

**1980/154. Report of the Preparatory Committee for the New International Development Strategy**

At its 39th plenary meeting, on 18 July 1980, the Council took note of:

(a) The report of the Preparatory Committee for the New International Development Strategy on its fourth and fifth sessions;<sup>83</sup>

(b) The statement made by the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee.<sup>84</sup>

**1980/155. Membership of the *Ad Hoc* Group of Experts on International Co-operation in Tax Matters**

At its 39th plenary meeting, on 18 July 1980, the Council decided to increase the membership of the *Ad Hoc* Group of Experts on International Co-operation in Tax Matters from twenty to twenty-five.<sup>85</sup>

**1980/156. Meeting on Humanitarian Assistance and Relief to the Kampuchean People**

At its 39th plenary meeting, on 18 July 1980, the Council took note of the statement by the President of the Meeting on Humanitarian Assistance and Relief to the Kampuchean People, contained in the annex to the note by the Secretary-General on that Meeting,<sup>86</sup> and decided to transmit it to all States Members of the United Nations and to submit it to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session.

**1980/157. Calendar of conferences and meetings**

At its 43rd plenary meeting, on 23 July 1980, the Council approved the following changes in the calendar of conferences and meetings for 1980 and 1981:<sup>87</sup>

(a) The Working Group on Development Priorities and Policy Needs of Africa of the Committee for Development Planning will meet at Addis Ababa from 29 September to 3 October 1980;

(b) The Working Group on Development Priorities and Policy Needs of South and East Asia of the Committee for Development Planning will meet at Bangkok from 20 to 24 October 1980;

(c) The twenty-first session of the Statistical Commission will be held at Headquarters from 12 to 21 January 1981 (instead of from 17 to 26 February 1981).

**1980/158. Special economic assistance**

At its 43rd plenary meeting, on 23 July 1980, the Council took note of the oral report made on behalf of

the Secretary-General by the Under-Secretary-General for Special Political Questions and Co-ordinator of Special Economic Assistance Programmes,<sup>88</sup> on:

(a) The situation in Botswana, Cape Verde, the Comoros, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Lesotho, Mozambique, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, Tonga and Zambia;

(b) Assistance for the rehabilitation, reconstruction and development of Dominica, the Dominican Republic, Nicaragua and Uganda;

(c) Assistance to student refugees from Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe.

**1980/159. Transport and Communications Decade in Africa (1978-1988)**

At its 43rd plenary meeting, on 23 July 1980, the Council took note of:

(a) The report of the Secretary-General on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa;<sup>89</sup>

(b) The note by the Secretary-General on the contributions paid or pledged at the United Nations Pledging Conference for the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa.<sup>90</sup>

**1980/160. Assistance to the Palestinian people**

At its 43rd plenary meeting, on 23 July 1980, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people<sup>91</sup> and decided to transmit it to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session.

**1980/161. Review of the economic situation in Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles and Tonga with a view to the inclusion of those countries in the list of the least developed countries**

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 24 July 1980, the Council:

(a) Took note of resolution 8 (III) of 16 February 1980 adopted by the Intergovernmental Group on the Least Developed Countries;<sup>92</sup>

(b) Decided to request the Committee for Development Planning to expedite the review of the economic situation of Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, Tonga and certain newly independent developing countries, with a view to

<sup>88</sup> See E/1980/SR.40.

<sup>89</sup> E/CN.14/761.

<sup>90</sup> A/CONF.99/1; transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbols E/1980/59 and Corr.1.

<sup>91</sup> A/35/227.

<sup>92</sup> See *Official Records of the Trade and Development Board, Eleventh Special Session, Annexes*, agenda item 2, document TD/B/787, annex I.

<sup>83</sup> A/S-11/2 (parts I and II).

<sup>84</sup> See E/1980/SR.39.

<sup>85</sup> See E/1980/83.

<sup>86</sup> A/35/303.

<sup>87</sup> See E/1980/L.41 and Add.1.

their inclusion in the list of the least developed countries, and to make recommendations concerning those countries to the Council at its first regular session of 1981;

(c) Decided further to request the General Assembly, at its thirty-fifth session, to authorize the Council to consider the recommendations of the Committee for Development Planning on the above-mentioned countries at its first regular session of 1981 and to adopt an updated list of the least developed countries on the basis of existing criteria and the most recent data relating to those criteria.

#### **1980/162. International economic and social policy, including regional and sectoral developments**

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 24 July 1980, the Council took note of the following documents:

- (a) *World Economic Survey, 1979-1980*;<sup>93</sup>
- (b) Summary of the economic and social survey of Asia and the Pacific, 1979: recent economic developments, 1978-1979;<sup>94</sup>
- (c) Summary of the survey of economic and social conditions in Africa, 1978-1979;<sup>95</sup>
- (d) Summary of recent economic developments in the region of the Economic Commission for Europe;<sup>96</sup>
- (e) Summary of the survey of economic and social developments in the region of the Economic Commission for Western Asia, 1979;<sup>97</sup>
- (f) "Evolution of the Latin American economy in 1979";<sup>98</sup>
- (g) Report of the Committee for Development Planning on its sixteenth session.<sup>99</sup>

At the same meeting, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Distribution of income in the nation: rural-urban differentials"<sup>100</sup> and decided to transmit that report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session.

#### **1980/163. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees**

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 24 July 1980, the Council decided to transmit, without debate, the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees<sup>101</sup> to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session.

<sup>93</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.II.C.2 and corrigendum.

<sup>94</sup> E/1980/33.

<sup>95</sup> E/1980/56.

<sup>96</sup> E/1980/62.

<sup>97</sup> E/1980/66.

<sup>98</sup> E/1980/71.

<sup>99</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1980, Supplement No. 2* (E/1980/3).

<sup>100</sup> A/35/231.

<sup>101</sup> E/1980/79 and Corr.1; for the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 12* (A/35/12).

#### **1980/164. Annual report of the Economic Commission for Europe**

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 24 July 1980, the Council took note of the report of the Economic Commission for Europe for the period 28 April 1979 to 26 April 1980,<sup>102</sup> of the views expressed during the discussions in the Commission, of the resolution and other decisions adopted by the Commission at its thirty-fifth session, contained in chapters III and IV of that report, and of the Commission's programme of work.

#### **1980/165. Annual report of the Economic Commission for Africa**

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 24 July 1980, the Council:

(a) Took note of the report of the Economic Commission for Africa for the period 29 March 1979 to 12 April 1980,<sup>103</sup> and of the recommendations and resolutions contained therein;

(b) Decided to amend paragraph 18 of the terms of reference of the Commission<sup>104</sup> by deleting the second sentence of that paragraph, which should accordingly read as follows:

"The Commission shall submit to the Economic and Social Council once a year a full report on its activities and plans, including those of any subsidiary bodies."

#### **1980/166. Report of the Economic Commission for Western Asia**

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 24 July 1980, the Council:

(a) Took note of the report of the Economic Commission for Western Asia on its seventh session,<sup>105</sup> and of the recommendations and resolutions contained in chapters I and IV thereof;

(b) Decided to endorse the Commission's revised programme of work and priorities for 1980-1981.<sup>106</sup>

#### **1980/167. Annual report of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific**

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 24 July 1980, the Council took note of the report of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific for the period 17 March 1979 to 29 March 1980,<sup>107</sup> of the resolutions

<sup>102</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1980, Supplement No. 8* (E/1980/28).

<sup>103</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 7 (E/1980/27).

<sup>104</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 11* (E/5783), annex III.

<sup>105</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1980, Supplement No. 9* (E/1980/29 and Corr.1).

<sup>106</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 92.

<sup>107</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1980, Supplement No. 6* (E/1980/26).