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RESOLUTIONS

1982/41. Identification of the least developed among the developing countries

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 2768 (XXVI) of 18 November 1971, 3487 (XXX) of 12 December 1975, and 32/92 and 32/99 of 13 December 1977, and Council resolution 1981/34 of 8 May 1981, establishing the current list of the least developed countries,

Recalling also Council resolution 1981/47 of 20 July 1981 and decision 1982/106 of 4 February 1982, on the basis of which the Committee for Development Planning undertook to consider whether certain countries met the existing criteria for inclusion in the list of the least developed countries in the light of new data and information provided by the Governments of those countries,

1. *Approves* the recommendation made by the Committee for Development Planning at its eighteenth session regarding the inclusion of new countries in the list of the least developed countries;¹

2. *Recommends* that the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session should approve the inclusion of Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Sao Tome and Principe, Sierra Leone and Togo in the list of the least developed countries.

*48th plenary meeting
27 July 1982*

1982/42. Convening of an International Conference on Population in 1984

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1981/87 of 25 November 1981, in which it decided to convene an International Conference on Population in 1984,

Recalling also its resolution 1982/7 of 30 April 1982 concerning the status of preparations for the Conference,

1. *Decides* to accept, with gratitude, the offer of the Government of Mexico to act as host to the International Conference on Population in 1984;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the Conference, after consultation with the Government of Mexico, to report to the Council, not later than at its first regular session of 1983, on the dates, site and other arrangements proposed for the Conference;

3. *Welcomes* the offer by the Government of India to act as host to the Expert Group Meeting on Fertility and the Family, to be held at New Delhi towards the end of 1982, and requests the Secretary-General of the Conference, in consultation with the Government of India, to finalize the arrangements for that meeting;

4. *Also welcomes* the offer by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany to support the holding of the Expert Group Meeting on Population, Resources, Environment and Development in early 1983 and requests the Secretary-General of the Conference to finalize the arrangements for that meeting;

5. *Recommends* that the General Assembly, at its thirty-seventh session, should approve the necessary expenses for the preparation of the Conference in 1983, bearing in mind that the total financial cost of the Conference has been estimated by the Secretary-General at \$2.3 million² and that the total amount of the resources to be provided from the United Nations regular budget for the Conference should not exceed \$800,000, which will come, to the maximum extent possible, from existing resources;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the Conference to report to the Council at its resumed second regular session of 1982 on the status of his efforts to raise extra-budgetary resources for the Conference;

¹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1982, Supplement No. 5* (E/1982/15 and Corr.1 and 2), para. 103.

² See A.C.5/36/33/Add.1

7. *Decides* to schedule the open-ended session of the Population Commission, which will serve as the Preparatory Committee for the Conference, in January 1984, immediately following the twenty-second session of the Commission, and to consider the report of the Preparatory Committee at the first regular session of 1984 of the Council;

8. *Invites* the regional commissions to consider, at their annual sessions in 1984, the report of the Preparatory Committee for the Conference on its meeting in 1984, with a view to formulating suggestions and recommendations for the further implementation of the World Population Plan of Action³ at the regional level, and to transmit those suggestions and recommendations to the Conference for its consideration.

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1982/43. International centre for public accounting and auditing

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling paragraphs 30 and 47 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980, containing the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, paragraph 3 of Assembly resolution 36/194 of 17 December 1981 on the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries and Assembly resolution 34/137 of 14 December 1979 on the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries,

Recalling also Council resolutions 1978/6 of 4 May 1978 and 1980/12 of 28 April 1980 on public administration and finance for development in the 1980s and 1981/45 of 20 July 1981 on the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries,

Recalling further Council resolutions 1979/47 of 31 July 1979 on public accounting and auditing for national development and 1981/53 of 22 July 1981 on an international centre for public accounting and auditing,

Re-emphasizing the necessity and importance of the role of public accounting and auditing in the effective management of national development plans and programmes in developing countries and the urgency of the need to organize technical co-operation activities at all levels in order to support national efforts to improve the accounting and auditing systems of those countries,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary General⁴ concerning the proposal for the establishment of an international centre for public accounting and auditing, and

³ *Report of the United Nations World Population Conference, Bucharest, 19-30 August 1974* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.XIII.3), chap. I.

⁴ E/1982/69.

of the conclusions of the feasibility study and the project proposal contained therein;

2. *Believes* that the establishment of an international centre for public accounting and auditing should be conceived of as a technical co-operation activity among Governments at the interregional level;

3. *Reiterates* the guide-lines set out in paragraph 3 of its resolution 1981/53 regarding the activities of the proposed centre, in particular the need for close collaboration with the regional and international institutions which have similar objectives;

4. *Reiterates further* that the proposed centre would be financed exclusively on a voluntary basis;

5. *Urges* all Governments to consider contributing financially to the international centre for public accounting and auditing or co-operating in other ways with the centre in order to facilitate its regular and effective functioning;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consult with interested Governments, including Governments of prospective host countries, and, subject to the availability of voluntary resources, to take preparatory measures towards the establishment of the centre;

7. *Requests* the United Nations Development Programme, other international institutions and the appropriate regional institutions to extend their full co-operation to the centre in their respective fields of competence.

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1982/44. Public administration and finance for development

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 35/56 of 5 December 1980, containing the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, 36/194 of 17 December 1981 on the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, particularly paragraph 3 thereof, 34/137 of 14 December 1979 on the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries and 35/80 of 5 December 1980 on the role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries,

Recalling also Council resolutions 1978/6 of 4 May 1978, 1978/75 of 8 November 1978 and 1980/12 of 28 April 1980, concerning public administration and finance for development in the 1980s, and 1981/45 of 20 July 1981 on the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries.

Reiterating the importance of developing and strengthening the public administration and finance capabilities of developing countries, including training and institution-building, in the formulation and carrying out of policies for the economic and social development of those countries,