

Unity at its thirty-third ordinary session, held at Monrovia from 6 to 20 July 1979,<sup>76</sup>

*Aware* of the need to implement fully, during the Decade, national, subregional and regional projects aimed at establishing an integrated transport and communications network in Africa to support the accelerated development of the continent,

*Noting with appreciation* the considerable financial efforts made by the Governments of African States to enable a considerable part of the programme for the first phase (1980-1983) of the Decade to be financed and implemented,

*Considering* that sustained efforts must be exerted to mobilize additional resources in order to ensure the implementation of the programme for the Decade,

*Recalling* the decision by which the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning, at its second session, held at Addis Ababa from 16 to 18 March 1981, authorized the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to organize four consultative technical meetings between member States, interested African intergovernmental organizations and donors,<sup>77</sup>

*Aware* of the role played by the Economic Commission for Africa as the lead agency in the implementation of the programme for the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,

*Bearing in mind* resolution 422 (XVI) adopted on 10 April 1981 by the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa at its seventh meeting,<sup>78</sup> in which the Conference, *inter alia*, requested the Executive Secretary of the Commission, in collaboration with the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity, to embark as early as possible on the preparation of the plan of action for the second phase (1984-1988) of the Decade,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Secretary-General on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa;<sup>79</sup>

2. *Takes note* of the results of the consultative technical meeting on transport and communications for West Africa, which was held at Lomé from 8 to 11 June 1981, and of the report on the organization of three other meetings scheduled to be held in 1982;<sup>80</sup>

3. *Notes with satisfaction* the contribution made by some countries to the implementation of the programme for the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa;

4. *Expresses its disappointment*, however, at the overall level of resources mobilized so far, which is far below the level required to finance the subregional programme, and appeals to donor countries, the funding agencies and the various financial institutions to increase their financial support to the regional and subregional projects for the Decade;

5. *Also notes with satisfaction* the measures taken by the Economic Commission for Africa with respect to the organization and scheduling of the three other consultative technical meetings, to be held at Ouagadougou from 20 to 23 January 1982, at Yaoundé from 15 to 18 March 1982 and at Abidjan from 3 to 5 May 1982;

6. *Reiterates* its appeal to States members of the Economic Commission for Africa to give the highest priority in their development plans to transport and communications projects;

7. *Appeals* to donor countries and funding agencies to participate constructively and in large numbers in the three consultative technical meetings to be held in 1982 and to consider, together with the Economic Commission for Africa, possible ways of financing those projects for the Decade that are not national in character;

8. *Urges* the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to maintain close co-operation with member States, the Organization of African Unity, regional African development organizations, development agencies and interested specialized agencies with a view to the updating, on a regular basis, of the programme for the first phase of the Decade and in order to relate better the projects to national and subregional plans;

9. *Calls upon* States members of the Economic Commission for Africa to step up their efforts in connection with the study of the possible sources of finance for the implementation of the projects adopted for the Decade;

10. *Requests* the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to maintain the necessary co-ordination between the sources of finance and the African countries to assure the success of the implementation of the programme for the first phase of the Decade;

11. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to organize in 1982, with groups of donor countries and the financing institutions and with the participation of Governments, United Nations institutions and African intergovernmental organizations, the three consultative technical meetings scheduled with a view to finding additional financial resources for the implementation of the projects for the Decade;

12. *Further requests* the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to begin as soon as possible, in collaboration with the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity, the preparation of the plan of action for the second phase of the Decade;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the Economic Commission for Africa with the financial means and resources necessary to enable it to organize the three consultative technical meetings scheduled to be held in 1982, *inter alia*, by using extrabudgetary funds and existing resources to the maximum extent possible, to complete the preparation of the plan of action for the second phase of the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa and to fulfil effectively its role as the lead agency for the Decade, and to submit to the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1982, a progress report on the implementation of the programme for the Decade;

14. *Requests* the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to continue to submit progress reports on the implementation of the programme for the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session a report on the progress achieved in the implementation of the present resolution.

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### 36/178. Multinational Programming and Operational Centres

*The General Assembly.*

*Recalling* its resolutions 32/197 of 20 December 1977 and 33/202 of 29 January 1979 on restructuring the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system so as to make it more fully capable of dealing with problems

<sup>76</sup> See A/34/552, annex I.

<sup>77</sup> See E/CN.14/812/Rev.1.

<sup>78</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement No. 14 (E/1981/54)*, chap. IV.

<sup>79</sup> A/36/342.

<sup>80</sup> *Ibid.*, sect. V.

of international economic co-operation and development in a comprehensive and effective manner,

*Recalling*, in particular, section IV of the annex to resolution 32/197 on structures for regional and interregional co-operation, through which the General Assembly designated the regional commissions, *inter alia*, as the main general economic and social development centres within the United Nations system for their respective regions,

*Recalling also* its resolution 35/64 of 5 December 1980 on special measures for the social and economic development of Africa in the 1980s,

*Recalling further* the Final Act of Lagos,<sup>81</sup> adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its second extraordinary session, devoted to economic matters, held at Lagos on 28 and 29 April 1980, which called, *inter alia*, for the establishment of a subregional common market by 1990 as the first step towards the establishment of an African economic community by the year 2000,

*Taking note* of resolution 311 (XIII) adopted on 1 March 1977 by the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa,<sup>82</sup> by which the Conference decided to establish a certain number of Multinational Programming and Operational Centres at the subregional level,

*Bearing in mind* that the Multinational Programming and Operational Centres have become an integral part of the Economic Commission for Africa, through which the Commission effectively carries out its terms of reference not only with regard to studies, research, the organization of meetings and consultations but also with regard to its operational activities as an executing agency,

*Emphasizing* the importance of the activities of the Multinational Programming and Operational Centres for the African countries and the need for substantial and adequate financial and human resources to sustain those activities,

1. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General urgently to seek to provide extrabudgetary resources to enable all the Multinational Programming and Operational Centres to carry out in 1982, at the subregional level, their work programme in the field of general programming, research, studies and the organization of meetings;

2. *Welcomes* the financial support which the United Nations Development Programme has extended to the Multinational Programming and Operational Centres since their inception and urges the Administrator of the Programme to continue with this essential support to the operational activities of the Centres during the third programming cycle, 1982-1986, of the Programme;

3. *Calls upon* other organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, as well as intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, to render their fullest support to the activities of the Multinational Programming and Operational Centres;

4. *Invites* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa, to submit to the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1982, a report on the financing of the Multinational Programming and Operational Centres on an established basis;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

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<sup>81</sup> A/S-11/14, annex II.

<sup>82</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council. Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 7, vol. I (E/5941), part III.*

### **36/179. Interrelationships between resources, environment, people and development**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation on interrelationships between resources, environment, people and development,<sup>83</sup>

*Conscious* of the interrelationships between resources, environment, people and development, as noted in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,<sup>84</sup>

*Recognizing* that the application of existing knowledge concerning those interrelationships could lead to a more efficient use of available resources in the United Nations system,

*Recalling* its resolution 35/74 of 5 December 1980, in paragraph 5 of which it requested the Secretary-General to take the requisite steps for implementation of a system-wide programme of work on the interrelationships between resources, environment, people and development,

*Recalling* Economic and Social Council resolutions 1981/51 of 22 July 1981 and 1981/73 of 24 July 1981,

*Aware* that the formulation and implementation, at the national level, of policies and strategies in the fields of resources, environment, people and development fall within the prerogative of Governments,

1. *Requests* the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation:

(a) To initiate implementation of a co-ordinated multidisciplinary programme of work on interrelationships between resources, environment, people and development, as outlined in his report,<sup>85</sup> and within this framework the recommendations on this subject of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme<sup>85</sup> and of the Economic and Social Council;<sup>86</sup>

(b) Urgently to consult Governments on the elements contained in his report, as he proceeds in the implementation of the above-mentioned programme of work;

2. *Supports* the arrangements proposed by the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation for interagency consultations and programme support in the implementation of the programme of work, as well as the establishment of a small advisory body, to be financed through the trust fund which has been established for financing activities concerning interrelationships between resources, environment, people and development, to assist him in the over-all guidance of the programme of work and to oversee the operation of the trust fund;

3. *Appeals* to Governments to contribute to the trust fund;

4. *Decides* to review at its thirty-eighth session the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

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### **36/180. Special measures for the social and economic development of Africa in the 1980s**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration and the Programme

<sup>83</sup> A/36/571, annex.

<sup>84</sup> Resolution 35/56, annex, para. 41.

<sup>85</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/36/25 and Corr. 1), annex I, decision 9/1, sect. II.*

<sup>86</sup> See Economic and Social Council resolution 1981/73 of 24 July 1981.