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RECENT DECISIONS OF INTEREST TO THE COMMISSION ADOPTED BY THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

1. This document deals with recent decisions of interest to the Commission adopted by the General Assembly at its seventh special session and by the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-ninth session.
2. At its fifty-ninth session held from 2 to 31 July 1975, the Economic and Social Council, in resolution 1950(LIX), took note of the annual report of ECA for the period 24 February 1974 to 28 February 1975 and of the recommendations and resolutions contained therein; endorsed the medium-term plan for the period 1976-1979 contained in the report and further took note of part I of the Survey of economic and social conditions in Africa, 1974, dealing with the Part I: mid-term review and appraisal of progress in Implementing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade. The Council also decided to amend the terms of reference of the Commission by adding a new paragraph between paragraphs 9 and 10 enabling the Commission to invite any national liberation movement recognized by the Organization of African Unity to send observers to participate in its consideration of any matter of interest to that movement. Finally, the Council also recommended that the General Assembly should approve the adoption of Arabic as an official and working language of the Economic Commission for Africa, in addition to English and French.
3. In paragraph 3 of resolution 1951(LIX), relating to assistance to Zambia, the Council reiterated its satisfaction with the efforts which the Secretary-General continued to make in order to mobilize and co-ordinate the assistance to Zambia provided by member States and by the United Nations system. In paragraph 4, it endorsed the request of the Government of the Republic of Zambia that the United Nations programme of assistance for Zambia should be extended throughout 1976, in the light of present conditions and possible future developments.
4. In paragraph 1 of resolution 1952(LIX), pertaining to regional co-operation, the Council invited the regional economic commissions to continue and to intensify their activities concerning the implementation of the relevant global policy decisions taken by the Council and the General Assembly, and in particular of the resolutions of the sixth special session of the Assembly, and, in addition to exercising their regional

responsibilities, to give special attention to the problems related to regional co-operation. In paragraph 2, the Council requested the executive secretaries of all the regional economic commissions to intensify their efforts in favour of all developing countries by promoting interregional as well as intra-regional co-operation consistent with the aims and objectives of the decisions taken by all agencies of the United Nations at the global level, in particular the resolutions of the sixth special session of the General Assembly. In paragraph 4, the Council further requested the regional economic commissions, at their intergovernmental sessions, to pay increasing attention, in preparing their programmes of activities, to the inclusion of interregional projects which would directly assist their members in strengthening their development efforts and to take greater initiatives at those sessions, in consultation with UNDP and the countries concerned, to identify projects for which the commissions would be given the function of executing agencies by the United Nations Development Programme. In paragraph 5, the Council called upon the Secretary-General and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to expedite the conclusion of the necessary arrangements, in order that the regional economic commissions might function as executing agencies for regional, subregional and interregional projects financed by the Programme. In paragraph 6, the Council requested the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to utilize the services of the regional economic commissions at the request of the countries concerned for the purpose of making contributions to the forthcoming programme cycle, in particular intercountry programming.

5. In resolution 1954A(LIX), dealing with the problems of availability and supply of natural resources, the Council requested the Secretary-General: (a) to co-ordinate and strengthen the research and dissemination of information with regard to projection of supply, demand, consumption and reserves of natural resources; (b) to ensure that serious attention was given not only to oil and gas, but also to the problems of the development of alternative sources of energy, both from fossil fuel and renewable sources; (c) to prepare for the Committee on Natural Resources at its fifth session comprehensive reports on: (i) the status of the use of coal, oil shale and geothermal energy in developed and developing countries; (ii) the dissemination of world experience in the use of fossil coal and oil shale as chemical raw materials; (d) to organize an international seminar on the evaluation and working of coal deposits and the planning of mining enterprises for the coal industry within the next few years; (e) to submit to the Committee on Natural Resources at its fifth session a comprehensive report containing a 10 to 15 year evaluation of prospects for the development of the raw materials base for the copper industry and also of the demand for copper, including its recycling.

6. In resolution 1954B(LIX), the Council requested: (a) the Centre for Natural Resources, Energy and Transport to review the present definitions and terminology for reserves, production and consumption that were being used in the mineral resources field; (b) the Secretary-General to convene thereafter a group of experts selected on an equitable geographic basis to prepare a report recommending a common set of definitions and terminology which might be used internationally for the purpose of reporting to the United Nations on mineral resources. It also requested the Secretary-General to submit the report of the above-mentioned group of experts to the Committee on Natural Resources at its sixth session.

7. In resolution 1954C(LIX), the Council recognized the need for the increased use of natural resources by developing countries for their national development; stressed the urgent need for measures to avoid the irrational and wasteful consumption and use of natural resources of all countries, particularly those of developing countries; expressed

the conviction that reserves of natural resources should be viewed in a dynamic context in the light of changing technology, scientific advancement and economic structures; asserted the need to take measures to promote the processing of raw materials in the producer developing countries, and to establish appropriate processing arrangements which would allow the fullest benefits to developing countries; considered that there was an urgent need to promote the development and transfer of technology in the field of the production and use of natural resources in order to accelerate the development efforts of the developing countries; emphasized the crucial importance of securing a fair and equitable return on natural resources exported in any form by the developing countries; underlined the importance of promoting co-operation among developing countries in the field of natural resources, as provided by the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, within the framework of interdependence without prejudice to over-all co-operation.

8. The Council also requested the Secretary-General: (a) to continue to collect and to provide information on natural resources, including relevant data on processing, transportation and the structure and operations of industries in natural resources sectors; (b) to provide assistance to developing countries, at their request, in their efforts to improve data on their resources, as well as the methodologies necessary for national forecasting of the supply and demand of natural resources, and in formulating appropriate policies, consistent with the needs of their national development plans; (c) to take appropriate action to strengthen and intensify international co-operation by promoting: (i) the organization of specific research and development programmes in developing countries, directed towards their energy needs, including the special requirements of rural areas; (ii) the exchange of information between countries on energy research and development, its conservation and greater efficiency in fuel use, and on the non-conventional sources, such as solar energy, geothermal energy, wind power, oil shales and biogas; (d) to develop and promote the standardization of concepts, terminology and methods of measurement of reserves, supply and consumption of **natural resources**, taking into account the special interests of developing countries; (e) to examine the problems of natural resources, reserves and supplies in the light of world economic and monetary conditions; (f) to work closely with the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in complying with the above request.

9. In resolution 1954D(LIX), the Economic and Social Council recommended that the Council of the United Nations University should consider including in its programme of priorities research in the field of geothermal and solar energy and the practical applications of those energy sources; invited the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, in collaboration with all the competent organs of the United Nations system and bilateral technical assistance programmes, to give favourable consideration to the funding of information systems, training courses and seminars in the exploration and utilization of geothermal energy, and of research and development in solar energy, and to support the developing countries in participating in those.

10. In the resolution 1954E(LIX), the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit to it, at one of its sessions in 1976, a proposal for the implementation of the recommendations concerning the intensification of United Nations information services in the natural resources field, as agreed upon by the Committee on Natural Resources at its fourth session as well as the implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1761(LIV), and to indicate the total estimate of funds and manpower resources required for the programme and decided to formulate a programme, after its deliberations on the proposal, to be submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with the above.

11. In resolution 1955(LIX), relating to international river basin development, the Council requested the Secretary-General to utilize the experience, knowledge and capacity of the Centre for Natural Resources, Energy and Transport and other organizations of the United Nations system: (a) for assisting the International Law Commission in its study of the law of the non-navigational uses of international water courses by providing the necessary advice on related technical, scientific and economic problems; (b) for co-operating with the United Nations Environment Programme in its implementation of General Assembly resolution 3129(XLVIII), which should be read in conjunction with General Assembly resolution 3281(XXIX). It also requested the Secretary-General to submit the reports on the action taken pursuant to the above request to the Committee on Natural Resources at its fifth session, and appealed to the International Law Commission to give priority to the study of the law of non-navigational uses of international water courses and to submit a progress report to the United Nations Water Conference, which is to take place in 1977.

12. In resolution 1957A(LIX), relating to a comprehensive plan of action for and co-ordination of programmes within the United Nations system in the field of natural resources development, the Council recommended that the States members of the Committee on Natural Resources and other States concerned, and organizations of the United Nations system operating in the field of natural resources, should consider carefully the data compiled by the Secretariat on the work programmes of the United Nations system relating to natural resources and submit to the Secretary-General within one year any specific proposals concerning the improvement of those programmes from the standpoint of their co-ordination and the reallocation of resources; and recommended that the Secretary-General should submit for consideration by the Committee on Natural Resources at its fifth session a comprehensive plan for the co-ordination of the activities of the United Nations system in the field of natural resources.

13. In resolution 1957B(LIX), the Council urged all United Nations organs and specialized agencies to co-operate under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council in programming an expanded and joint plan of action for the development of natural resources; and requested the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the organization and programmes concerned, to prepare reports to be submitted to each ordinary session of the Committee on Natural Resources along the following lines: (a) the reports should reflect as fully as possible the on-going and planned programme activities on natural resources to be undertaken by all bodies of the United Nations system, including information on the financial implications of various programme elements; (b) particular emphasis should be placed on programme activities of a world-wide and multidisciplinary nature relating to the most urgent needs of the developing countries; (c) possible gaps and overlapping of activities should be identified; (d) the reports should be prepared in such a way as to provide the Committee on Natural Resources with the necessary analytical capability to carry out functions of co-ordination and priority-setting. The Council further recommended that the Secretary-General should undertake the necessary arrangements to reach a better co-ordination and harmonization of operational activities in the field of natural resources at the country level, if necessary on an experimental basis, and suggested that the Secretary-General should submit a report on the results achieved to the Committee on Natural Resources at its fifth session.

14. In paragraph 3 of resolution 1958(LIX), relating to the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its third session, the Economic and Social Council invited the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and other organizations of the United Nations system to continue their active co-operation in carrying out the activities of the United Nations Environment Programme, allocating the necessary priorities and resources for the maximum success of those activities.

15. In paragraph 5 of resolution 1959(LIX), on the World Conference of the International Women's Year, the Council urged member States and all organizations of the United Nations system to take intensified and sustained action to achieve the full equality of men and women and to improve the quality of life of all human beings.
16. Resolution 1961(LIX) dealt specifically with the joint liaison and support units of the Information and Research Centre on Transnational Corporations and the regional commissions. In paragraph 1 of the resolution, the Council requested the Secretary-General, in initiating the operations of the Information and Research Centre on Transnational Corporations, to establish, on the basis of consultations between the Centre and the executive secretaries of the regional commissions, joint liaison and support units in each of the regional commissions to be jointly supported financially by the Centre and the regional commissions concerned. In paragraph 2, the Council decided that the work programmes at the regional level should be worked out between the Centre and the secretariats of the regional commissions within the framework of the programme of work agreed upon by the Commission on Transnational Corporations and the Economic and Social Council. In paragraph 3, the Council requested the Information and Research Centre to keep the Commission on Transnational Corporations informed about progress in the establishment of the joint liaison and support units and the work programmes at the regional level, as provided for in paragraphs 1 and 2, above. In paragraph 4, the Council requested the Commission on Transnational Corporations to report to the Economic and Social Council on the progress made in the establishment of the joint liaison and support units and of the work programmes at the regional level.
17. In resolution 1962(LIX) on the proposal for an international year of the child, the Council requested the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the organizations concerned in the United Nations system and with interested non-governmental organizations, to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session, through the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-first session, bearing in mind the need for government support if such a year was to be productive, a report on measures and modalities for ensuring the adequate preparation, support and financing of an international year of the child, to be preferably the year 1979, in connexion with the twentieth anniversary of the Declaration of the Rights of the Child.
18. In the second preambular paragraph 3 of resolution 1963(LIX), on technical co-operation among developing countries, the Council recalled that by resolution 3251(XXIX) of 4 December 1974 the General Assembly had invited the regional economic commissions and the participating and executing agencies of the United Nations system to implement the recommendations addressed to them in the report of the Working Group on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries on its third session. In paragraph 2, the Council requested the Administrator of UNDP to carry out further studies, with a view to identifying specific projects of technical co-operation among developing countries at the subregional, regional and interregional levels, through the special unit for co-ordination referred to in General Assembly resolution 3251(XXIX), with the object of establishing programmes of technical co-operation among developing countries. In paragraph 4, the Council stressed the desirability of the regional intergovernmental meetings on technical co-operation among developing countries being held as soon as possible, and therefore not later than December 1976. In paragraph 7, the Council recommended that the General Assembly should appropriate funds under the regular budget of the United Nations to cover the cost of providing conference servicing facilities for the regional meetings and the intergovernmental regional and global symposia on technical co-operation among developing countries.

19. The Council, in resolution 1966(LIX) on youth policies and programmes, recommended that the General Assembly at its thirtieth session should approve the recommendation of the Secretary-General that the United Nations Volunteers programme be designated as the principal operational unit of the United Nations for the execution of youth programmes; recommended further that the General Assembly at its thirtieth session should approve the expansion of the terms of reference of the Special Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Volunteers to include the receipt of additional contributions for the purposes described in the preceding paragraph; appealed to Governments and other potential sources for contributions to the Special Voluntary Fund, to be used to help to finance United Nations youth programmes sponsored by the United Nations Volunteers programme; and requested the Secretary-General and the Administrator of UNDP to hold joint intersecretariat consultations at least once every year to discuss the implementation of programmes to be undertaken as described in the preceding paragraphs on the basis of principles and programmes objectives laid down by the relevant policy-making bodies. The Council further requested the Secretary-General and the Administrator of UNDP to take whatever administrative action was necessary, within existing resources, to follow the course of action described in the paragraphs above, with effect from 1 January 1976. Finally, the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission for Social Development at its twenty-fifth session, in 1977, a report on the implementation of the present resolution.
20. In paragraph 1 of resolution 1967(LIX) on rural development, the Council requested the Secretary-General of the United Nations, subject to a final decision on convening a World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development, to be ready to co-operate actively with the Director-General of FAO in the preparations for the planned Conference and at the same time invited other interested specialized agencies to take part actively in the Conference.
21. In the last preambular paragraph of resolution 1968(LIX) relating to the Tripartite World Conference on Employment, Income Distribution, Social Progress and the International Division of Labour, the Council realized the extreme desirability of strengthening co-operation between the various international bodies, with a view to achieving greater efficiency in solving political, economic and social problems, which cannot be dealt with separately but only within a general frame of reference. In paragraph 1, the Council requested the regional commissions to give the fullest possible co-operation to the ILO in the preparations for the Tripartite World Conference on Employment, Income Distribution, Social Progress and the International Division of Labour. In paragraph 2, the Council further requested the competent bodies of UNCTAD, UNIDO and the specialized agencies, especially FAO, UNESCO and WHO, to collaborate with the ILO in readiness for their participation in the Tripartite World Conference on Employment, Income Distribution, Social Progress and the International Division of Labour. The United Nations Office of Financial Services is submitting the financial implications of the resolution, including travel funds for representatives of the regional commissions to attend the Tripartite World Conference at Geneva, in 1976, to the Economic and Social Council.
22. Concerning the uses of the sea and coastal area development (resolution 1970(LIX)), the Council noted with satisfaction the study prepared by the Secretary-General on the uses of the sea (E/5650 and Corr. 1) and the report of the Secretary-General on coastal area management and development which were prepared in co-operation with the competent organizations of the United Nations system; endorsed the Secretary-General's programme of activities in the field of coastal area development; requested

the Secretary-General to submit to the Council, on a regular and continuing basis, pertinent information on the uses of the sea; requested the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the other United Nations institutions concerned with marine affairs to contribute to the elaboration of further studies by the Secretary-General on marine questions; requested the Secretary-General to continue the process of identifying various regions or subregions specially amenable to coastal area management and development, and in this connexion, at the request of Governments concerned, to assist in the elaboration of comprehensive plans of action for such an approach, drawing for this purpose upon the expertise of appropriate organizations within the United Nations system; further requested the Secretary-General to take effective measures for the promotion of a better and wider application of marine technology suitable for developing countries in their endeavours relating to coastal areas, including the provision of assistance in the matter of training, institution building and the acquisition and implantation of appropriate technology; requested the organizations of the United Nations system concerned and also the regional commissions to give full support to the Secretary-General in implementing programmes for coastal area development as a joint endeavour and to develop further their existing close collaboration, using whenever appropriate established mechanisms of co-ordination. The Council finally requested the Secretary-General to report to it at its sixty-third session, on progress made in implementing the resolution.

23. Concerning resolution 1971(LIX) on assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia, the Council appreciated the assistance given to the drought-stricken regions of Ethiopia by Governments, intergovernmental organizations and voluntary agencies. In the last preambular paragraph it noted the efforts made by the United Nations system towards the implementation of the provisions of Council resolutions 1833(LVI) and 1876(LVII). In paragraph 1, the Council urged the United Nations and its specialized agencies to implement vigorously the provisions of the resolutions mentioned above. In the paragraph 2, the Council appealed to the Governments of all member States and to intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and voluntary agencies to intensify their assistance to the drought-stricken regions of Ethiopia, in view of the increasing severity of the drought condition.

24. In resolution 1973(LIX) relating to further steps to be taken concerning the transport of dangerous goods, the Council requested the Committee of Experts on the Transfer of Dangerous Goods to pursue its efforts in particular in two areas: that of giving the recommendations of the Committee more scope and depth and that of strengthening harmonization on the basis that had now been laid; also requested the Committee of Experts to study, in consultation with other bodies concerned, particularly UNCTAD, IMCO, ICAO, IATA and the regional commissions, the possibility of a joint approach to the drafting of an international convention on the transport of dangerous goods by all modes of transport which would take into account the general scope of a future convention of international intermodal transport, and to report to the Council the results of its study; urged Governments of member States and the international organizations concerned to support the efforts of the Committee, in particular by giving appropriate instructions to their representatives on the various bodies concerned at the international or at the regional or subregional level. The Council also decided to enlarge the composition of the Committee of Experts by adding five members from developing countries, so as to ensure the adequate participation of such countries.

25. In paragraph 2 of resolution 1977(LIX) on public administration and finance for development, the Council requested the international organizations and, in particular, UNDP, to support projects in the field of public administration and finance at the national, regional and interregional levels, and measures for the development and dissemination of information on critical problems of public administration and finance in developing countries.
26. Resolution 1978(LIX) on the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and international institutions associated with the United Nations is of concern to ECA since most of the paragraphs are directed to the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, their member Governments or their executive heads. The resolution is reproduced fully in Annex I of this document.
27. Concerning the preparatory work for the United Nations Water Conference (Resolution 1979(LIX)), the Council decided to authorize the Committee on Natural Resources to act as the preparatory Committee to assist the Secretary-General in the preparation and organization of the United Nations Water Conference; approved the revised provisional agenda for the United Nations Water Conference, on the understanding that the provisional agenda should be finalized by the Committee on Natural Resources, acting as the preparatory committee for the Conference; emphasized the importance of regional meetings as part of the preparatory process for the United Nations Water Conference and, to that end, requested the regional commissions to hold the regional meetings before the end of 1976; decided to convene the United Nations Water Conference in Argentina from 7 to 18 March 1977; requested the Secretary-General to ensure full co-ordination with the preparatory work for the United Nations Conference on Desertification in order to ensure the appropriate contribution by the Water Conference to the Conference on Desertification; recommended that the Governments which had not yet done so should start the preparation of their contribution to the United Nations Water Conference; and requested the Secretary-General to continue with the preparation for the United Nations Water Conference as suggested in his progress report, in close co-operation with the specialized agencies concerned, the regional commissions and organs of the United Nations, together with intergovernmental and international non-governmental institutions in a position to contribute to the preparations for the Conference, and to submit a report on the progress accomplished to the Committee on Natural Resources, acting as the preparatory committee for the Conference.
28. In paragraph 2 of resolution 1980(LIX) concerning the special session of the General Assembly devoted to development and international economic co-operation, the Council decided that the provisional agenda of the special session should be "Development and international economic co-operation" as called for in General Assembly resolution 3172(XXVIII), while the issues to be considered would be essentially international trade, international monetary reform and transfer of real resources for financing the development of developing countries, science and technology, industrialization, food and agriculture, and the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system. In paragraph 3 it decided further that the Preparatory Committee should hold its third session from 18 to 22 August 1975 at United Nations Headquarters with a view to finalizing the process of preparations for the special session, in particular by submitting to the Assembly at its special session proposals that would serve as a basis for negotiations and decisions at that session. In paragraph 4 the Council recommended that the General Assembly at its special session



should (a) adopt, on priority basis, concrete and positive decisions on all issues mentioned in paragraph 2 which would make a decisive impact on further negotiations within the United Nations as well as in other international fora for the establishment of a new international economic order; (b) initiate the process for the restructuring of the United Nations system in the economic and social fields and establish an intergovernmental committee to deal with such issues.

29. Decision 120(LIX) on the harmonization of programme budget presentation and co-ordination within the United Nations system is of interest to the regional economic commissions and especially paragraph (b) in which the Council decided to endorse the initiative of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination in regard to the harmonization of the budget presentation and to urge the organizations and programmes concerned in the United Nations system to seek every feasible means of harmonizing programme budgets and medium-term plans, giving special attention to the comparability of programme narratives.

30. At its seventh special session, the General Assembly adopted resolution 3362(S-VII) relating to Development and international economic co-operation. In view of its wide implications for the developing countries, this resolution is presented in its entirety in this document as annex II.

ANNEX I

1978(LIX). Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

The Economic and Social Council,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General, the report of the President of the Economic and Social Council, and the annual report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination for 1974/75 concerning the item entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations",

Recalling General Assembly resolution 1514(XV) of 14 December 1960 containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and all other resolutions adopted by United Nations bodies on this subject, including in particular General Assembly resolution 3300(XXIX) of 13 December 1974 and Council resolution 1892(LVII) of 1 August 1974,

Taking into account the statements made by the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples at the fifty-ninth session of the Council,

Gravely concerned that millions of people are still living under oppressive colonial and alien domination and conscious of the critical need of these peoples and their national liberation movements for concrete assistance from the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations in their struggle for liberation from colonial rule and in their efforts to consolidate their national independence,

Reaffirming the responsibility of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to take all effective measures, within their respective spheres of competence, to ensure the full and speedy implementation of the Declaration and other relevant resolutions of United Nations bodies, particularly in the provision of moral and material assistance, on a priority basis, to the peoples of the colonial territories and their national liberation movements,

Aware that, although considerable progress has been made in the extension of assistance to refugees from the colonial territories in Africa, mainly through the efforts of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the action taken hitherto by the organizations concerned in the provision of assistance to the peoples of the territories through their national liberation movements continues to remain inadequate to meet the urgent needs of those peoples,

Noting with satisfaction the measures initiated by some of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, in particular the World Food Programme and the United Nations Development Programme, to provide

assistance on a priority basis to the peoples of the territories formerly administered by Portugal, and expressing its appreciation to the Secretary-General for the initiative he has taken in that regard,

Expressing its appreciation to the General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity for the continued co-operation and assistance extended by it to the organizations within the United Nations system in connexion with the implementation of the relevant resolutions of the United Nations,

1. Takes note of the report of the President of the Economic and Social Council and endorses the observations and suggestions contained therein;
2. Reaffirms that the recognition by the General Assembly, the Security Council and other United Nations organs of the legitimacy of the struggle of colonial peoples to achieve freedom and independence entails, as a corollary, the extension by the United Nations system of organizations of all the necessary moral and material assistance to the peoples of the colonial territories and their national liberation movements;
3. Expresses its appreciation to those specialized agencies and organizations within the United Nations system which have continued to co-operate in varying degrees with the United Nations in the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and other relevant resolutions of the United Nations, and urges all the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to accelerate the full and speedy implementation of the relevant provisions of those resolutions;
4. Requests the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to render or continue to render, as a matter of urgency, all possible moral and material assistance to the colonial peoples in Africa struggling for their liberation from colonial rule and, in particular, recommends that the organizations concerned should initiate or broaden contacts and co-operation with these peoples, in consultation with the Organization of African Unity, and should work out and implement concrete programmes for such assistance with the active collaboration of the national liberation movements concerned;
5. Urges the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to extend all moral and material assistance to the newly independent and emerging States;
6. Requests the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council, to continue to take all necessary measures to withhold any financial, economic, technical or other assistance from the Government of South Africa and the illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia, to discontinue all support to them until they restore to the peoples of Namibia and Zimbabwe their inalienable right to self-determination and independence, and to refrain from taking any action which might imply recognition of the legitimacy of the domination of the territories by those régimes;
7. Notes with satisfaction the arrangements made by several specialized agencies and organizations enabling representatives of the national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity to participate fully as observers in their proceedings relating to the countries concerned, and calls

upon those organizations which have not yet done so to make such arrangements without delay, including provision for the payment of travel and other related expenses incurred in connexion with the participation of representatives of the national liberation movements in such proceedings;

8. Invites all Governments to intensify their efforts in the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system of which they are members to ensure the full and effective implementation of the Declaration and other relevant resolutions of the United Nations and, in that connexion, to accord priority to the provision of adequate resources for the desired programmes of assistance to the peoples in the colonial territories and to their national liberation movements;

9. Urges the executive heads of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, with a view to facilitating the implementation of the provisions of paragraph 8 above, to formulate and submit to their respective governing bodies or legislative organs, as a matter of priority and with the active co-operation of the Organization of African Unity, concrete proposals for the full implementation of the relevant United Nations decisions, in particular specific programmes of all possible assistance to the peoples in the colonial territories and their national liberation movements;

10. Draws the attention of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to the present resolution and to the discussions on the subject at the fifty-ninth session of the Council;

11. Requests the President of the Economic and Social Council to continue consultations on this matter with the Chairman of the Special Committee and to report thereon to the Council;

12. Decides to keep this question under continuous review.

1979th plenary meeting,  
31 July 1975.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

3362 (S-VII). Development and international economic co-operation

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(Please see the attached document)

Annex III

LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL  
DURING ITS FIFTY-NINTH SESSION

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- 1954(LIX) Problems of availability and supply of natural resources (E/5731)
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- 1955(LIX) International river basin development (E/5731)
- 1956(LIX) Permanent sovereignty over natural resources (E/5731)
- 1957(LIX) Comprehensive plan of action for and co-ordination of programmes within the United Nations system in the field of natural resources development (E/5731)
- Resolution A
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