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NOTE BY THE SECRETARIAT ON RESOLUTIONS OF CONCERN OR OF
INTEREST TO THE COMMISSION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY AT ITS NINETEENTH SESSION AND BY THE
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AT ITS
THIRTY-SEVENTH SESSION

The Secretariat wishes to draw the attention of the Economic Commission for Latin America to a number of resolutions of concern or of interest to the Commission that were adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its thirty-seventh session after 14 February 1964, the closing date of the tenth session of the Committee of the Whole of ECLA.

The present document provides summaries of the relevant parts of the resolutions*, which are presented in two sections, according to how closely they concern the Commission.

The General Assembly, because of the special circumstances of its nineteenth session, adopted only one resolution of concern to the Commission, resolution 1995 (XIX) on the establishment of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development as an organ of the General Assembly. Since this resolution so closely concerns the Commission, it has been reproduced verbatim in document E/CN.12/725, which is before the Commission at its eleventh session.

I

RESOLUTIONS OF CONCERN TO THE COMMISSION ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AT ITS THIRTY-SEVENTH SESSION

1000 (XXXVII). Reports of the regional economic commissions (1323rd plenary meeting, 20 July 1964)

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 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.

* The full text of the resolutions in question are given in the Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-Seventh Session, Supplement No.1 (E/3970), of which the secretariat has copies.

- 1026 (XXXVII). Economic and social consequences of disarmament, Conversion to peaceful needs of the resources released by disarmament (1345th plenary meeting, 11 August 1964)

In operative paragraph 3 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.

- 1029 (XXXVII). Training of national technical personnel for the accelerated industrialization of developing countries (1348th plenary meeting, 13 August 1964)

In operative paragraph 3 of this resolution the Council decides 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 Add. 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. C. International and regional symposia on industrial development (1348th plenary meeting, 13 August 1964)

In operative paragraph 3 the Council endorses the decisions of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East (ECAFE) and ECLA to hold regional and sub-regional symposia on industrial development, and refers 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 (1350th plenary meeting, 14 August 1964)

In operative paragraph 3 the Council invites the regional economic commissions to consider what could be done to bring the systems 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 the competent international governmental and non-governmental organizations.

1048 (XXXVII). Population growth and economic and social development
(1351st plenary meeting, 15 August 1964)

In operative paragraph 1 the Council invites 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 recommends that ECLA organize a regional conference, study population trends and the economic trends connected with them and their implications for economic and social development in the region concerned, and communicate its findings to the Council and to the Population Commission for appropriate action.

II

RESOLUTIONS OF INTEREST TO THE COMMISSION ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC COUNCIL AT ITS THIRTY-SEVENTH SESSION

1003 (XXXVII). Annual report of the Economic Commission for Latin America
(1319th plenary meeting, 15 July 1964)

In this resolution the Council takes note of the annual report of the Commission approved at the tenth session of the Committee of the Whole, and endorses the programme of work and priorities contained therein.

1011 (XXXVII). United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (1331st
plenary meeting, 24 July 1964)

By this resolution the Council transmits the Final Act and the report of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) to the General Assembly at its nineteenth session for further action.

1013 (XXXVII). The role of patents in the transfer of technology to
under-developed countries (1334th plenary meeting, 27 July
1964)

The Council takes note of the recommendation contained in Annex A.IV.26 to the Final Act of UNCTAD, and requests the Secretary-General to explore

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the possibilities of adapting legislation concerning the transfer of industrial technology to developing countries. He is asked to do this in co-operation with competent international bodies, including United Nations bodies, and to take all appropriate steps to this end, including exchange of information and documentation, and provision for reciprocal representation at meetings, between the bodies concerned.

1020 (XXXVII). Consolidation of the Special Fund and the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance in a United Nations Development Programme (1344th plenary meeting, 11 August 1964)

The Council endorses the consolidation of the Special Fund and the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance in a United Nations Development Programme, and to that effect recommends a draft resolution for adoption by the General Assembly. The composition of the Governing Council for the United Nations Development Programme is 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 shall, 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 A. Housing, Building and Planning in the United Nations Development Decade (1345th plenary meeting, 11 August 1964)

In this resolution the Council recommends a draft resolution on the subject for adoption by the General Assembly. The draft resolution recommends that Member States take a major role in the solution of their housing problems and recommends a number of measures to this end. The resolution also suggests that 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). Report of the Commission on Housing, Building and Planning B. The Industrialization of Building (1345th plenary meeting, 11 August 1964)

In this part of the resolution the Council requests the Secretary-General

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to undertake a study on this subject and to initiate an extensive international exchange of experience in this field through, among others, the regional economic commissions.

1024 C (XXXVII). Report of the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning
C. Co-ordination and Organization of Existing Programmes
in Housing, Building and Planning (1345th plenary
meeting, 11 August 1964)

In this part of the resolution the Council approves the proposals made in the report on organizational arrangements in the field of housing, building and planning (E/C.6/24) and urges, 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
A. United Nations Machinery in the Field of Industrial
Development (1348th plenary meeting, 13 August 1964)

In this part of the resolution the Council deals with the organization, procedures, policy and functions of the Industrial Development Centre. The Council recommends that adequate budgetary provisions be made for the Centre and requests 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 invites 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 makes it clear that the arrangements outlined in this resolution are subject to review in the light of any other organizational changes in the field of industrial development that may be deemed necessary.

1030 B (XXXVII). Activities in the field of industrial development
B. United Nations Machinery in the Field of Industrial
Development (1348th plenary meeting, 13 August 1964)

In this part of the resolution the Council declares that there is an urgent need to establish a specialized agency for industrial development. The Secretary-General is requested to prepare a study on the scope,

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structure and functions of this agency, taking into account the views expressed by, inter alia, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

1033 C (XXXVII). Development of natural resources
C. Non-Agricultural Resources (1350th plenary meeting,
14 August 1964)

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

1033 D (XXXVII). Development of natural resources
D. Water Resources Development (1350th plenary meeting,
14 August 1964)

In one of the preambular paragraphs of this resolution, the Council expresses 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 endorses 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.1). The latter now include the task of facilitating co-ordination of activities between Headquarters and the regional economic commissions. The Council approves the recommendation of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination (ACC) that co-ordination in this field among the participating organizations should be provided by the inter-agency meetings on water resources development, functioning as a sub-committee of the ACC, and calls upon the Secretary-General to develop more effective co-ordination with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in work on the development of water resources.

1035 (XXXVII). Economic planning and projections (1351st plenary meeting, 15 August 1964)

In the preamble the Council states that it has taken into account General Assembly resolution 1939 (XVIII), and particularly the measures approved by that resolution for intensifying progress in this field of, inter alia, the regional economic commissions and the regional planning institutions. In operative paragraph 3 of the resolution the Council requests 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 (1351st plenary meeting, 15 August 1964)

In this resolution the Council refers to the report of the Secretary-General on this subject (document E/3923). The Council notes with satisfaction the initial steps already taken to establish close inter-relationships among the various world-wide and regional planning institutes, and stresses 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 is requested to prepare a report for the Council's thirty-ninth session 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 (1351st plenary meeting, 15 August 1964)

The Council states that the Secretary-General's report on the work programme in these fields (document E/3928), although constituting an improvement upon the 1963 report (document E/3788) remains far from

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providing the tool envisaged in resolution 990 (XXXVI). The Council endorses 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 is requested to report to the Council at its thirty-eighth session on the progress made towards the presentation to the Council at its thirty-ninth session 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 the Administrative and Budgetary Questions on such a procedure. The Secretary-General is also requested to report to the Council on the possibility of presenting the work programme on a biennial basis.