

6, and to submit the draft provisional agenda for the approval of the Council at its first regular session of 1984;

4. *Requests* the regional commissions to consider at their annual sessions in 1984 the Preparatory Committee's report on its meeting, to make suggestions and recommendations for the subsequent implementation and updating of the World Population Plan of Action at the regional level, and to transmit their suggestions and recommendations to the Conference for its consideration;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the appropriate steps to ensure the timely circulation of the preparatory documents for the Conference and, in any event, with strict adherence to the six-week rule, and their availability simultaneously in all the official languages of the United Nations;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take appropriate steps as part of the preparatory process to ensure that the Conference and issues to be discussed at the Conference are widely publicized;

7. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General of the Conference to continue to make every effort to obtain extrabudgetary resources for the Conference;

8. *Urges* all States to participate actively at a high level in the Conference;

9. *Requests* the Preparatory Committee to transmit the report on its meeting in January 1984 to the Economic and Social Council for consideration at its first regular session of 1984;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session on the outcome of the Conference.

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38/149. Protection against products harmful to health and the environment

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 36/166 of 16 December 1981 and 37/137 of 17 December 1982,

Bearing in mind the oral report presented by the Secretariat on 3 November 1983 with regard to progress made in the implementation of resolution 37/137,¹⁶

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the exchange of information on banned hazardous chemicals and unsafe pharmaceutical products,¹⁷ and of the work being carried out by the organizations of the United Nations system;

2. *Notes with satisfaction* that the work carried out in consultation with organizations of the United Nations system on the consolidated list of products whose consumption and/or sale have been banned, withdrawn, severely restricted or, in the case of pharmaceuticals, not approved by Governments, is in the process of being completed;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make available the consolidated list, as established on the basis of information supplied thus far, in accordance with the objectives of General Assembly resolution 37/137, and to bring it up to date on a regular basis;

4. *Urges* the relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, particularly the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Health Organization, the International Labour

Organisation, the United Nations Environment Programme, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations, and other intergovernmental organizations to continue to co-operate fully in providing information for the consolidated list and for its updated versions;

5. *Appreciates* the co-operation extended by Governments and urges all Governments, in particular those that have not yet done so, to provide the necessary information for inclusion in the consolidated list and its updated versions, as well as comments and views that they deem relevant;

6. *Urges* non-governmental organizations to extend co-operation to the Secretary-General regarding the preparation of the consolidated list, particularly in the identification of potential sources of information among national Governments and in obtaining governmental information on relevant regulatory actions;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General, for purposes of review by the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session, to submit a report on the implementation of Assembly resolution 37/137, including the consolidated list, taking into account the latest information and comments collected for possible improvement of the list, as envisaged in paragraph 6 of resolution 37/137;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session, through the Economic and Social Council, a report on the exchange of information on banned hazardous chemicals and unsafe pharmaceutical products identifying elements for possible further work in this area in regard to the needs and capabilities of developing countries to monitor and control those substances in the light of the relevant observations in the report of the Secretary-General;¹⁷

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the competent organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to continue to provide, within available resources, the necessary technical assistance to the developing countries, at their request, for the establishment or strengthening of national systems for better use by those countries of the information provided with regard to banned hazardous chemicals and unsafe pharmaceutical products, as well as for an adequate monitoring of the importation of those products.

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38/150. Transport and Communications Decade in Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 32/160 of 19 December 1977, 33/197 of 29 January 1979 and 34/15 of 9 November 1979 on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa and, in particular, its resolutions 35/108 of 5 December 1980 and 36/177 of 17 December 1981, by which it approved the organization of consultative technical meetings for the various African subregions,

Referring to resolution 422 (XVI), adopted on 10 April 1981 by the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa,¹⁸ in which the Conference requested the Executive Secretary of the Commission to undertake the preparation of the plan of action for the second phase (1984-1988) of the Decade,

¹⁶ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Second Committee, 27th meeting, paras 1-7.*

¹⁷ A/38/190-E/1983/67.

¹⁸ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement No. 14 (E/1981/54), chap. IV.*

Recalling also its resolution 37/140 of 17 December 1982, in which it, *inter alia*, requested the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session a report on the state of preparation of the plan of action for the second phase of the Decade,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolutions 1979/61 of 3 August 1979, 1980/46 of 23 July 1980 and 1981/67 of 24 July 1981 on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa and Council resolution 1982/54 of 29 July 1982, in which the Council requested the organization of a fifth consultative technical meeting for the countries of North Africa, East Africa and the islands of the Indian Ocean, as endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 37/140,

Referring also to resolution 464 (XVIII) adopted on 2 May 1983 by the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa,¹⁹ in which the Conference requested the Executive Secretary of the Commission to ensure that the plan of action for the second phase would promote harmonization and co-ordination of the various modes of transport and communication and to organize four consultative technical meetings after the launching of the second phase of the Decade,

Taking note of resolution 465 (XVIII) adopted on 2 May 1983 by the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa,²⁰ in which the Conference requested the Executive Secretary of the Commission to ensure that the resolutions on freedoms of the air in Africa would be implemented,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/67 of 29 July 1983, in which the Council recommended the organization of consultative technical meetings in 1984 and 1985, as well as the carrying out of required studies and the organization of conferences,

Considering that the programme for the Decade requires updating, as may be necessary, during the entire period of the second phase,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa;²¹

2. Takes note also of the report of the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa on the preparation of the plan of action for the second phase (1984-1988) of the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,²² as well as the timetable²³ drawn up to adjust the programme with a view to finalizing it for consideration and adoption by the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning at its fourth session, to be held from 7 to 11 February 1984;

3. Notes the financial support provided by the Secretary-General and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to the Economic Commission for Africa for the preparation of the plan of action for the second phase of the Decade;

4. Notes with interest the financial resources made available by the Secretary-General to the Economic Commission for Africa for the organization of the fifth consultative technical meeting for the countries of North Africa, East Africa and the islands of the Indian Ocean, to be held from 15 to 17 March 1984;

5. Also notes with interest the measure of progress achieved in the implementation of the programme for the first phase of the Decade;

6. Commends the efforts undertaken for the preparation of the plan of action for the second phase of the Decade,

ade, which should continue to aim at a sound programme, in both its technical and financial aspects, in order to ensure the full realization of the objectives of the Decade:

7. Requests the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to organize other consultative technical meetings as soon as possible following the launching of the second phase of the Decade in 1984, and not later than the middle of 1985, for the following sub-sectors of transport and communications:

- (a) Broadcasting;
- (b) Postal services;
- (c) Air transport;
- (d) Railways and rail transport;

8. Appeals to donor countries and financing institutions to participate actively and positively in the fifth consultative technical meeting, as well as in subsequent consultative technical meetings to be organized in 1984 and 1985;

9. Also requests the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa:

- (a) To undertake studies on the harmonization and co-ordination of various modes of transport and communications;
- (b) To prepare, in collaboration with the relevant organizations of the United Nations system, a study of the training and manpower needs of all African countries for all modes of transport and communications;
- (c) To draw up urgently programmes on transport and communications of special importance to the land-locked developing countries in Africa;
- (d) To organize the fourth session of the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning, to be held from 7 to 11 February 1984;
- (e) To organize in 1984 a conference of the Governments of African countries and representatives of African airlines with a view to examining ways and means to promote inter-African airlinks;

10. Requests the Secretary-General to provide the Economic Commission for Africa with \$1 million from the regular budget of the United Nations to enable it to organize the four consultative technical meetings planned for 1984 and 1985, to elaborate the studies requested in the present resolution, to organize the meetings planned for 1984, such as those specified in paragraphs 7 and 9 above, within the context of the Decade, and to seek additional support from extrabudgetary resources;

11. Further requests the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to explore other approaches for mobilizing financial resources for implementing the programme for the Decade;

12. Requests further the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to continue to present annual progress reports on the implementation of the programme for the Decade;

13. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session a report on the progress achieved in the implementation of the present resolution.

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¹⁹ See A/38/259-E/1983/79, annex I.

²⁰ *Ibid.*, annex II.

²¹ A/38/259-E/1983/79.

²² A. 38.263-E/1983/80.

²³ A. 38.259-E/1983/79, para. 39.