

Recognizing likewise the importance of adopting appropriate measures to ensure that the link between the Disarmament Decade and the Second United Nations Development Decade shall be fully understood and utilized in as practical and comprehensive a manner as possible,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with such advisers³⁸ as he may deem it necessary to designate:

(a) To formulate suggestions for the guidance of Member States, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, as well as other organizations of the United Nations system, with a view to establishing the link between the Disarmament Decade and the Second United Nations Development Decade so that an appropriate portion of the resources that are released as a consequence of progress towards general and complete disarmament would be used to increase assistance for the economic and social development of developing countries;

(b) To propose measures for the mobilization of world public opinion in support of the link between disarmament and development and thus encourage intensified negotiations aimed at progress towards general and complete disarmament under effective international control;

2. *Requests* Member States, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, as well as other organizations of the United Nations system, to submit to the Secretary-General their comments and recommendations on the matters indicated in paragraph 1 above;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report thereon, through the Economic and Social Council, in time for consideration by the General Assembly in 1973 at the first biennial review of the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade.

*1925th plenary meeting,
11 December 1970.*

2686 (XXV). Regional economic commissions

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations relating to economic and social development, particularly Chapter IX on international economic and social co-operation and Chapter X pertaining, *inter alia*, to the mandate and functions of the Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the relevant resolutions of the Economic and Social Council on the terms of reference and functions of the regional economic commissions,

Taking into account the statements made in the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and other United Nations bodies on the need for uniformity in nomenclature of these commissions, in keeping with their terms of reference and functions,

Noting the importance of the unified or integrated socio-economic approach to development which the regional economic commissions have adopted and will be called upon to put into practice, particularly in the

context of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,³⁹

Considering that the renaming of the regional economic commissions to correspond with the true nature of their activities in the economic and social fields would further emphasize the importance of an integrated socio-economic approach to development, particularly in the developing countries,

Recommends that the Economic and Social Council should consider, in consultation with the Secretary-General and taking into account the views of the regional economic commissions and those expressed on this subject at the twenty-fifth session of the General Assembly, the renaming of the commissions as follows: Economic and Social Commission for Europe, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Far East, Economic and Social Commission for Latin America and Economic and Social Commission for Africa.

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2687 (XXV). Role of the regional economic commissions in the Second United Nations Development Decade

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the important role of the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office at Beirut in the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,⁴⁰

Conscious of the importance of making appropriate arrangements for conducting regular appraisals, on a regional basis, of progress made towards the implementation of the International Development Strategy,

Considering that the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office at Beirut will be called upon to assume major responsibilities for review and appraisal at the regional level of the progress in the implementation of the International Development Strategy, in collaboration with regional development banks and other regional or subregional institutions,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* of the contributions made by the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office at Beirut towards the formulation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade;

2. *Requests* the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office at Beirut to continue and further intensify their efforts in helping to promote, on a regional, subregional or interregional basis, trade expansion, economic co-operation and integration among their member countries as a concrete step towards the attainment of the goals and objectives of the Second United Nations Development Decade;

3. *Affirms* that these efforts deserve the active support of the entire international community and particularly of the developed countries;

4. *Requests* the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office at Beirut, in co-operation where appropriate with regional

³⁸ Subsequently referred to as the Group of Experts on the Economic and Social Consequences of Disarmament.

³⁹ Resolution 2626 (XXV).

⁴⁰ Resolution 2626 (XXV).