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1. In this paper, the attention of the Commission is invited to a number of resolutions and decisions, relevant to the work of the Commission, which have been adopted by the Economic and Social Council, the General Assembly and the other regional Economic Commissions since the end of the fourth session of ECA.

A. Resolutions and decisions requiring action by the Commission:
Council Resolution 871 (XXXIII) - Progress reports of the Committee of Experts for Further Work on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and the Group of Experts on Explosives.

2. In this resolution the Council noted with satisfaction the work of the two aforementioned bodies and approved the principles established and action taken by the experts, as well as the recommendations contained in their reports, and requested the Secretary-General, among other things, to "draw to the attention of the Governments of Member States, the Executive Secretaries of the regional economic commissions, and other relevant organs, any aspects of the present resolution and the progress reports which may be of interest to them". Council Resolution 874 (XXXIII) - Establishment of an African Development Bank.

3. The Council by this resolution took into account the decision of ECA, in its resolution 52 (IV) "accepting the principle of the establishment of an African Development Bank and constituting a committee to prepare studies, establish contacts and draft a charter for the proposed bank"; endorsed the request for convocation of a conference of ministers to review the report of the committee and requested the Secretary-General to extend to the Executive Secretary of the Commission "the substantive and administrative support to enable him to carry out the decisions contained in resolution 52 (IV)".

^{1/} Resolutions of the resumed 34th session of ECOSOC and the 17th General Assembly will be issued as an addendum to this paper.

Council Resolution 879 (XXXIV) - Decentralization of United Nations
Economic and Social Activities and Strengthening of the Regional Economic
Commissions

4. In operative paragraph 2, the Council expressed its confidence that the Secretary-General would continue "to take further steps to carry out the process of decentralization in accordance with the General Assembly resolution 1709 (XVI) bearing in mind the views expressed during the debates of the Council at its thirty-fourth session".

Council Resolution 891 (XXXIV) - The Economic and Social Consequences
of Disarmament

5. In this resolution, the Council expressed its appreciation of the Secretary-General's report transmitting the study on this subject (E/3593).

In operative paragraph 7, the Council invited the Secretary-General "to continue to keep under review in consultation with the regional economic commissions and with the related agencies concerned, the basic aspects of economic and social consequences of disarmament and the problems arising therefrom on the national and international plane", to report to the Council at the thirty-sixth session (summer 1963) on these activities, and to suggest to the Council what further steps on the impact of disarmament on international economic relations (trade practices, balance of payments, foreign investments, economic assistance, etc.) might be useful.

Council Resolution 893 (XXXIV) - Expansion of United Nations Activities in
the Field of Industrial Development. Strengthening of United Nations
Advisory Services in the Field of Industrial Development

6. In this resolution, the Council stated that it had "received with satisfaction" the memorandum by the Commissioner for Industrial Development (E/3656/Add.1) based on consultations with the Executive Secretaries of the regional economic commissions, and expressed the wish that "the additional experts to be stationed in the regional economic commissions wherever such placements would give the most effective results as described by the memorandum by the Commissioner for Industrial Development, form part of the United Nations Advisory Service in the industrial field." The Council also requested that in establishing the Industrial Advisory Service, the

Secretary-General "bear in mind the Council's endorsement in its resolution 872 (XXXIII) of the recommendations of the Committee for Industrial Development at its session, including one to the effect that the groups of industrial experts should be based on the regional economic commissions whenever such placements would give the most effective results".

Council Resolution 900 (XXXIV) - Report of the Ad-Hoc Committee of Eight Established under Council Resolution 851 (XXXII)

7. In Part B of the resolution, the Council, bearing in mind the Report of the Ad-Hoc Committee (E/3639), considered that meetings of resident representatives with the staffs of the regional economic commissions should be held regularly in all regions where commissions exist, and affirmed its desire that co-operation be strengthened between the resident representatives and the Executive Secretaries of the commissions to ensure that "the advice and assistance of the regional commissions secretariats be made available at the request of the recipient governments as appropriate in the technical co-operation programmes".

Council Resolution 903 (XXXIV) - Report of the Social Commission

8. In Part B, "Planning for balanced economic and social development", of this resolution, the Council recommended that "United Nations organs, including the regional economic commissions, should intensify their work in connexion with the investigation of problems of planning for balanced economic and social development." The Council also considered it advisable that seminars should be held "in the various regions on specific aspects of planning for social programmes within a framework of balanced economic and social development".

In Part C, "Housing and Urban Development: Creation of a Committee on housing, building and planning of the Economic and Social Council", the Council noted with satisfaction the growing activities of the regional economic commissions in the field of housing, building and planning and the fact that some of the regional commissions already have standing organs for this work and others are considering establishing them. The Council also established the terms of reference of the committee, including

responsibility for recommendations to the Council for appropriate co-ordination of technical assistance activities in the field of housing, related community facilities and physical planning among the various United Nations bodies, including the regional economic commissions; and responsibility for the development of means and methods for the increased activities of the regional economic commissions in this field.

In operative paragraph 5, the Council invited the regional economic commissions to strengthen their activities in this field and to co-operate fully in the work of the Committee and, in operative paragraph 6, it decided that the Committee should report to the Council through the Social Commission and also forward its report to the Committee on Industrial Development and to the regional economic commissions in order that the Council may consider the Committee's report together with the comments thereon of these bodies. The Council also recommended that the Secretary-General be authorized "to provide additional staff in the Bureau of Social Affairs and the corresponding strengthening of the staffs in the regional economic commissions in accordance with the General Assembly resolution 1709 (XVI) of 19 December 1961, to carry out the research and organizational work necessary for the effective development of the housing, related community facilities and physical planning programme of the United Nations.

In Part E, "Strengthening of the work of the United Nations in the social field", the Council expressed the hope that there would be continued close co-operation between the Bureau of Social Affairs and the secretariats of the regional economic commissions and development institutes on social programmes, "especially those involving interrelationships between social and economic policy and planning, and that arrangements will be made for the participation of both social and economic experts in development project planning and execution".

Council Resolution 905 (XXXIV) - African Educational Development

9. In operative paragraph 2, the Council invited UNESCO, in co-operation with ECA and other organs of the United Nations, "to continue and expand their aid to the African countries, on the basis of their requests and in accordance with the co-ordinated priority programme for the years 1962-1963". The Council called the attention of the General Assembly to the decision of the Addis Ababa Conference to establish the permanent conference of Ministers of Education, with the assistance of UNESCO and ECA, "as a means of continuing review and implementation of the Addis Ababa Plan and of harmonizing all sources of external assistance available to African countries for the harmonious, effective and accelerated educational development."

Council Resolution 907 (XXXIV) - Public Administration and OPEX

10. In operative paragraph 3, the Council urged that every effort be made to provide enlarged facilities for the training of key administrative personnel required in the developing countries, including, among other means, special emphasis on training in public administration in the regional development institutes established or planned by the regional economic commissions.

Council Resolution 916 (XXXIV) - United Nations Development Decade

11. In the preamble to this resolution, the Council took note, inter alia, of the Brazilian memorandum on "The role of the United Nations regional economic commissions in the Decade of Development" (E/3664).

In operative paragraph 10, the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit to the thirty-sixth session a report on "the measures taken to secure the full participation of the regional economic commissions in the work called for" in the Decade.

In operative paragraph 11, the Council requested the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the specialized agencies and the regional economic commissions, where appropriate, to provide, on request, assistance in the field of planning to developing countries; and looked forward to the establishment and effective functioning of regional development institutes and the economic projections and programming centre.

In operative paragraph 13, the Council requested the Secretary-General "to prepare, in co-operation with the regional economic commissions and other bodies and agencies", detailed phased proposals for action with respect to the basic factors of economic growth in the light of the objectives outlined in the resolution, and a progress report setting forth achievements in the period ending March 31, 1963.

Council Resolution 917 (XXXIV) - United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

12. In this resolution, the Council decided to convene a Conference on Trade and Development.

In operative paragraph 3, the Council requested the Secretary-General with the assistance of the regional economic commissions and related bodies and organizations, to prepare appropriate documentation and proposals for such a conference.

Council Resolution 924 (XXXIV) - Work Programme on Long-Term Projections

13. In this resolution, the Council noted with satisfaction that "regional centres have been or will be established in the regional economic commissions."

The Council also looked forward to the intensification of the work in this field by the United Nations Secretariat, including the secretariats of the regional economic commissions, in co-operation with the specialized agencies already working in the same field, as a means of increasing understanding of the quantitative as well as the qualitative implications of the acceleration of the rate of economic development, and requested the Secretary-General to submit to the thirty-sixth session of the Council a progress report on the activities of the United Nations economic projections and programming centre and activities of the regional commissions in this field.

Council Resolution 925 (XXXIV) - Attendance of the Swiss Confederation at the sessions of the Economic Commission for Africa

14. The Council authorized the Executive Secretary of the Commission to empower Switzerland to attend the sessions of the Commission if it so desires on conditions similar to those set out in paragraph 10 of the terms of reference of the Commission for States Members of the United Nations which are not members of the Commission.

B. Other Relevant Resolutions

Council Resolution 864 (XXXIII) - Non-governmental Organizations: Applications and Reapplications for Consultative Status

15. In this resolution the Council granted category B consultative status to the Centre for Latin American Monetary Studies, the International Council on Jewish Social Welfare Services, the World Union of Organizations for the Safeguard of Youth and to the Afro-Asian Organizations for Economic Co-operation; decided to refer the request for category B status for the United Towns Organization to the Committee on Non-governmental Organizations and decided not to grant the request of the International Council of Jewish Women for category B status.

Council Resolution 870 (XXXIII) - Nature, Scope and Location of the Conference on International Travel and Tourism

16. The resolution provided for the convocation of such a conference in Rome in August and September 1963, for a period of not more than twelve working days, and requested the Secretary-General to make all the necessary arrangements for the conference.

Council Resolution 872 and 873 (XXXIII) - Report of the Committee for Industrial Development

17. The Council took note of the report of the Committee and endorsed the recommendations, the programme of work and priorities set up in the report (E/3600). In resolution 873 (XXXIII) the Council requested the Secretary-General to consider urgently the problems of the adequate staffing of the Secretariat, including the possible appointment of a United Nations Commissioner for Industrial Development at the level of Under-Secretary and to appoint an advisory committee of ten experts to examine the question of desirable organizational changes, including the question of establishing a specialized agency for industrial development.

Council Resolution 875 (XXXIII) - Question of a Declaration on International Economic Co-operation

18. The Council constituted a working group of twelve countries to consider the draft declaration and all the statements pertaining to it made at the session and to prepare "a formulation on this subject" for submission to the Council at its thirty-fifth session. The countries designated by the President as members of this group are: Australia, Brazil, Colombia, Ethiopia, France, India, Italy, Poland, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Yugoslavia.

Council Resolution 876 (XXXIII) - Water Resources Development Centre

19. In this resolution the Council, among other things, requested that "proposals for a priority programme of co-ordinated action in the water resources field within the framework of the UN Development Decade be drawn up by the Centre as soon as possible with the co-operation of the various organs concerned".

Council Resolution 877 (XXXIII) - Work in the Field of Non-Agricultural Resources

20. The Council, among other things, considered it necessary that the activities in the field of natural energy resources "be concentrated mainly on providing assistance to less-developed countries in developing those sources of energy which are of major importance for their development including industrialization", and requested the Secretary-General to prepare on a biennial basis similar reports for the consideration of the Council.

Council Resolution 885 (XXXIV) - Natural Resources

21. In this resolution, the Secretary-General was invited, inter alia, to examine with special reference to the provision of energy for the developing countries and "in consultation with the appropriate organs of the United Nations", methods of co-ordinating and facilitating research with new sources of energy.

Council Resolution 887 (XXXIV) - Progress in Land Reform

22. In this resolution, the Council recommended that the State Members of the United Nations support the establishment of regional agrarian research and training institutes for the study of land tenure and its reform and for training personnel, for the planning and implementation of land reform with the assistance or co-operation, inter alia, of "the Secretariat of the United Nations, including the regional economic commissions".

Council Resolution 888 (XXXIV) - The Report of the Commission on Human Rights

23. In Part E of this resolution, "International Co-operation to assist in the Developing of Information Media in Less-Developed Countries", the Council re-iterated the invitation contained in its resolution 819 A (XXXI) to the regional economic commissions and other bodies to assist as appropriate the less-developed countries in developing and strengthening their national information media.

Council Resolution 898 (XXXIV) - Trends in United Nations Technical Co-operation Programmes

24. In this resolution, the Council noted with concern that the proportion of industrial projects in technical assistance had further declined and invited the Technical Assistance Board, the Special Fund and the participating organizations to give favourable consideration to requests aimed at the education and training of their national personnel and to those aimed at the industrial development of developing countries.

Council Resolution 903 (XXXIV) - Report of the Social Commission

25. In Part D of this resolution "Social Services and Development Planning with Special Reference to Family, Child and Youth Welfare", the Council requested the Secretary-General to re-appraise the United Nations Social service programme including the technical assistance programme and the increased activities with UNICEF and the regional economic commissions in this field, particularly considering the needs of the developing countries for family, child and youth welfare services.

Council Resolution 909 (XXXIV) - Concentration of activities, Rationalization of Conference Schedules, and Co-ordination of Survey Missions

26. The Council requested the subsidiary bodies of the Council "to bear in mind, in considering requests for new studies or reports, the continuing necessity that these be concentrated on areas of the work in which the needs and opportunities for international action are greatest" and requested them to continue regularly "to review their programmes and activities with a view to concentrating on activities of higher priority and to eliminating 'fringe projects' of limited value and effectiveness".

Council Resolution 915 (XXXIV) - International Commodity Problems

27. The Council recommended that the Commission for International Commodity Trade undertake at its eleventh session a more detailed examination of projection reports (E/CN.13/48 and 49), taking account of any observations made by the Secretary-General, the regional economic commissions, etc.; and called upon the Secretary-General and the Director-General of FAO to continue their work on medium-term projections of the prospective production and demand for primary commodities and to communicate the results thereof periodically to the appropriate agencies and bodies.

28. In addition to the resolutions mentioned above reference is also made to the following resolutions adopted by the Council: 866 (XXXIII) - Reports of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the International Finance Corporation and the International Development Association

878 (XXXIII) - Procedures and Arrangements for the World Food Programme

919 (XXXIV) - Group of Experts on Commodity and Trade Problems of Developing Countries

920 (XXXIV) - SSpecial Committee on Co-ordination with particular emphasis on the United Nations Development Decade

921 (XXXIV) - United Nations Capital Development Fund

922 (XXXIV) - Promotion of the Flow of Private Capital

923 (XXXIV) - Financing of Economic Development