more than two years after its adoption and nearly at the end of the programme period;

2. Expresses its gratitude to those Governments which have provided assistance for the preparation of the forthcoming United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

3. Expresses its appreciation to the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and other United Nations bodies for their efforts in the preparation of the Conference;

4. Takes note of the statements made during the Council's second regular session of 1981 on the forthcoming Conference;

5. Notes with appreciation that the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity decided, inter alia, in resolution 887 (XXXVII), to call upon the current Chairman of the Organization of African Unity to address the Conference on behalf of that Organization;

6. Urges all donor Governments and States Members of the United Nations to attend the Conference at the highest possible political level and to make firm commitments to support and implement the measures agreed to at the Conference, in order to launch effectively, immediately after the Conference, the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the least developed countries, to be finalized and adopted at the Conference;

7. Appeals to all donor Governments, States Members of the United Nations and appropriate United Nations organizations and programmes to provide substantial financial and material assistance to the least developed countries to support their domestic efforts aimed at promoting rapid and self-sustained socio-economic development, in particular during the 1980s.

1981/47. Review of the economic situation in Togo with a view to the inclusion of that country in the list of the least developed countries

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 2768 (XXVI) of 18 November 1971, 3487 (XXX) of 12 December 1975, and 32/92 and 32/99 of 13 December 1977, establishing the current list of the least developed countries,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 34/121, 34/123, 34/124, 34/126, 34/131 and 34/132 of 14 December 1979,

Recalling also General Assembly resolutions 34/203 and 34/210 of 19 December 1979 and 35/205 of 16 December 1980 concerning the convening of a United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries,

Having examined the letter of 6 July 1981 addressed to the President of the Economic and Social Council by the Permanent Representative of Togo to the United Nations Office and the specialized agencies at Geneva concerning the serious economic situation of his country,

Requests the Committee for Development Planning to examine the economic situation of Togo, with a view to including that country in the List of the least developed countries on the basis of existing criteria and the most recent data relating to those criteria and that country, and to make a recommendation concerning Togo for consideration by the Council as early as possible.

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1981/48. Assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Kenya

The Economic and Social Council

Recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution at its thirty-sixth session:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions 35/90 on assistance to the drought-stricken areas in Djibouti, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda, and 35/91 on assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia of 5 December 1980,

"Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/43 of 23 July 1980 on international efforts to meet humanitarian needs in emergency situations,

"Requests the Secretary-General to send, as a matter of urgency, after consultation with the Government of Kenya and under the terms of General Assembly resolution 35/90, a multi-agency mission to Kenya which would, inter alia, survey the drought-stricken areas of the country and assess the short-term, medium-term and long-term needs of the Government in the current situation, and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1982, on the results of the mission and on the progress achieved in the implementation of the present resolution."

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1981/49. International assistance for the rehabilitation, reconstruction and development of Dominica

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 34/19 of 9 November 1979 and 35/102 of 5 December 1980, in which the Assembly expressed deep concern at the magnitude of the damage caused in Dominica by hurricanes "David" and "Frederic" in 1979 and hurricane "Allen" in 1980, and urged the Governments of Member States and international organizations to continue to provide, with the utmost urgency, assistance for the rehabilitation, reconstruction and development of Dominica, as called for in resolution 418 (PLEN.13) adopted on 19 October 1979 by the Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America,

5 E/1981/94.
6 See E/CEPAL/PLEN.13/G.6, para. 57.