

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fortieth session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

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39/225. World Conference on Fisheries Management and Development

The General Assembly,

Recognizing that the recent developments in the law of the sea have created new opportunities and responsibilities for States and that national and international objectives and policies for fisheries management and development are being re-examined and adjusted,

Recognizing also the relevant provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea,¹⁹⁰

Bearing in mind the importance of the need to promote improvements in the production and distribution of all food and agricultural products, including those from fisheries, and to raise levels of nutrition and standards of living,

Noting with appreciation the convening of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations World Conference on Fisheries Management and Development at Rome from 27 June to 6 July 1984, with a view to promoting the optimum utilization of world fishery resources from the economic, social and nutritional points of view, increasing the contribution of fisheries to national self-reliance in food production and towards food security, enhancing the capacity of developing countries in the management and development of fisheries and fostering international co-operation in fisheries between developed and developing countries and among developing countries themselves,

1. *Endorses* the Strategy for Fisheries Management and Development and the associated programmes of action adopted by the World Conference on Fisheries Management and Development;¹⁹¹

2. *Invites* States and international organizations concerned to take into account the principles and guidelines contained in the Strategy when planning the management and development of fisheries;

3. *Urges* all bilateral and multilateral donor agencies and financing institutions to provide the support required for the effective implementation of the programmes of action;

4. *Invites* the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, in collaboration with the organs, organizations and bodies concerned within the United Nations system, to continue to play its important role in assisting States in their efforts towards the improved management and development of fishery resources.

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¹⁹⁰ See *Official Records of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea*, vol. XVII (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.84.V.3), document A/CONF.62/122.

¹⁹¹ See Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, *Report of the FAO World Conference on Fisheries Management and Development, Rome, 27 June-6 July 1984* (Rome, 1984), pp. 12-30 and 36-52; transmitted to the members of the General Assembly by a note by the Secretariat (A/C.2/39/6).

39/226. Confidence-building in international economic relations

The General Assembly,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General¹⁹² prepared in response to its resolution 38/196 of 20 December 1983 on confidence-building in international economic relations,

Recalling that the spirit of mutual confidence made possible the founding of the United Nations nearly forty years ago,

Convinced that the state of, and trends prevailing in, the world economy, as well as the deteriorating international climate, call for new efforts aimed at enhancing confidence in international economic relations,

Convinced also that there can be no sustained global development unless there is an improvement in the economic situation of the developing countries, which depends, *inter alia*, on structural adjustments in the international financial and trading system and on the reinforcement of confidence among all States in their economic relations,

Reiterating its concern over the impact of political tensions on international economic co-operation and over the increasing departure from the multilateral platform of economic exchanges and negotiations on key development issues,

1. *Invites* all States and the United Nations bodies and organizations concerned to continue the exchange of views on confidence-building in international economic relations and on ways and means of enhancing such confidence;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his consultations with Governments and the United Nations bodies and organizations concerned on the scope of possible confidence-building measures in international economic relations and on the role of the United Nations in that endeavour, and to present his analysis and conclusions thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-first session, through the Economic and Social Council.

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39/227. Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific

The General Assembly,

Recalling the relevant paragraphs of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, annexed to General Assembly resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolutions 1983/69 of 29 July 1983 and 1984/78 of 27 July 1984,

Taking note of resolution 236 (XL) of 27 April 1984 of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,¹⁹³ concerning a transport and communications decade for Asia and the Pacific during the period 1985-1994,

Recalling the section of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries relevant to the improvement of transport and communications infrastructure,¹⁹⁴

¹⁹² A/39/312-E/1984/106 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and 2.

¹⁹³ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1984, Supplement No. 14 (E/1984/24)*, chap. IV.

¹⁹⁴ See *Report of the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Paris, 1-14 September 1981* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.82.1.8), part one, sect. A.

Convinced of the critical role of transport and communications in economic development and the importance, therefore, of the improvement and growth of transport and communications infrastructure and services in a manner commensurate with the anticipated growth of all sectors of the economy generating the demand for transport and communications.

1. *Endorses* the recommendation made in paragraph 2 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1984/78 and proclaims a Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific during the period 1985-1994, with a view to:

(a) Raising the transport and communications infrastructural facilities of States members of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific which are developing countries to a level commensurate with their development objectives and priorities, giving particular attention to the special needs of the least developed, landlocked and island developing countries of the region;

(b) Identifying systematically and in a comprehensive manner the problems of transport and communications in the region and working out feasible solutions;

(c) Promoting a more effective and efficient transport and communications network comprising all modes and means in an integrated way, in particular for development of intraregional and interregional transport and communications linkages, as well as in the fields of maintenance and co-ordination of networks, tariff setting and physical planning;

(d) Encouraging effective co-ordination and co-operation in the field of transport and communications in the region;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to extend all necessary facilities and support to the Executive Secretaries of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and the Economic Commission for Western Asia in their development of the regional action programme for the Decade in a practical and integrated manner and to mobilize the necessary international support for the successful implementation of the programmes for the Decade, bearing in mind the contents of the seventh preambular paragraph of resolution 236 (XL) of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific;

3. *Urges* all relevant international organizations, particularly the United Nations Development Programme, to contribute to and provide assistance for the effective implementation of the regional action programme for the Decade;

4. *Invites* all Governments, in particular those of the developed countries, to contribute to and participate effectively in the implementation of the regional action programme for achieving the objectives of the Decade;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1986, and every two years thereafter until the end of the Decade.

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¹⁹⁵ Report of the International Conference on Population, 1984, Mexico City, 6-14 August 1984 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.84.XIII.8 and corrigenda), chap. I, sect. B.

39/228. International Conference on Population

The General Assembly,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1981/87 of 25 November 1981 on the convening of an international conference on population in 1984.

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/7 of 30 April 1982, 1982/42 of 27 July 1982 and 1983/6 of 26 May 1983,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 38/148 of 19 December 1983,

1. *Endorses* the report of the International Conference on Population, containing the recommendations for the further implementation of the World Population Plan of Action;¹⁹⁵

2. *Welcomes and strongly supports* the Mexico City Declaration on Population and Development,¹⁹⁶ adopted by the Conference on 14 August 1984;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Government and people of Mexico for their generous hospitality, co-operation and support;

4. *Commends* the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the Conference for the successful organization of the Conference;

5. *Affirms* that the principal aim of social, economic and human development, of which population goals and policies are integral parts, is to improve the standards of living and quality of life of the people;

6. *Also affirms* that population growth, high mortality and morbidity and migration problems continue to be causes of great concern requiring immediate action;

7. *Emphasizes* the need, in implementing the recommendations of the Conference, to respect national sovereignty, to combat all forms of racial discrimination, including *apartheid*, and to promote social and economic development, human rights and individual freedom;

8. *Reaffirms* the importance attached by the Conference to the formulation and implementation of concrete policies which will enhance the status and role of women in the area of population policies and programmes, and the need to pay attention to specific problems of population structures;

9. *Invites* Governments to consider the recommendations for action at the national level and to implement appropriate population policies and programmes, in the context of their national plans, needs and requirements;

10. *Emphasizes* that international co-operation in the field of population is essential for the implementation of recommendations adopted at the Conference and, in that context, calls upon the international community to provide adequate and substantial international support and assistance for population activities, particularly through the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, in order to ensure more effective delivery of population assistance in the light of growing needs and the increasing efforts being made by developing countries;

11. *Invites* the Population Commission, at its twenty-third session, to review, within its area of competence, the recommendations of the Conference and their implications for the activities of the United Nations system, and to transmit its views to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1985;

12. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to examine, at its first regular session of 1985, the recommen-

¹⁹⁶ *Ibid.*, sect. A.