

Mandate Review: 'Development of Africa'

Recommendations

(Specific recommendations are highlighted in bold for easy reference)

Recommendations for Red Mandates

'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 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.

Recommendations for Completed 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: **The General Assembly should recognize that this Mandate has become inactive.** This reporting requirement was fulfilled (A/48/336), and the mandate was subsequently superseded by UN-NADAF.

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

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).

Recommendation: **The General Assembly should recognize that these Mandates have become inactive.** The request for the Secretary-General to strengthen the capacity and capability of the Secretariat has been executed through the establishment of OHRLLS and OSAA.

‘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).

‘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: **The General Assembly should recognize that 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.

Recommendations for 'Mandate Registry Errors'

The Co-Chairs have found that there are a number of errors in the Mandate Registry. There were nine Mandates which the implementing entities listed were incorrect. There were also twelve Mandates which could not be analyzed because of faulty data. These can be seen in Annex 1. Removing errors and updating the Mandate Registry would better enable it to serve its purpose of allowing Member States to assess the benefit of proposing a new Mandate with full understanding of existing Mandates on the issue.

Recommendation: **The General Assembly should request the Secretariat to update and correct the Mandate Registry,** and to build on existing monitoring of resolutions by uploading Mandates into the Registry as they are approved. This would provide transparent records which Member States could easily access.

Mandate Registry Errors - Annex 1									
ID	Resolution	Para.	Originating Mandate	Mandate Title	Mandate description	Purpose	Implementing entities	Comments	Error justification
8621	53/92	14		The causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa	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.	Operational	ECA	This Working group 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.	OSAA should be listed as implementing entity
16508	54/234	6	A/RES/53/92	The causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa	6. 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;	Operational	ECA	This Working group 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.	OSAA should be listed as implementing entity
10440	54/234	9	A/RES/53/92	The causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa	Requests the Secretary-General to provide the ad hoc working group with all necessary assistance to ensure the accomplishment of its mandate;	Operational	DM	This Working group 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.	OSAA should be listed as implementing entity
8616	53/92	14		The causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa	Requests the Secretary-General to submit a progress report on the implementation of the recommendations contained in his report to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session;	Reporting	ECA	This mandate is renewed annually; the latest resolution was A/RES/61/230. OSAA is responsible for the preparation of this report. <i>(implementing entity listed in the mandate registry "ECA" is incorrect.)</i>	OSAA should be listed as implementing entity

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10442	54/234	10	A/RES/53/92	The causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa	Also requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session on the implementation of the present resolution.	Reporting	DPA, DESA	This mandate is renewed annually; the latest resolution was A/RES/61/230. OSAA is responsible for the preparation of this report. <i>(implementing entity listed in the mandate registry "DPA;DESA" is incorrect.)</i>	OSAA should be listed as implementing entity
4339	55/217	8	A/RES/53/92	Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa	Requests that, where applicable, benchmarks be developed by the Secretary-General to assess the impact of and measure performance in the implementation of the recommendations contained in his report and that he submit them to the Working Group for its consideration;	Reporting	ECA, UNHCR, UNDP, DGACM, DDA, OHCHR, UNICEF, UNAIDS, DPA, UNFPA, DESA, UNCTAD, DPKO	While this working group no longer exists, OSAA continues to monitor the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Causes of Conflict report.	OSAA should be listed as implementing entity
18321	48/214	10	A/RES/46/151	United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s	10. 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;	Operational	ECA, WFP	This Mandate has 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.	OSAA should be listed as implementing entity
4336	55/217	4	A/RES/53/92	Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa	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	Operational	ECA, UNHCR, UNDP, DGACM, DDA, OHCHR, DM, DPA, UNAIDS, UNICEF, UNFPA, DESA, DPKO	This Working group no longer exists. Since its inception OSAA monitors the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Causes of Conflict report.	OSAA should be listed as implementing entity
4337	55/217	5	A/RES/53/92	Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa	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;	Policy	ECA, OHCHR, DPA, UNAIDS, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNFPA, UNCTAD, UNDP, DGACM, DPKO, DDA	This Working group no longer exists. Since its inception OSAA monitors the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Causes of Conflict report.	OSAA should be listed as implementing entity

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17862	58/235	14	A/RES/53/92	Implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa	Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution, taking into account recent developments related to the cooperation of Africa with the international community on these matters.	Reporting	OSAA	The mandate continues to reflect current need, and implementation is ongoing. Although the specific report (A/59/285) was submitted, this mandate is renewed every year.	Mandate falls out of the scope because originating Mandate is not older than five years. Data must be corrected in the registry.
9925	59/255	12	A/RES/53/92	Implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa	Decides to continue to monitor the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa;	Declaration	ECA, OSAA	The mandate continues to reflect current need, and implementation is ongoing. The latest report was issued in the 62nd session (A/62/204)	Mandate falls out of the scope because originating Mandate is not older than five years. Data must be corrected in the registry.
9927	59/255	13	A/RES/53/92	Implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa	Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session a progress report on the implementation of the present resolution.	Reporting	ECA, OSAA	The mandate continues to reflect current need, and implementation is ongoing. Although the specific report (A/60/182) was submitted, this mandate is renewed every year.	Mandate falls out of the scope because originating Mandate is not older than five years. Data must be corrected in the registry.
14106	58/235	9	A/RES/53/92	Implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa	Notes that conflict prevention and peace consolidation efforts, in particular efforts to eradicate poverty, promote respect for human rights, strengthen rule-of-law institutions, re-establish transparent and accountable public administration, encourage democratic reform and demobilize, disarm and reintegrate ex-combatants should be supported by Member States and the United Nations system through enhanced coordination, coherence and sustained financial and political support	Declaration	OSAA	Mandate reflects current needs and implementation is ongoing. OSAA is responsible for monitoring the implementation of recommendations on the Causes of Conflict and Promotion of Durable Peace and Sustainable Development	Mandate falls out of the scope because originating Mandate is not older than five years. Data must be corrected in the registry.
21793	59/255	10	A/RES/53/92	Implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa	Notes the support offered by the United Nations system in the context of conflict prevention and peace consolidation, and in this regard calls upon Member States, in particular donor countries, as well as other development partners and relevant regional and sub regional organizations as appropriate, to continue to provide financial and technical assistance, in a coordinated and sustained manner, to support activities in Africa, inter alia, to eradicate poverty, promote respect for human rights and strengthen the rule of law and transparent and accountable public administration;	Declaration	OSAA	Mandate reflects current needs and implementation is ongoing. OSAA is responsible for monitoring the implementation of recommendations on the Causes of Conflict and Promotion of Durable Peace and Sustainable Development	Mandate falls out of the scope because originating Mandate is not older than five years. Data must be corrected in the registry.

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21784	58/235	13	A/RES/53/92	Implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa	Encourages the Secretary-General to explore and recommend suitable arrangements and mechanisms through which Member States could more effectively address the multidisciplinary causes of conflict, including their regional dimensions, and strengthen the coordinated and sustained manner in which they could provide financial and technical assistance in preventive action as well as post-conflict peace building;	Policy	OSAA	The mandate reflects current needs and implementation is ongoing. The establishment of the PBC is an example of such mechanism.	Mandate falls out of the scope because originating Mandate is not older than five years. Data must be corrected in the registry.
9923	59/255	11	A/RES/53/92	Implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa	Requests the Secretary-General to explore and recommend suitable arrangements and mechanisms through which Member States could more effectively support Africa's efforts to address the multiple causes of conflict in Africa, including their regional dimensions, and to strengthen, in a coordinated and sustained manner, preventive action as well as post-conflict peace building;	Policy	ECA, OSAA	Mandate reflects current needs and implementation is ongoing. OSAA is responsible for monitoring the implementation of recommendations on the Causes of Conflict and Promotion of Durable Peace and Sustainable Development	Mandate falls out of the scope because originating Mandate is not older than five years. Data must be corrected in the registry.
3035	57/7	19	A/RES/53/92	Final review and appraisal of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s and support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development	19. Calls upon developed countries that have not yet done so to work towards the objective of duty-free and quota-free access for all exports of the least developed countries, as envisaged in the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010;	Declaration	OSAA	This Mandate reflects current needs and implementation is ongoing. OSAA advocates on behalf of NEPAD for duty-free and quota-free access for all exports of the LDCs in Africa	Mandate falls out of the scope because originating Mandate is not older than five years. Data must be corrected in the registry.
17823	57/7	20	A/RES/53/92	Final review and appraisal of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s and support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development	20. Also calls upon developed countries to encourage and facilitate investment by their private sectors in Africa, to help African countries to attract investments and promote policies conducive to attracting investment, to encourage and facilitate the transfer of the technology needed to African countries on favorable terms, including on concessional and preferential terms, as mutually agreed, and to assist in building human and institutional capacities for the implementation of the New Partnership consistent with its priorities and objectives;	Operational	OSAA	This Mandate reflects current needs and implementation is ongoing; OSAA advocates on behalf of NEPAD to encourage and facilitate investment by the private sector in Africa. The Office takes the lead in the preparation of Africa-related reports and inputs on the NEPAD.	Mandate falls out of the scope because originating Mandate is not older than five years. Data must be corrected in the registry.

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17824	57/7	21	A/RES/53/92	Final review and appraisal of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s and support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development	21. Further calls upon developed countries to channel financial, technical and other types of resources towards the priorities of the New Partnership, in particular infrastructural development, health services, education, water and agriculture, in accordance with the priorities determined by each African country, and to explore ways of generating new public and private innovative sources of finance for development purposes, provided that those sources do not unduly burden developing countries, particularly in Africa, and in this regard notes the proposal for the use of special drawing rights allocations for development purposes;	Declaration	OSAA	This Mandate reflects current needs and implementation is ongoing; OSAA advocates on behalf of NEPAD by calling on developed countries to channel financial, technical and other types of resources towards the priorities of the New Partnership for Africa.	Mandate falls out of the scope because originating Mandate is not older than five years. Data must be corrected in the registry.
3036	57/7	22	A/RES/53/92	Final review and appraisal of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s and support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development	22. Recognizes the importance of South-South cooperation and the contribution that it can make to the implementation of the New Partnership, encourages in this regard other partners to support this type of cooperation, including, as appropriate, through triangular cooperation, and considers that South- South cooperation should be viewed not as a substitute for, but rather as a complement to, the support provided by developed countries;	Operational	OSAA	The mandate reflects current need and its implementation is ongoing. OSAA participated at the TICAD Asia-Africa Trade and Investment Conference held in November 2004 in Tokyo as a major follow-up to TICAD III. TICAD IV will happen on 28 May 2008.	Mandate falls out of the scope because originating Mandate is not older than five years. Data must be corrected in the registry.
3037	57/7	23	A/RES/53/92	Final review and appraisal of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s and support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development	23. Calls upon the private sector and civil society outside Africa to participate in and contribute to the implementation of the New Partnership in all its aspects, including through effective partnerships between the public and private sectors;	Policy	OSAA	This Mandate reflects current needs and implementation is ongoing; OSAA advocates on behalf of NEPAD to mobilize the private sector and civil society outside Africa to participate in and contribute to the implementation of NEPAD.	Mandate falls out of the scope because originating Mandate is not older than five years. Data must be corrected in the registry.