the field of informatics, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure effective co-ordination through existing co-ordination mechanisms;

- 3. Calls upon Member States to encourage and promote activities to expand the endogenous skills of their population in the field of informatics;
- 4. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare a report on all aspects of international co-operation in the field of informatics and the impact of informatics on the economic growth and development of the developing countries, including concrete recommendations for intensifying and strengthening international co-operation in that field in the context of the revitalization of economic growth and development of the developing countries, for submission to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1991.

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1990/59. Assistance to the Palestinian people

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 44/235 of 22 December 1989,

Recalling also its own resolution 1989/96 of 26 July 1989,

Taking into account the intifadah of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory against the Israeli occupation, including Israeli economic and social policies and practices,

Rejecting Israeli restrictions on external economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory,

Aware of the increasing need to provide economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people,

Affirming that the Palestinian people cannot develop their national economy as long as the Israeli occupation persists,

- 1. Takes note of the note by the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people;
- 2. Expresses its appreciation to the States, United Nations bodies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that have provided assistance to the Palestinian people;
- 3. Requests the World Food Programme to provide food assistance to the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory;
- 4. Requests the international community, the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to sustain and increase their

assistance to the Palestinian people, in close cooperation with the Palestine Liberation Organization;

- 5. Calls for the treatment on a transit basis of Palestinian exports and imports passing through neighbouring ports and points of exit and entry;
- 6. Also calls for the granting of trade concessions and concrete preferential measures for Palestinian exports on the basis of Palestinian certificates of origin;
- 7. Further calls for the immediate lifting of Israeli restrictions and obstacles hindering the implementation of assistance projects by the United Nations Development Programme, other United Nations bodies and others providing economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory;
- 8. Reiterates its call for the implementation of development projects in the occupied Palestinian territory, including the projects mentioned in General Assembly resolution 39/223 of 18 December 1984;
- 9. Calls for facilitating the establishment of Palestinian development banks in the occupied Palestinian territory, with a view to promoting investment, production, employment and income therein;
- 10. Requests the Secretary-General to report in full to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

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1990/60. 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-General¹⁰ and the report of the President of the Economic and Social Council¹¹ concerning the question of the 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,

Having heard the statements made by the representative 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 and by the Vice-Chairman of the Special Committee against Apartheid,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the

⁹ E/1990/71/Rev.1.

¹⁰ A/45/309.

¹¹ E/1990/72.