

regional advisers, as well as those of the specialized agencies concerned.

*1721st plenary meeting,  
30 July 1970.*

### **1553 (XLIX). Preparatory study on regional structures**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Considering the note by the Secretary-General on the terms of reference and financial implications of the proposed preparatory study on regional structures,<sup>27</sup>

Emphasizing the necessity of taking into full consideration the views of the States of the respective regions individually and collectively within the framework of their regional economic commissions,

Bearing in mind the fact that problems of regional co-operation vary from one region to another,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare, in consultation with other organizations of the United Nations system a questionnaire on the various aspects of regional structure and to forward it to the Governments of Member States with the request that they send their answers to their respective regional economic commissions;

2. Requests the executive secretaries of the regional economic commissions to prepare reports on the basis of the answers to the questionnaire and to submit them to the regional economic commissions at their next annual session in order to elicit comments from Governments;

3. Requests also the Director of the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut to prepare a report on the basis of the answers to the questionnaire received from Governments covered by the Office and to submit it to the Secretary-General;

4. Further requests the executive secretaries of the regional economic commissions to submit their reports, together with the comments of Governments, to the Secretary-General;

5. Also requests the Secretary-General to report to the Council as early as possible and not later than at its fifty-second session the results of the preliminary inquiry and to recommend concrete measures.

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30 July 1970.*

### **1556 (XLIX). Second United Nations Development Decade**

#### **A**

#### **COMPLETION OF AN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE 1970s**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling its relevant resolutions and those of the General Assembly on an international development strategy for the 1970s,

<sup>27</sup> E/AC.24/L.379.

Having considered item 3 of the agenda of its forty-ninth session entitled "Second United Nations Development Decade",

Having noted that a draft strategy for the Second Development Decade has not yet been completed,

Having noted further that there are still certain difficulties in the choice of an agreed basis to ensure the participation of all member Governments in the preparation of such a strategy,

1. Decides to transmit to the General Assembly documents A/7982, TD/B/299 and E/4776;

2. Draws the attention of the General Assembly to the comments and observations made in the Council on the subject and reflected in its report<sup>28</sup> and in its relevant summary records;<sup>29</sup>

3. Deeply appreciates the contribution made by the bodies and organizations of the United Nations system in the preparation of a draft of an international development strategy;

4. Expresses its concern that it has not so far been possible to reach agreement on a number of substantive issues, particularly in relation to certain important policy measures in the field of international trade and aid;

5. Affirms that the completion of such a draft strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade will require, *inter alia*, a solution to the following issues:

(a) Proposals regarding target dates for the transfer of resources from developed to developing countries and proposals regarding the target for the official component of such transfers;

(b) Proposals regarding target dates concerning terms and conditions of assistance;

(c) Proposals regarding the question of a link between the allocation of new reserve assets under the scheme of special drawing rights and the provision of additional development finance to developing countries;

(d) Shipping;

(e) Proposals regarding target dates in the field of international trade;

(f) Adjustment assistance measures;

(g) Restrictive business practices;

(h) Proposals regarding assistance by developed countries to developing countries in the field of science and technology;

(i) Proposals relating specifically to the contribution of centrally planned economies of Eastern Europe to the Second Development Decade;

6. Stresses that an international development strategy will gain considerably in significance if implementation of the policy measures for achieving the goals and objectives of the Decade is, to the greatest extent possible, given a specific time dimension;

<sup>28</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 3, (A/8003), chap. I.*

<sup>29</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-ninth Session, 1696th to 1704th and 1722nd meetings; see also E/AC.6/SR. 510-513, 516, 518, 521 and 522.*

7. *Considers* that the strategy for the Decade should not only provide for dealing with existing problems of development, but also with problems which may arise during the course of the implementation of policy measures;

8. *Urges* Governments to give consideration at the appropriate political level, *inter alia*, to the issues mentioned in operative paragraph 5 above, in order that these may be resolved in time for the twenty-fifth session of the General Assembly;

9. *Requests* the Trade and Development Board of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to continue its efforts at its tenth session to reach agreement on those issues within its competence which still remain unresolved;

10. *Recommends* that the General Assembly should arrange for the Second Committee to begin its work in the first week of the twenty-fifth session of the Assembly and that the Committee should take up the subject of an international development strategy from the beginning of its meetings and as the only priority item, in order to reach final agreement on a draft in time for the strategy to be adopted and the Decade to be launched at the commemorative meeting of the General Assembly on 24 October 1970;

11. *Further urges* Governments to consider representation at a high political level during the final phase of work on a draft strategy at the twenty-fifth session of the General Assembly in order to facilitate the completion of this work with a view to the adoption of the strategy and the launching of the Decade on 24 October 1970.

1722nd plenary meeting,  
31 July 1970.

## B

### PROCEDURE FOR REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF PROGRESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Considering* that, after the adoption of the international development strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, it will be appropriate to prescribe the procedure to be followed in evaluating the progress made in its implementation,

*Considering further* that the Council will be called upon to assume responsibility for assisting the General Assembly in the task of the over-all review and appraisal of progress in the implementation of the strategy and, therefore, will have to organize its work in keeping, *inter alia*, with this new responsibility,

1. *Expresses* its readiness to assume responsibility for assisting the General Assembly in the task of the over-all review and appraisal of progress in the implementation of the strategy on the basis of reviews and appraisals at national, regional and sectoral levels, of the comments and recommendations made within the framework of a specific mandate by the Committee for Development Planning, and of appropriate documentation and reports prepared by the Secretary-General;

2. *Decides* to elaborate, in the light of the relevant decisions of the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session and at the earliest possible opportunity after the launching of the Decade, the detailed procedure for such over-all review and appraisal.

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31 July 1970.

## OTHER DECISIONS

### Regional co-operation

At its 1719th meeting, on 27 July 1970, the Council decided to postpone to its fifty-first session consideration of draft resolution E/L.1335 and Corr.1 regarding the payment of travel subsistence expenses of members of the Executive Committee of the Economic Commission for Africa.

### Development of natural resources

At its 1719th meeting, on 27 July 1970, the Council decided to request the Committee on Natural Resources, established by its resolution 1535 (XLIX) of 27 July 1970, to examine the recommendations contained in the annex to the report of the Secretary-General,<sup>30</sup> submitted to the

Council at its forty-eighth session, taking into account the comments in the addendum to the report of the Secretary-General,<sup>31</sup> giving due weight to advice to be given by the specialist on space applications appointed by the Secretary-General, and in close consultation with the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development and with the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and its Scientific and Technical Sub-Committee, bearing in mind in particular that the Sub-Committee at its seventh session, held from 14 to 24 April 1970, gave preliminary consideration to the Secretary-General's recommendations<sup>32</sup> and that for the time being one of the ways of dealing with this question would be for the Sub-Committee to continue its consideration of these recommendations.

<sup>31</sup> E/4779/Add.1.

<sup>32</sup> A/AC.105/82; see also *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 20 (A/8020)*.

<sup>30</sup> E/4779 and Corr.1-3.