impact of the work being undertaken in the context of the implementation of the New Agenda and in ensuring the participation of community-based groups, particularly women'* (resolution: '48/214).

Mandate 18317: *'Renews its call upon the international community to pursue vigorously its responsibilities and commitments under the New Agenda in order to provide full and tangible support to the African efforts'* (resolution: '48/214).

Mandate 18318: *'Recognizes the importance and high priority to be given to African regional and sub regional cooperation and integration, and urges the United Nations system and its organizations to allocate sufficient technical and financial support to African regional economic groupings, including the African Economic Community, in order to contribute to their effectiveness in the process of African economic development'* (resolution: '48/214).

Mandate 18319: *'Invites the preparatory bodies of all forthcoming conferences of the United Nations system to take into account the specific needs, requirements and priorities of the African countries, as outlined in the New Agenda'* (resolution: '48/214).

'Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s'

Mandate 4335: *'Calls upon the United Nations system ... to ensure that development assistance activities in Africa are carried out in a more coordinated manner for greater efficiency, impact and tangible results under the leadership of recipient countries'* (resolution: '55/216).

Recommendation: **These Mandates should be discontinued** as they do not reflect current need. They have been superseded by A/RES/57/7, which "Decides to bring the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s to a close" (para. 4). Policy expressed in this Mandate is now implemented through NEPAD.

'Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa'

Mandate 4336: *'Decides to extend the mandate of the Working Group on the Causes of Conflict and the Promotion of Durable Peace and Sustainable Development in Africa until the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly, to enable it to continue to monitor the implementation of all of the recommendations made by the Secretary-General in his report'* (resolution: '55/217).

Mandate 4337: *'Requests the Working Group, in devising the modalities for its work, to consider the need for a comprehensive follow-up to the recommendations of the Secretary-General and the necessity of ensuring efficiency by focusing on selected thematic areas'* (resolution: '55/217).

Recommendation: **These Mandates should be discontinued** as they do not reflect current need. The Working Group to which these two mandates reference no longer exists. Since its inception OSAA monitors the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Causes of Conflict report.

Recommendations for Completed Mandates

'The causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa'

Mandate 8621: *'Requests the President of the General Assembly, in preparation for the discussion at the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly, to establish an open-ended ad hoc working group of the General Assembly to monitor the implementation of the present resolution and, in particular, the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General to the Security Council and the General Assembly on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa; in this regard, the Working Group shall determine its mandate and modalities, taking into account the outcome of the deliberations of the Economic and Social Council on this matter'* (resolution: '53/92).

Mandate 16508: *'Requests the President of the General Assembly to establish the open-ended ad hoc working group to monitor the implementation of the recommendations made by the Secretary-General in his report to the General Assembly and the Security Council on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa, 5 to prepare for discussions at the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly'* (resolution: '54/234).

Mandate 10440: *‘Requests the Secretary-General to provide the ad hoc working group with all necessary assistance to ensure the accomplishment of its mandate Assembly’* (resolution: ‘54/234).

Recommendation: **The General Assembly should recognize that the these Mandates have become inactive.** The Working group to which these Mandates refer to worked on the specific resolution A/53/92. OSAA continues to prepare annual reports on behalf of the SG on the Causes of Conflict report.