

DECISIONS

ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION FOR 1986

1986/101. Waiver of rule 2 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council

At its 4th plenary meeting, on 7 February 1986, the Economic and Social Council decided:

(a) To waive, on an exceptional basis, rule 2 of its rules of procedure⁷³ in order to reschedule its first regular session of 1986 from 29 April to 23 May instead of from 6 to 30 May 1986;

(b) To reschedule the session of the Sessional Working Group of Governmental Experts on the Implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights from 14 April to 2 May instead of from 21 April to 3 May 1986.

1986/102. Venue of the meetings of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

At its 4th plenary meeting, on 7 February 1986, the Economic and Social Council, having reconsidered its resolution 1985/17 of 28 May 1985 in pursuance of section VII of General Assembly resolution 40/252 of 18 December 1985, decided that sessions of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights should be held at Geneva, in accordance with the principle laid down in paragraph 4 of section I of Assembly resolution 31/140 of 17 December 1976.

1986/103. Inclusion of Mauritania in the list of the least developed countries

At its 4th plenary meeting, on 7 February 1986, the Economic and Social Council, recalling General Assembly resolution 40/219 of 17 December 1985, requested the Committee for Development Planning to examine, on a priority basis, the socio-economic situation of Mauritania and to consider including that country in the list of the least developed countries.

1986/104. Improvement of secretariat servicing and substantive support services for the Committee on Natural Resources

At its 4th plenary meeting, on 7 February 1986, the Economic and Social Council:

(a) Welcomed the oral report made on 4 February 1986 by the representative of the Secretary-General,⁷⁴ in pursuance of Council resolution 1985/55 of 25 July 1985, on the measures taken for improving the secretariat servicing and substantive support services for the Committee on Natural Resources;

(b) Requested the Secretary-General, in addition to those measures, to ensure, through the Office of the

Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation and the Office of Secretariat Services for Economic and Social Matters, full administrative and substantive input and co-ordination for the Committee, in time for its tenth session, to be held in 1987;

(c) Also requested the Secretary-General to report to the Council at its second regular session of 1986 on action taken in this regard.

1986/105. Scheduling of the sessions of the Trade and Development Board

At its 4th plenary meeting, on 7 February 1986, the Economic and Social Council welcomed the decision of the Trade and Development Board to establish an informal working group to consider all aspects of the scheduling of the regular sessions of the Board in pursuance of Council decisions 1984/161 of 25 July 1984 and 1985/106 of 8 February 1985,⁷⁵ and requested the Board to transmit its recommendations on this question to the Council at its first regular session of 1986.

1986/106. Inclusion of Portuguese among the official and/or working languages of the Economic Commission for Africa

At its 4th plenary meeting, on 7 February 1986, the Economic and Social Council, recalling its resolution 1985/68 of 26 July 1985, decided, pursuant to section VIII of General Assembly resolution 40/252 of 18 December 1985, to refer to the Economic Commission for Africa, for clarification, the question of the meaning of the expression "official working language" and requested the Commission to report thereon to the Council at its second regular session of 1986.

1986/107. Work of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control

At its 4th plenary meeting, on 7 February 1986, the Economic and Social Council decided to refer to the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control General Assembly resolutions 40/35 of 29 November 1985 on the development of standards for the prevention of juvenile delinquency and 40/36 of 29 November 1985 on domestic violence, and resolution 20 entitled "Research on youth, crime and juvenile justice" and resolution 21 entitled "Development of standard minimum rules for the protection of juveniles deprived of their liberty", adopted by the Seventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, held at Milan, Italy, from 26 August to 6 September 1985.⁷⁶

⁷⁵See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/40/15)*, vol. I, part one, sect. II.B.

⁷⁶See *Seventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, Milan, 26 August-6 September 1985: report prepared by the Secretariat* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.86.IV.1), chap. I, sect. E.

⁷³E/5715/Rev.1.

⁷⁴See E/1986/SR.2.