

**39/230. Transport and Communications Decade in Africa<sup>200</sup>**

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolution 38/150 of 19 December 1983 on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa, by which it approved the organization of technical consultative meetings and studies on the harmonization and co-ordination of the various modes of transport and communications,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1984/68 of 27 July 1984,

Considering the priority attached to transport and communications in the Lagos Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Monrovia Strategy for the Economic Development of Africa<sup>201</sup> and the Final Act of Lagos,<sup>202</sup> and the endorsement of the programme for the second phase (1984-1988) of the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa by the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa in its resolution 487 (XIX) of 26 May 1984,<sup>203</sup>

Noting the approval of the programme for the second phase of the Decade by the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning at its fourth session, held at Conakry from 7 to 11 February 1984,<sup>204</sup> and the efforts made by the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa in the preparation of the plan,

Bearing in mind that the programme for the Decade requires regular adjustment throughout the Decade,

Taking note of the note by the Secretary-General<sup>205</sup> transmitting the progress report of the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa on the implementation of the programme for the first phase (1980-1983) of the Decade and the approved programme for the second phase (1984-1988),

1. Reaffirms its resolution 38/150 on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa and calls for its immediate and effective implementation;

2. Endorses the programme for the second phase of the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa approved by the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa in its resolution 487 (XIX);

3. Notes the financial support provided by the Secretary-General and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to the Economic Commission for Africa for the preparation of the programme for the second phase of the Decade and for the continued operations of the Decade Co-ordination Unit;

4. Invites all Governments, particularly those of the developed countries, and international financial institutions to increase substantially their financial support for the programme for the second phase of the Decade and to accord particular attention to the financing and implementation of transport and communications projects of the land-locked countries, to participate fully and positively in the scheduled technical consultative meetings and to provide financial and technical resources on liberal terms to African countries for the implementation of the programme for the second phase of the Decade;

5. Appeals to the international community and international financial institutions to provide the Economic

Commission for Africa with experts for short terms who would carry out specialized activities in the programme for the Decade, including the preparation of project documents;

6. Appeals also to the United Nations Development Programme to continue to provide the Economic Commission for Africa with funds during the next programming cycle;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to provide the Economic Commission for Africa with adequate financial resources from the regular budget of the United Nations to enable it:

(a) To fully implement the activities previously mandated in paragraph 9 of General Assembly resolution 38/150;

(b) To ensure the preparation of relevant financial and technical documents of selected projects for the programme for the second phase of the Decade;

(c) To ensure prompt follow-up on interest expressed by Governments and international financial institutions, during technical consultative meetings, in financing Decade projects;

8. Further requests the Secretary-General to ensure the implementation of the present resolution and to submit to the General Assembly at its fortieth session a report on the progress achieved in the implementation of the Decade programme.

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**39/231. Conversion of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization into a specialized agency**

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolutions 37/213 of 20 December 1982 and 38/193 of 20 December 1983,

Bearing in mind that the Constitution of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization<sup>206</sup> has been ratified, accepted or approved by more than the minimum number of States whose agreement is required for its entry in force,

1. Takes note with interest of the consensus reached at the consultations on the conversion of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization into a specialized agency that were held at Vienna prior to and in April and May 1984;

2. Endorses the contents of the report of the Secretary-General on the conversion of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization into a specialized agency<sup>207</sup> and calls upon all countries to abide by the outcome of the consultations as set out in that report;

3. Expresses its confidence that the new organization will honour the contents of the report of the Secretary-General;

4. Calls upon those States that have not yet done so to ratify the Constitution of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization without further delay;

5. Decides that adequate resources should be provided in the regular budget of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization for the biennium 1984-1985

<sup>200</sup> See also sect. X.B.4, decision 39/445, paras. (b) and (c).

<sup>201</sup> A/S-11/14, annex I.

<sup>202</sup> *Ibid.*, annex II.

<sup>203</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1984, Supplement No. 11 (E/1984/21)*, chap. IV.

<sup>204</sup> See the report of the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning on the work of its fourth session (E/ECA/CM.10/22).

<sup>205</sup> A/39/271-E/1984/98.

<sup>206</sup> A/CONF.90/19.

<sup>207</sup> A/39/376.