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NOTE BY THE SECRETARIAT ON RESOLUTIONS, OF CONCERN OR OF POSSIBLE
INTEREST TO THE COMMISSION, ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY AT ITS EIGHTEENTH SESSION AND BY
THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AT
ITS RESUMED THIRTY-SIXTH SESSION

In the note by the secretariat (E/CN.12/AC/57/13) of 5 December 1963 the attention of the Committee of the Whole was drawn to resolutions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at the first part of its thirty-sixth session that were of concern or of possible interest to the Economic Commission for Latin America. It was not possible to include in that document the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly at its eighteenth session, which was still being held at that time, or those adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its resumed thirty-sixth session, which had not then begun. The relevant resolutions are now submitted to the Committee of the Whole in the usual order adopted in the past; part I contains extracts from the General Assembly and Economic and Social Council resolutions that directly concern the Commission and may call for some action by the Committee of the Whole, and part II indicates other resolutions submitted for the attention of the Committee of the Whole as being only of possible interest to the Commission.

I

RESOLUTIONS OF CONCERN TO THE COMMISSION

A. Resolutions adopted by the General Assembly
at its eighteenth session

1897 (XVIII): United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
(1256th plenary meeting, 11 November 1963)

In this resolution the General Assembly welcomes the Joint Declaration of the Developing Countries with regard to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development which is annexed to the resolution, and invites the States participating in the Conference, in dealing with the various items on the agenda and with documents and proposals, to give serious consideration to the Joint Declaration of the Developing Countries.

References to the Conference are also made in the following resolutions of the eighteenth session of the General Assembly:

1931 (XVIII) on conversion to peaceful needs of the resources released by disarmament; 1935 (XVIII) on the role of patents in the transfer of technology to developing countries; 1936 (XVIII) on the establishment of a United Nations capital development fund; 1938 (XVIII) on the accelerated flow of capital and technical assistance to the developing countries; 1939 (XVIII) on planning for economic development, and 1942 (XVIII) on the question of a declaration on international economic co-operation. See also Economic and Social Council resolution 963 (XXXVI) and 984 (XXXVI).

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1916 (XVIII): World social situation (1274th plenary meeting,
5 December 1963)

In this resolution the General Assembly invites the Economic and Social Council to consider effective means of translating the social objectives of the Development Decade into concrete realities; requests the Secretary-General to prepare for submission to the Council in 1965 a draft programme of social development for the second half of the Decade which, inter alia, should take into account the intentions of national Governments and regional bodies, as indicated by specific responses to the resolution as well as by national and regional development plans and programmes; it also requests the Secretary-General to undertake far-reaching studies, covering the various regions and countries with different social systems, of basic problems in the social field and measures adopted for their solution; invites the co-operation of the specialized agencies concerned, the functional commissions and committees of the Economic and Social Council, the regional economic commissions and the regional developing planning institutes in the work of the Secretary-General in this field, and requests the Council and the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its nineteenth session on steps taken to implement this resolution. The General Assembly also requests the competent bodies of the United Nations to continue and to extend the facilities granted for the training abroad of national cadres, and to promote and encourage the local and regional training of cadres of the higher and intermediate levels. See also Economic and Social Council resolution 975 (XXXVI) on this subject.

1917 (XVIII): Housing, building and planning (1274th plenary meeting
5 December 1963)

The General Assembly recommends that as a matter of priority the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning should suggest appropriate means of emergency action during the second half of the United Nations Development Decade in solving housing problems and invites the Secretary-General, the regional economic commissions and other agencies and organizations concerned to co-operate with the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning and to assist requesting Governments in formulating and executing, within the framework of general development and taking into account internal resources and external aid available for such programmes, specific action programmes in housing and environmental development consistent with the targets and standards recommended. The Economic and Social Council and the Secretary-General are requested to report to the General Assembly at its nineteenth session on the implementation of this resolution. See also Economic and Social Council resolution 976 (XXXVI) on this subject.

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1931 (XVIII): Conversion to peaceful needs of the resources released by disarmament (1276th plenary meeting, 11 December 1963)

In operative paragraph 2 the General Assembly invites the specialized agencies concerned and the regional economic commissions to co-operate with the Secretary-General in advancing studies, within their fields of competence, of various problems concerning international economic and trade relations relevant to the economic and social aspects of disarmament, and in particular, as requested by Council resolution 982 (XXXVI), in making an adequate survey of the possibility of undertaking studies of the problems that might arise in relation to primary commodities. The Assembly requests the Economic and Social Council at its thirty-seventh session to consider all pertinent aspects of the question of conversion of resources released by general disarmament to peaceful uses, including, inter alia, the possibility of the establishment of an ad hoc group, having due regard to equitable geographical distribution, for the purpose of accelerating activities in this field of study. The Secretary-General is requested to present a report on this subject to the Assembly at its nineteenth session. See also Economic and Social Council resolution 982 (XXXVI) on this subject, and the decision taken by the Council at its resumed thirty-sixth session to transmit this resolution to the regional commissions.

1932 (XVIII): Means of promoting agrarian reform (1276th plenary meeting, 11 December 1963)

The General Assembly declares that the United Nations should make a maximum concerted effort to facilitate land reform in the developing countries, and invites the Member States and all the international bodies concerned to strengthen their technical assistance to the developing countries which are carrying out agrarian reform programmes. It requests the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the regional economic commissions, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and all international agencies concerned, to give prompt consideration to requests by developing countries to study the financial problems which they may encounter in connexion with their agricultural development within their land reform programmes and to examine the feasibility of achieving regional or international co-operation, as appropriate, to meet their problems. It also requests the Secretary-General to continue rendering technical assistance at the request of Member States which have land reform programmes in progress.

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1939 (XVIII): Planning for economic development (1276th plenary meeting, 11 December 1963)

The General Assembly welcomes the establishment of economic development and planning institutes in the respective regional economic commissions, and invites the regional economic commissions and the Economic Projections and Programming Centre to intensify their co-operation with and assistance to the regional planning institutes, and to help in the promotion of exchange of information on experience in this field among the regional commissions and other United Nations bodies concerned, and in the diffusion of this information by all appropriate means, including the organization of symposia and seminars. The General Assembly requests the Secretary-General to further the assistance rendered to the regional planning institutes by making use of the knowledge gained by countries experienced in planning their economic development, and also requests the Secretary-General and the regional economic commissions to include in further studies on this subject detailed analyses by sectors. See also Council resolution 979 (XXXVI) on this subject, as well as the Council's decision to transmit this resolution to the regional commissions.

1940 (XVIII): Activities in the field of industrial development (1276th plenary meeting, 11 December 1963)

In operative paragraph 5 the Secretary-General is requested to initiate consultation and studies with States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies, and with the regional economic commissions on the advisability of holding, not later than 1966, an international symposium on industrial development, preceded, as appropriate, by regional and sub-regional symposia, and to report to the Council at its thirty-seventh session and to the General Assembly at its nineteenth session.

1941 (XVIII): Decentralization of the economic and social activities of the United Nations and strengthening of the regional economic commissions and the United Nations office in Beirut (1276th plenary meeting, 11 December 1963)

This resolution embodies the following important points:

(a) The General Assembly expressly welcomes the three reports submitted to it under this item, namely: the annual report of the Secretary-General on decentralization (E/3786) and his first report on his meeting with the executive secretaries of the regional economic commissions (E/3798), which were before the Council at its thirty-sixth summer session and were referred to in Council resolution 955 (XXXVI), and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/5584).

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(b) The General Assembly confirms that its resolutions 1518 (XV), 1709 (XVI) and 1823 (XVII) on decentralization apply to all the existing regional economic commissions, in so far as they affect Member States.

(c) With regard to the various United Nations programmes of technical co-operation, the Assembly confirms its conviction that all regional economic commissions, as well as the United Nations Office in Beirut, have a special role to play, in full co-operation with the resident representatives of the Technical Assistance Board and the directors of Special Fund programmes wherever necessary; in this connexion it endorses the view that the regional secretariats should continue, as appropriate, to increase their contribution to the United Nations technical assistance programmes, with respect not only to the formulation of projects, but also to their execution and evaluation, and to take some financial and administrative responsibilities related thereto.

(d) The General Assembly recommends to the Secretary-General the establishment of a technical assistance co-ordination unit in the United Nations Office in Beirut.

(e) The Assembly requests the Secretary-General to accelerate the continuing implementation of the policy of decentralization set out in its resolutions 1709 (XVI) and 1823 (XVII).

(f) The Secretary-General is requested to submit, as part of his activities during the International Co-operation Year and within the framework of the United Nations Development Decade, a comprehensive report on this question for consideration by the Council at its 1965 summer session and by the General Assembly at its twentieth session.

(g) The Assembly requests the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to assess, in the light of this report and the study of the Administrative Management Service, the results of decentralization in terms of its fundamental objectives and to report to the Assembly at its twentieth session.

B. Resolutions adopted by the Economic and Social Council
at its resumed thirty-sixth session

995 (XXXVI): International travel and tourism (1306th plenary meeting, 16 December 1963)

In this resolution the Council expresses its satisfaction with the results achieved and the conclusions reached by the United Nations Conference on International Travel and Tourism, and calls upon the regional economic commissions, within their respective areas, to lend their assistance towards the development of tourism in the developing countries. The Council also requests the Secretary-General to furnish as appropriate, assistance in the implementation of the recommendations of the Conference and, in particular, to prepare for the Council in 1966, in co-operation with the specialized agencies concerned and the regional economic commissions, a report covering the progress achieved in the acceptance and application of the recommendation of the Conference on the facilitation of governmental formalities for international travel and the development of tourism.

II

RESOLUTIONS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST TO THE COMMISSION

A. Resolutions adopted by the General Assembly
at its eighteenth session

1888 (XVIII): Measures in connexion with the hurricane which has just struck the territories of Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago (1254th plenary meeting, 1 November 1963)

In operative paragraph 3 the Assembly requests the Secretary-General and the executive heads of the United Nations agencies concerned to bear in mind the immediate and future needs of the affected countries and to provide assistance, in connexion with their rehabilitation plans, from available resources.

1907 (XVIII): International Co-operation Year (1262nd plenary meeting, 21 November 1963)

In this resolution the Assembly designates 1965, the twentieth year of the United Nations, as International Co-operation Year, and calls upon all Member States and on the specialized agencies and organizations concerned to publicize to the widest extent feasible their activities of

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international co-operation and to formulate such plans and programmes as seem to them appropriate to promote the purposes of the International Co-operation Year. The Secretary-General is requested to provide within existing budgetary limits all necessary facilities for promoting and carrying forward the International Co-operation Year. A special Committee for the International Co-operation Year was established, composed of twelve members (Argentina, Canada, Ceylon, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Finland, India, Ireland, Liberia, Mexico, the United Arab Republic and the Central African Republic), which is to report to the General Assembly at its nineteenth session.

1915 (XVIII): Community action (1274th plenary meeting, 5 December 1963)

The Assembly affirms that community action is a valuable and effective instrument for achieving economic and social development. It requests the Secretary-General, when establishing the activities of the Economic Projections and Programming Centre, to suggest the desirability of including community action in the formulation of plans and programmes of economic development for the developing countries, to give special attention to the present and future contributions of community action towards the attainment of the objectives of the United Nations Development Decade and to prepare regular reports on the progress of community action in the developing countries.

1938 (XVIII): Accelerated flow of capital and technical assistance to the developing countries (1276th plenary meeting, 11 December 1963)

The Assembly requests the Council to consider at its thirty-seventh session the question of establishing a standing committee or any other appropriate machinery to keep under constant and systematic review the inflow of international assistance and development capital to the developing countries, as well as the outflow of capital from those countries, and to advise the Council on matters relating to the nature and volume of these flows. The Assembly also requests the Secretary-General to submit proposals for making the annual presentation of data on capital flows and aid as comprehensive as possible, drawing on information available from other international organizations and from the regional economic commissions, in order to contribute to the assessment of the adequacy of capital available to the developing countries in the light of the objectives of the United Nations Development Decade.

1944 (XVIII): International co-operation in the application of science and technology to economic and social development (1276th plenary meeting, 11 December 1963)

The Assembly among other things invites the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination (ACC) to present, through the Secretary-General, to the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development the comments of the ACC's Sub-Committee on Science and Technology on the assistance which the participating organizations,

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including the regional economic commissions, might render within the framework of a programme on international co-operation on science and technology for economic and social development.

B. Resolutions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its resumed thirty-sixth session

994 (XXXVI): Progress reports of the Committee of Experts for Further Work on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and the Group of Experts on Explosives (1306th plenary meeting, 16 December 1963)

In this resolution the Council decides to change the name of the Committee of Experts dealing with this question and requests the Secretary-General in the light of the contents of the Committee of Experts' report:

- (a) to amend the classification and list of principal dangerous goods;
- (b) to issue a revised version of the 1956 recommendations; (c) to convene meetings of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and its subsidiary bodies, taking into account the programme of work recommended by the experts and the calendar of conferences and availability of servicing resources.

999 (XXXVI): Enlargement of the Economic, Social and Co-ordination Committees of the Economic and Social Council (1312th plenary meeting, 19 December 1963)

The Council recalls its resolution 974 C (XXXVI) on the enlargement of the Economic and Social Council, adopted on the initiative of the Economic Commission for Africa, and decides, as an interim measure, to enlarge its Economic, Social and Co-ordination Committees by electing nine additional members to each of them. At its 1312th meeting the Council elected the following additional members to its committees: Cameroon, Ghana, Indonesia, Iran, Madagascar, Tanganyika, the United Arab Republic, Mexico and Italy.