

(c) To publish the recommendations, as amended, in a printed form in order to reduce the number of volumes and to ensure legibility;

(d) To circulate the recommendations as soon as possible to Governments of Member States, to the specialized agencies, to the International Atomic Energy Agency and to the other international organizations concerned;

(e) To convene meetings of the Committee of Experts and of its subsidiary bodies in the light of the programme of work;

5. *Invites* Governments of Member States, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the other international organizations concerned to transmit to the Secretary-General such comments as they may wish to make on the amended recommendations and to indicate to what extent they will be applied.

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1975 (LIX). Transport of dangerous goods

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting with satisfaction the further work done by the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods on the establishment of adequate packaging standards for the conveyance of dangerous goods by all modes of transport,

Recognizing the efforts already made by the international organizations to ensure adequate packaging standards for the conveyance of dangerous goods,

Recalling in particular that packaged goods carried by sea and air are normally conveyed by other modes of transport at some stage of their journey and that conflicting requirements hamper trade,

1. *Recommends* that the international organizations concerned should, in drawing up their requirements, take into account the standards recommended by the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, with due regard to the needs of other modes of transport concerned;

2. *Urges* Governments of Member States, in the interests of harmonizing packaging requirements, particularly for Classes 3-9 in the recommendations of the Committee of Experts,⁶⁸ to accept, as providing an adequate physical standard of safety for journeys to and from airports and seaports, packagings which meet the requirements of the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization, the International Civil Aviation Organization or the International Air Transport Association, to the extent that such packagings comply with or exceed the recommendations of the Committee of Experts;

⁶⁸ See *Transport of Dangerous Goods* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.70.VIII.2), vols. I-IV, and *Transport of Dangerous Goods, Supplement 1973, parts I and II* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.73.VIII.2).

3. *Invites* Governments of Member States to take appropriate steps for the application of adequate packaging standards for the carriage of dangerous goods by sea and air, based in principle on the regulations of the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization, the International Civil Aviation Organization or the International Air Transport Association, to the extent that such packagings meet or exceed the recommendations of the Committee of Experts.

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1976 (LIX). Identification of the least developed among the developing countries

The Economic and Social Council,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 2768 (XXVI) of 18 November 1971, in paragraph 4 of which the Assembly approved the list of hard-core least developed countries, and in paragraph 5 of which it requested the Council to instruct the Committee for Development Planning to continue, in close collaboration with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the review of criteria for the identification of the least developed among the developing countries,

Recalling Council resolution 1726 (LIII) of 28 July 1972, in which, *inter alia*, the Committee for Development Planning was requested to undertake an examination of the latest updated statistical information on the relevant economic, social and other variables in respect of the developing countries, with a view to making recommendations to the Council on any modification that might appear necessary in the list of hard-core least developed countries on the basis of the criteria used in drawing up that list,

Noting chapter II of the report of the Committee for Development Planning on its eleventh session,⁶⁹

Recommends that the General Assembly at its thirtieth session should approve the addition of Bangladesh, the Central African Republic, Democratic Yemen and the Gambia to the list of hard-core least developed countries.

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1977 (LIX). Public administration and finance for development

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1567 (L) of 6 May 1971 and General Assembly resolution 2845 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971,

Having reviewed the report of the Secretary-General on the Third Meeting of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance,⁷⁰

⁶⁹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 4 (E/5671).*

⁷⁰ E/5640 and Add 1.