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RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM

A. Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific^{1/}

220(XXXVIII) Annex Statute of the regional co-ordination centre for research and development of coarse grains, pulses, roots and tuber crops in the humid tropics of Asia and the Pacific

Technical Advisory Committee

"22. The Centre shall have a Technical Advisory Committee (hereinafter referred to as "TAC"), consisting of eminent scientists and experts directly connected with technical aspects, representing various fields of agricultural research. The maximum number of members of TAC shall be 12. The members of TAC shall be appointed by the Director of the Centre in consultation with the Executive Secretary of ESCAP. Representatives of ESCAP, UNDP and FAO shall be ex officio members of TAC. Representatives of other national and international research institutes and agencies concerned shall be invited to participate, as necessary."

222(XXXVIII) Annex Terms of reference of the legislative committees of the Commission

Committee on development planning

Committee on industry, technology, human settlements and the environment

Committee on natural resources

Committee on population

226(XXXVIII) Food supply and distribution in Asia and the Pacific: medium-term outlook and regional co-operation

"3. Requests the Executive Secretary to seek the co-operation of relevant international organizations and agencies, including the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Development Programme, the World Food Council, the World Food Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Bank, the International Fund for Agricultural Development and the Asian Development Bank, in the preparation of the above-mentioned studies with a view to ensuring a well-co-ordinated approach to food security in the region;"

B. Economic Commission for Latin America^{2/}

450 (PLEN.16) Support for the Economic Emergency in Bolivia

"1. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to invite all the specialized agencies of the United Nations system to allocate all possible resources to Bolivia and to expand their programme for Bolivia to the extent necessary in their respective fields of competence and in close collaboration with the Government of that country;"

13(VII) Functioning of the CDCC Secretariat^{3/}

"2. Requests the Government of CDCC Member States to assist in securing fulfilment of the expressed wishes of the CDCC through appropriate follow-up action by Caribbean representatives in the central organs of the United Nations;"

C. Economic Commission for Africa^{4/}

430(XVII) African Household Survey Capability Programme

"3. Urges the African representatives on the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to stress at the next Council meeting the importance that African countries attach to the National Household Survey Capability Programme and the need for the United Nations Development Programme, in co-operation with the World Bank and in consultation with multilateral and bilateral agencies, to mobilize resources for the implementation of country projects under this programme;

"4. Requests the Executive Secretary to seek the necessary resources from the United Nations Development Programme and other multilateral and bilateral donor agencies for the continuation of the regional component of the programme beyond 1982."

433(XVII) African Institute for Economic Development and Planning

"4. Urges the United Nations Development Programme to continue its financial support to the Institute at least at the present level of \$US 1.3 million per annum;"

434(XVII) African Institute for Future Studies

"4. Appeals further to the United Nations Development Programme to contribute substantially to the Endowment Fund;

"5. Requests the Executive Secretary of the Commission to:

(a) Continue to collaborate with the Organization of African Unity, the United Nations Development Programme and other appropriate African regional institutions in taking the necessary measures for the early establishment and operation of the Institute;"

435(XVII) United Nations Transport and Communications Decade in Africa

"2. Expresses its appreciation:

(c) To the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme for making available to the Commission financial resources under the Programme's third programming cycle for financing the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa;"

437(XVII) International Convention on Multimodal Transport of Goods

"1. Requests the United Nations Development Programme to provide the requisite financial resources from the unprogrammed portion of the regional indicative planning figures during its third programming cycle, 1982-1986, for the organization of the joint project on seminars on multimodal transport operations in Africa of the Organization of African Unity, the Economic Commission for Africa and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;"

438(XVII) Pan-African Documentation and Information System

"10. Further requests the specialized agencies of the United Nations system, international organizations and all other agencies to make available to the Pan-African Documentation and Information System all information in their possession which may be useful for the social, economic and technological development of Africa;

"11. Expresses its appreciation to the United Nations Development Programme, the International Development Research Centre and the African Development Bank for their financial contributions and calls for their continued support;"

441(XVII) Development of Intra-African Trade

"4. Requests the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to earmark from the existing indicative planning figures resources for the newly established Preferential Trade Area for Eastern and Southern African States to promote intercountry trade within the Preferential Trade Area;"

"7. Notes with satisfaction the results achieved by the project on the development of intra-African trade and monetary and financial co-operation during the period 1979-1981 and expresses its gratitude to the United Nations Development Programme for having provided the Commission with financial resources for the implementation of this project;

"8. Further takes note with satisfaction of the positive recommendation made by the evaluation team composed of representatives of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the Commission and the United Nations Development Programme for the continuation of this project, and urgently appeals to the United Nations Development Programme to continue to provide financial assistance at the current or at an increased level for the duration of the Programme's programming cycle 1982-1986."

442(XVII) Formulation and Implementation of a Programme for the Industrial Development Decade for Africa

"11. Urges the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to increase, in accordance with the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly and the Organization of African Unity on the Decade, the amount of funds allocated to the industrial sector in its national and regional programme for Africa with a view to expanding the scope and volume of its assistance in the programming and implementation of the Decade programme at the national, subregional and regional levels;"

447(XVII) Women and development: Action to the end of the Decade

"6. Urges the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to intensify his efforts to provide the North African subregional programme with resources similar to those made available to the other four subregional programmes for women;"

450(XVII) Financing of the Commission's Multinational Programming and Operational Centres on an established basis

"4. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to provide continuous support to the Centres during the Programme's 1982-1986 programming cycle by financing operational activities which are from time to time identified and approved by the Centres' legislative organs;

"5. Invites the African members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to take necessary positive steps during the June 1982 session of the Council and at subsequent sessions to ensure the implementation of paragraph 4 above;"

452(XVII) The United Nations Development Programme's Regional Programme for Africa for the period 1982-1986

"1. Endorses the document on the United Nations Development Programme's Regional Programme for Africa for the period 1982-1986;

"2. Expresses its gratitude to the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme for the Programme's continuing financial support to regional co-operation activities in Africa in the spirit of the Lagos Plan of Action and the Final Act of Lagos;

"3. Appeals to the United Nations Development Programme to release at the earliest possible opportunity the unprogrammed portion of the regional indicative planning figure in order adequately to meet the urgent needs of the region;

"4. Further appeals to the United Nations Development Programme to continue to provide financing for all the Multinational Programming and Operational Centres, including the Centre for North Africa, during the 1982-1986 programming cycle, in addition to the resources soon to be made available from the United Nations regular budget and to provide special assistance to the Preferential Trade Area for Eastern and Southern Africa;

"5. Requests the United Nations Development Programme to keep African Governments regularly informed of the implementation of the Regional Programmes covering the entire African continent, and in particular to present to the Conference of Ministers of the Commission progress reports at mid-term and at the end of the 1982-1986 programming cycle."

456(XVII) Implementation, follow-up and monitoring of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries

"8. Appeals to the Administrator of the United Nations Development

Programme to provide resources over and above those earmarked for Governments to enable the Executive Secretary to carry out his responsibilities in respect of the implementation, follow-up and monitoring of the Substantial New Programme of Action in the African region."

458(XVII) Financing of programmes for the least developed countries

"1. Solemnly appeals to the international community to provide the United Nations Development Programme with the resources that will enable it to achieve the financial objectives of the 1982-1986 programming cycle;

"2. Urgently requests member States, particularly the most developed countries, to contribute generously to the financing of the Special Measures Fund for the least developed countries;

"3. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to bring the present resolution to the attention of all States members of the United Nations and to take all the measures necessary for its implementation."

D. Economic Commission for Western Asia^{5/}

109(IX) Census of the Palestinian Arab People

"2. Requests the United Nations Fund for Population Activities to continue its financing of the project for a Census of the Palestinian Arab People;

"3. Requests the Executive Secretary of the Commission to transmit this resolution to the Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities."

E. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development^{6/}

17(IV) Technical and operational assistance by the Advisory Service on Transfer of Technology

The Committee on transfer of technology

"Urges the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development, and the United Nations Regular Programme for Technical Assistance, and invites the World Bank and other international organizations and technical programmes, to provide resources in accordance with their established procedures, at the request of Governments, for the financing of projects and programmes of the Advisory Service on technology policies and planning, and in sectors of critical importance to developing countries, as well as for the financing of regional and interregional technical advisers;"

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F. United Nations Industrial Development Organization^{7/}

Chapter XIII Technical Assistance to the Namibian People

"190. The Board requested UNDP to approve as soon as possible the technical assistance projects submitted by UNIDO to it for consideration."
(For adoption, see paras. 235-244.)

Chapter XIV Technical Assistance to the Palestinian People

"204. The Board urged the UNIDO secretariat to intensify its efforts and take all possible measures to implement the projects and to increase technical assistance to the Palestinian people in consultation with the Palestine Liberation Organization, the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people in accordance with relevant resolutions of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly." (For adoption, see paras. 245-251.)

Resolution 55(XVI) (Annex I) Industrial Development Decade for Africa

"5. Requests the United Nations Development Programme to consider increasing its support to the Industrial Development Decade for Africa by allocating adequate financial resources to the programme for the Decade;"

G. United Nations Environment Programme^{8/}

1014. Resolution I, IV. Basic orientations of the United Nations Environment Programme for 1982-1992

"2(c) In the area of supporting measures;

(i) To strengthen the existing arrangements within the United Nations Environment Programme and between it and the United Nations Development Programme and other organizations of the United Nations system with a view to enhancing the capacity of developing countries to deal with their environmental problems and concerns, including methodologies of sound environmental management, as part of their sustainable economic and social development;"

10/14, IV. Programme matters

"Requests the Executive Director to follow up on the implementation of the recommendations in the consultant's report on the Government of Kenya/United Nations Environment Programme/United Nations Development Programme project on environment and development and their application to countries with similar conditions and to secure the support of other United Nations organs in this respect;"

10/18. Implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian Region

"1. Welcomes the efforts made and results achieved by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, and urges the Office to continue its efforts in terms of vigorous support for desertification control activities in the region, on behalf of the United Nations Environment Programme;"

10/26. Additional resources for dealing with serious environmental problems in developing countries

"1. Requests the Executive Director to review the relevant arrangements within the United Nations Environment Programme and between it and the United Nations Development Programme and other members of the United Nations system, multilateral development financing institutions and bilateral donors in order to ensure that environmental considerations are more fully taken into account in development programmes and projects;"

H. United Nations Centre for Human Settlements^{9/}

5/10. Mobilization of financial resources for the development and improvement of human settlements

"2. Urges recipient countries to consider allocating an appropriate percentage of the resources of the United Nations Development Programme allotted to them in the form of indicative planning figures to the specific financing of national projects for the development and improvement of human settlements;"

I. International Labour Office^{10/}

FURTHER INFORMATION ON OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES QUESTIONS WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM

The Governing Body decided:

"(a) to place on record its serious concern over the downward trend in resources for technical co-operation and to appeal to all concerned with a view to reversing this trend;

"(b) to request the Director-General to continue to participate actively in inter-agency efforts to increase multilateral development aid including UNDP resources;

"(c) to request the Director-General to take all possible steps with a view to securing resources for ILO technical co-operation from all sources including multi-bilateral channels, development banks, funds in trust, etc.;

"(d) to request the Director-General to mobilise the necessary support and goodwill for the above measures through its broad range of contacts with governments, international and national non-governmental organisations, particularly employers' and workers' organizations; and

"(e) to request the Director-General to inform the Governing Body of the results of these efforts at an appropriate time."

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TRIPARTITE PARTICIPATION IN UNDP-FUNDED TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION ACTIVITIES
EXECUTED BY THE ILO

The Governing Body asked:

"(a) the Director-General to bring these arrangements to the attention of governments and, through them, to employers' and workers' organisations while requesting them to give their full support to their practical application; and

"(b) the Director-General to take all appropriate measures that would facilitate the wider application of these arrangements and to report to the Governing Body at regular intervals on the outcome."

J. Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations^{11/}

2/82. Establishment of a Regional Commission on Food Security for Asia and the Pacific

"7(b) The Commission shall seek the full cooperation of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and other international organizations concerned including UNCTAD, UNDP, WFC, WFP, IBRD, IFAD, ADB and APDC with a view to ensuring their active participation in the work of the Commission, and thereby harmonising activities carried out by various agencies in the Region, and avoiding duplication of efforts."

K. United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization^{12/}

7.2 Operational activities for development (115 EX/14 and Add. and 115 EX/30)

The Executive Board,

"1. Having considered the report of the Director-General on operational activities for development (115 EX/14 and Add.),

"2. Takes note of the policy proposals that the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) submitted to the 29th session of its Governing Council concerning the future role of UNDP, and of the comments of the Director-General on these proposals;

"3. Recalls the essential role of UNDP as central co-ordinator of the United Nations development system at the field level and welcomes the assurances and clarifications given by the UNDP Representative to the effect that the new policy proposals of the Administrator will not lead to an expansion of the role of UNDP as Executing Agency;

"4. Expresses the hope that these new proposals will contribute to the maintenance between UNDP and the Specialized Agencies, through close co-operation, of a sharing of tasks taking due account of UNDP's essential central role, as well as of the statutory responsibilities and technical competence of the agencies;

"5. Welcomes the decision of the Inter-sessional Committee of the Whole of the Governing Council to formally invite the executing agencies to its meetings, and in this connection expresses the hope that full use will also be made of existing inter-agency consultative machinery in future discussions of UNDP policy proposals;

"6. Expresses its concern at the growing tendency to reduce voluntary contributions to UNDP and the extra-budgetary programmes; and strongly supports the appeals of the Administrator for a substantial and real increase of resources for UNDP, in accordance with relevant decisions of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly of the United Nations;

"7. Recommends that the maximum use be made, in the implementation of UNDP-supported programmes and projects, of the national and regional expertise and consultancy services and facilities available in the developing countries themselves;

"8. Invites the Director-General to pursue, in conformity with resolution 7/02 adopted by the General Conference at its twenty-first session, his action in support of technical co-operation among developing countries which should be duly stimulated and co-ordinated to complement to the fullest extent possible the resources available within UNDP;"

L. World Health Organization^{13/}

WHA35.19 Collaboration with the United Nations system: Health and Medical Assistance to Lebanon

"5. CALLS UPON the specialized agencies, organs and bodies of the United Nations and on all governmental and non-governmental organizations, to intensify their cooperation with WHO in this field;"

WHA 35.22 Diarrhoeal Diseases Control Programme

"4. EXPRESSES warm appreciation to the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank, and other international and bilateral agencies, for their continued collaboration in and support to the programme;"

6. REQUESTS the Director-General:

"(2) to continue to collaborate with UNICEF, UNDP, The World Bank and other agencies in support of the programme and in the provision of safe drinking water and environmental sanitation to deprived or underserved populations;"

WHA35.31 Expanded Programme on Immunization

"5. URGES Member States and international organizations that are in a position to do so to commit long-term support to countries unable fully to underwrite the costs involved in complete immunization of their infant populations;"

M. International Telecommunication Union^{14/}

16. Participation of the Union in the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and in other Programmes of the United Nations System

"Resolves

"1. that the Union shall continue its full participation in the UNDP, within the framework of the Convention and under the conditions established by the UNDP Governing Council or by other competent bodies of the United Nations system;

"2. that the administrative and operational service costs resulting from the Union's participation in the UNDP shall be included in a separate part of the Budget of the Union, on the understanding that the support cost payments from the UNDP shall be included as income in that part of the Budget;

"3. that the support cost payments received from the UNDP shall not be taken into consideration in fixing the limits of the Union's Ordinary Budget;

"4. that the Union's auditors shall check all the expenditures and income relative to participation of the Union in the UNDP;

"5. that the Administrative Council shall also examine these expenditures and take whatever steps it deems appropriate to ensure that the funds thus assigned by the UNDP are used exclusively for administrative and operational services costs;

"instructs the Secretary-General

"1. to present each year to the Administrative Council a detailed report on the participation of the Union in the UNDP;

"2. to submit to the Administrative Council such recommendations as he may deem necessary to improve the efficiency of this participation;

"instructs the Administrative Council

"1. to take all necessary measures to ensure the maximum efficiency of the Union's participation in the UNDP;

"2. to take into account the decisions of the Governing Council of the UNDP with regard to support cost payments for the Executing Agencies, when establishing the credits required to cover the total administrative and service costs to be incurred as a result of the Union's participation in the UNDP."

17. Inter-Country Projects Financed by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in the Field of Telecommunications

"resolves to invite the UNDP

with a view to increasing the technical cooperation in the telecommunication sector and thereby contributing significantly to an

accelerated pace of integration and development, to consider favourably an increase of the allocations to inter-country projects of assistance and to sectoral support activities in this sector;

"invites Member administrations

to inform the governmental authority responsible for coordinating external aid to their countries of the contents of this Resolution and to stress the importance the Conference attaches to it;

"invites those Members of the Union which are also Members of the Governing Council of the UNDP

"to take account of this Resolution in that Council."

19. Special Voluntary Programme for Technical Cooperation

"resolves

to set up a special voluntary programme for technical cooperation based on contributions in currency, training services, or in any other form to meet as much of telecommunication needs of developing countries as possible;

"urges Member countries, their Recognized Private Operating Agencies and Scientific or Industrial Organizations, and other entities and organizations

in close collaboration with the ITU, to make technical cooperation available in whatever form is required to meet the telecommunications needs of the developing countries more effectively;"

20. Establishment of the Independent International Commission for World-Wide Telecommunications Development

"instructs the Secretary-General

1. after prior consultation and in cooperation with Member Governments to propose a list of 15 to 20 representatives of the highest decision-makers from administrations, operating agencies, and industry in the developing and developed countries as well as the major financial institutions (including the development banks and the UNDP) and other appropriate entities, also seeking as good a representation of all the regions of the world as possible;"

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