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RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS OF INTEREST TO THE COMMISSION ADOPTED
BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AT ITS THIRTY-SEVENTH
SESSION AND BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS NINETEENTH SESSION^{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, and the General Assembly since the end of the Sixth Session of the Commission.

A. RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL
REQUIRING ACTION BY THE COMMISSION:

1000(XXXVII) - Reports of the regional economic commissions

In this resolution, after recording its appreciation of the work of the regional economic commissions particularly in the preparations for the first United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the Council in its operative paragraph expressed the hope "that the regional economic commissions will, at the appropriate time, make a detailed study of the recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development within the field of their competence and will continue their activities with a view to the implementation of these recommendations in the field of trade and development".

^{1/} Relevant resolutions adopted by the General Assembly will be distributed as an addendum to the present document.

1026(XXXVII) - Economic and social consequences of disarmament: Conversion to peaceful needs of the resources released by disarmament

In operative paragraph three of this resolution, the Council "deems it necessary that the activities within the framework of the United Nations, including those of the regional economic commissions ... relating to the economic and social consequences of disarmament ... be continued and accelerated as far as possible".

1027(XXXVII) - Reports of the regional economic commissions
Report of the Economic Commission for Africa

In this resolution the Council dealt with the question of the participation of representatives of Angola, Mozambique and South West Africa in the work of the Commission.

The Council decided to transmit the Secretary-General's communication concerning certain legal aspects of ECA resolution 94(VI) to the Executive Secretary "for any appropriate action..."

1029(XXXVII) - Training of national technical personnel for the accelerated industrialization of developing countries

In operative paragraph three of this resolution, the Council decided to transmit the report of the Secretary-General on the training of national technical personnel for the accelerated industrialization of developing countries (document E/3901 and Addendum 1 and 2) to the regional economic commissions as well as to other bodies, "for their comments and recommendations".

1030 C(XXXVII) - Activities in the field of industrial development
International and regional symposia on industrial development

In the third operative paragraph of this resolution, the Council endorsed the decisions of ECA, ECAFE and ECLA to hold regional and sub-regional symposia on industrial development and referred to utilizing

"as far as possible" the facilities of the regional economic commissions for the holding of the International Symposium.

1034(XXXVII) - Question of procedures for the revision of the Convention on Road Traffic and of the Protocol on Road Signs and Signals, done at Geneva, 19 September 1949

In operative paragraph three of this resolution, the Council invited the regional economic commissions "to consider what could be done to bring the system of road signs and signals in use in the countries of their regions closer to the 1952 draft convention and the 1949 Protocol". The Executive Secretaries of the regional economic commissions are also requested to secure, for this purpose, the co-operation of competent international governmental and non-governmental organizations.

1048(XXXVII) - Population growth and economic and social development

In operative paragraph one of this resolution the Council requested the regional economic commissions, among others, to examine the replies of the Governments to the inquiry conducted by the Secretary-General concerning the problems confronting them as a result of the reciprocal action of economic development and population changes (document E/3895 and Add.1), and to make recommendations with a view to intensifying the work of the United Nations in this field.

After commending ECAFE for organizing the Asian Population Conference in 1963, the Council recommended that the Commission organize regional conferences to study population trends and the economic trends connected with them and their implications for economic and social development in the regions concerned and that their findings be communicated for appropriate action to the Council and the Population Commission.

B. OTHER RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS

1004(XXXVII) - Annual report of the Economic Commission for Africa

The Council took note of the annual report of the Commission and endorsed its programme of work and priorities.

1011(XXXVII) - United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

This is the basic resolution by the Council on UNCTAD. By it the Council transmitted the Final Act and report of UNCTAD to the General Assembly at its 19th session for further action.

1013(XXXVII) - The role of patents in the transfer of technology to under-developed countries

In this resolution the Council took note of the recommendation contained in Annex A.IV.26 to the Final Act of UNCTAD and requested the Secretary-General to explore the possibilities of adapting legislation concerning the transfer of industrial technology to developing countries. He was asked to do this in co-operation with competent international bodies, "including United Nations bodies". The Secretary-General was requested to take all appropriate steps to this end, including exchange of information and documentation and provision for reciprocal representation at meetings among the bodies concerned.

1020(XXXVII) - Consolidation of technical assistance activities

In this resolution the Council endorsed the consolidation of the Special Fund and the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance in a United Nations development programme and recommended a draft resolution for adoption by the General Assembly. The composition of the Governing Council for the United Nations Development Programme was not decided upon and was left to the General Assembly.

The resolution also provides that all the previous resolutions of the Economic and Social Council concerning both the Special Fund and the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance upon adoption by the General Assembly of the resolution, "be deemed to have been amended or superseded to the extent necessary to give effect to the General Assembly resolution".

1024 A(XXXVII) - Report of the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning in the United Nations Development Decade

In this resolution the Council transmitted a draft resolution on the subject for adoption by the General Assembly. The draft resolution would recommend that Member States take a major role in the solution of their housing problems and would recommend a number of measures to this end. The resolution would also have the Secretary-General prepare biennial progress reports on its application, "in close co-operation with the Executive Secretaries of the regional economic commissions".

1024 B(XXXVII) - The Industrialization of Building

In this resolution the Council requested the Secretary-General to undertake a study on this subject and to initiate "an extensive international exchange of experience in this field", among others, through the regional economic commissions.

1024 C(XXXVII) - Co-ordination and organization of existing programmes in Housing, Building and Planning

In this resolution, the Council approved the proposals made in the report on organizational arrangements in the field of housing, building and planning (document E/C.6/24) and urged, inter alia, that "the regional economic commissions activate their work in housing, building and planning".

1030 A(XXXVII) - Activities in the field of industrial development United Nations Machinery in the Field of Industrial Development

In this resolution the Council dealt with the organization, procedures, policy and functions of the Industrial Development Centre. The Council requested that adequate budgetary provisions be made for the Centre and requested the Secretary-General to draw the attention of Governments to his authority to receive voluntary contributions for special purposes and to inform them that such voluntary contributions may be made for activities in the field of industrial development.

The Council also drew the attention of the Governments of developing countries to the opportunities for obtaining increased assistance for their industrial development, including the possibility of applying to the Special Fund for preparatory allocations to assist in the formulation of industrial development projects. The Council made it clear that the arrangements outlined in this resolution were subject to review in the light of other organizational changes that might be made in the field of industrial development.

1030 B(XXXVII) - United Nations Machinery in the field of Industrial Development

In this resolution the Council declared that there was "an urgent need to establish a specialized agency for industrial development". The Secretary-General was requested to prepare a study on the scope, structure and functions of this agency taking into account the views expressed, inter alia, at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

1033 C(XXXVII) - Non-agricultural resources

In this resolution the Council took note of the work undertaken in the field of the development and utilization of non-agricultural resources, undertaken, among others, by the regional economic commissions. The Council recommended that "due priority" be given to such programmes as have a direct impact on the economic development of the developing countries and specifically mentioned geology and mining, water resources and energy including natural gas, as well as the training of national personnel in these fields. The Council recommended that a high priority be assigned to the world survey of iron ore deposits.

1033 D(XXXVII) - Water resources development

In one of the preambular paragraphs of this resolution, the Council expressed its appreciation of "the valuable and growing activities of

the regional economic commissions in this field as indicated in their annual reports to the Council". The Council endorsed the Secretary-General's proposals concerning the future of the Water Resources Development Centre, its organizational re-arrangement and its terms of reference (document E/3894/Rev.I). The latter now include the item "to facilitate co-ordination of activities between Headquarters and the Regional Economic Commissions". The Council approved the recommendation of the ACC that co-ordination in this field among the participating organizations should be provided by the interagency meetings functioning as a sub-committee of the ACC and called upon the Secretary-General to develop "more effective co-ordination with the specialized agencies and the IAEA on the work of water resources".

1035(XXXVII) - Economic planning and projections

In the preamble to this resolution the Council stated that it had taken into account General Assembly resolution 1939(XVIII), and particularly the measures approved by that resolution for intensifying progress, inter alia, by the regional economic commissions and the regional planning institutions. In the third operative paragraph of the resolution, the Council requested the Secretary-General to consider in due course "the possible usefulness of establishing a group of experts-specialists in planning theory and practice that would work as a consultative body on the problems of economic planning and projections within the United Nations".

1036(XXXVII) - Relationships among planning institutes

In this resolution the Council referred to the report of the Secretary-General on this subject, presented to the 37th session (document E/3923). The Council noted with satisfaction "the initial steps already taken to establish close inter-relationships among the various world-wide and regional planning institutes" and stressed, particularly, "the importance of establishing close working relationships between the

various regional planning institutes of the United Nations and specialized agencies and national planning organizations for their mutual benefit". The Secretary-General was requested to prepare a report for the 39th session in the summer of 1965 describing the terms of reference and the spheres of activities of the various institutes, "including a commentary on those aspects of their respective work which, in his view, might lend themselves to concerted activity or give rise to special problems of co-ordination".

1046(XXXVII) - Work Programme of the United Nations in the Economic, Social and Human Rights Fields

In this resolution, the Council stated that the Secretary-General's report on the work programme in these fields presented to the 37th session of the Council (document E/3928), although it constituted an improvement upon the 1963 report (document E/3788) "remained far from providing the tool envisaged in resolution 990(XXXVI)". The Council endorsed the conclusion of the Special Committee on Co-ordination (document E/3946 para. 9) that a procedure should be established for screening the United Nations work programme in the economic, social and human rights fields in relation to its budgetary implications. The Secretary-General was requested to report to the Council at the Spring 1965 session on the progress made towards the presentation to the Council at its summer session in 1965 of a work programme in these fields "together with adequate information on its budgetary implications for 1966 in each major area of work, together with the advice of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on such a procedure". The Secretary-General was also requested to report to the Council on the possibility of presenting the work programme on a biennial basis.