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INTRODUCTION

The Economic and Social Council, under the authority of the General Assembly, is the United Nations organ which coordinates the economic and social work of the United Nations and its system of organizations. The Council has 54 members and generally holds the following sessions each year: a short organizational session in New York in January, the first regular session in New York in May, the second regular session in Geneva in July. Throughout the year there are meetings of the Council's committees, commissions and other subsidiary bodies.

The Index to Proceedings of the Economic and Social Council is an annual bibliographic guide to the proceedings and documentation of the Economic and Social Council. This issue covers the year 1991, which includes the documentation of the organizational, first regular and second regular sessions and of the sessional or ad hoc committees or other bodies that met during these sessions. The Index is prepared by the Dag Hammarskjöld Library as one of the products of the United Nations Bibliographic Information System (UNBIS).

ARRANGEMENT OF THE INDEX

The Index consists of three sections.

The first section contains information relating to organizational matters:

Sessional information, listing member States and their terms of office as well as the officers of the Council and providing information on rules of procedure and resolutions and decisions;

Subsidiary bodies and organs and programmes related to the Economic and Social Council to which members were elected or appointed during the 1991 sessions of the Council, listing the members and terms of office.

The second section consists of three parts, one for each session which met during the year. Each part is subdivided as follows:

Check-list of meetings, listing the meetings of the Economic and Social Council and its sessional committees;

Agenda, listing matters considered by and brought before the Council and the subject headings under which these items appear in the Subject index;

Subject index, providing topical access to Economic and Social Council documentation arranged alphabetically by subject and listing documents considered under each item, meetings at which the items were considered and the action taken by the Council;

Index to speeches, providing access to speeches that were made before the Council. The Index is divided into three sections: corporate names/countries, speakers and subjects.

The third section contains consolidated information relating to resolutions, documents and reports:

List of resolutions, listing resolutions adopted by the Council and indicating for each session the resolution number, the subject and the meeting and date when the resolution was adopted;

List of documents, listing documents issued for the year 1991 and providing information on the republication of provisional documents in printed Official Records;

Reports of the sessional committees, listing, by subject, the reports on the items discussed in the committees.
SERIES SYMBOLS

In 1978 certain modifications were introduced in the citation and series symbols of the documents of the Economic and Social Council and its sessional committees. They are as follows:

(a) The sessions of the Council are formally identified as the organizational, first regular and second regular sessions of a particular calendar year, as prescribed in rule 1 of the rules of procedure of the Council;

(b) Special sessions, including subject-oriented sessions, are numbered consecutively within each year, and are identified as the first special session (year), second special session (year), etc;

(c) The sessional committees of the Council are designated as First Committee (formerly Economic Committee), Second Committee (formerly Social Committee) and Third Committee (formerly Policy and Programme Coordination Committee);

(d) Ad hoc sessional committees may be established as required and are described as ad hoc sessional committees on particular subjects;

(e) Resolutions and decisions are numbered on a yearly basis. Resolutions begin each year with 1, decisions start with 100. They are identified as resolution 1991/1, decision 1991/101, etc;

(f) Supplements to the Official Records are numbered consecutively, with Supplements No. 1 and 1A containing the resolutions and decisions adopted during the year.

Symbols of documents of the Council and its sessional and ad hoc committees or other bodies consist of combinations as appropriate, of the following elements:

(a) The parent body (i.e. the Economic and Social Council): E/-;

(b) The year of consideration;

(c) Sessional and ad hoc committees or other bodies: C.1, C.2, AC.1, AC.2, WG.1, WG.2, etc.

DOCUMENTATION OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Summary records of plenary meetings of the Economic and Social Council are first issued in provisional form for limited distribution. They are later combined in corrected form in a single printed volume of Official Records for the year.

In accordance with decision 1989/174, the Council decided, for a period of two years, to discontinue the issuing of summary records for its sessional committees: First (Economic) Committee, Second (Social) Committee and Third (Programme and Coordination) Committee. Meeting records are, however, provided for the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (E/C.12/1990/SR.27-50). These summary records are issued for general distribution, with any corrections consolidated in a single corrigendum.

All summary records may be identified by their symbol, which consists of the series symbol followed by SR, and then a number which corresponds to the number of the meeting. The 5th plenary meeting, for example, is cited as E/1991/SR.5 while the records of the 50th meeting of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights is cited as E/C.12/1990/SR.50.

Some documents may later be printed as Supplements to the Official Records (and are so indicated in this index); others are issued only in provisional form.

HOW TO OBTAIN DOCUMENTS

Printed documentation of the Economic and Social Council for 1991 may be obtained or purchased from authorized sales agents by providing the following information:

Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1991:

Meeting ... (specify meeting number) for summary record fascicles;

Supplement No. (specify supplement number).
**ABBREVIATIONS**

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OFFICERS

President: Hocine Djoudi (Algeria) was elected at the first plenary meeting (organizational session).

Vice-Presidents: Darko Silovic (Yugoslavia), Juan Somavia (Chile), Jan Eliasson (Sweden) and Razali Ismaili (Malaysia) were elected at the first plenary meeting (organizational session). Naste Calovski (Yugoslavia) was elected at the sixteenth plenary meeting (second session) to replace Darko Silovic.

Secretary: Miles Stoby

First (Economic) Committee

Chairman: Darko Silovic (Yugoslavia). His appointment was announced at the second plenary meeting (organizational session). Naste Calovski (Yugoslavia) was appointed at the sixteenth plenary meeting (second session) to replace Darko Silovic.

Vice-Chairmen: Ahmed Amaziane (Morocco) and Mohammad Honaei-Nejad (Islamic Republic of Iran) were elected at the first meeting of the Committee (first session).

Secretary: Vladimir Zelenov.

Second (Social) Committee

Chairman: Juan Somavia (Chile). His appointment was announced at the second plenary meeting (organizational session).

Vice-Chairmen: Gholamali Khoshroo (Islamic Republic of Iran) and Florian Krenkel (Austria) were elected at the first meeting of the Committee (first session).

Secretary: Faith Kamal

Rules of Procedure

The rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council contained in document E/5715/Rev.1 (Sales No. E.83.1.9) were in effect during all 1991 sessions of the Council (organizational, first regular and second regular sessions).

Resolutions and Decisions


Resolutions are listed separately on pages 141-144, under the heading "List of resolutions".
SUBSIDIARY BODIES AND ORGANS AND PROGRAMMES RELATED TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL TO WHICH MEMBERS WERE ELECTED OR APPOINTED DURING THE 1991 SESSIONS OF THE COUNCIL

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See: NARCOTIC DRUGS

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EMERGENCY RELIEF--SOMALIA (AGENDA ITEM 3)

Discussion in plenary

At the 3rd meeting, the Council decided to include in the provisional agenda for its 1st regular session of 1991 an item entitled "Emergency assistance to Somalia": decision 1991/212.

IRAQ-KUWAIT SITUATION (AGENDA ITEM 3)

Draft resolutions/decisions

Discussion in plenary

At the 3rd meeting, the Council adopted without vote: decision 1991/211.

KUWAIT--IRAQ

See: IRAQ-KUWAIT SITUATION

NARCOTIC DRUGS (AGENDA ITEM 2)

General documents
E/1991/12 Note on the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs / Secretariat.


Draft resolutions/decisions
E/1991/L.10 Draft decision on the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs / Algeria, Argentina, Austria, Colombia, Mexico, Morocco and Peru.

Additional sponsors: Bolivia, Costa Rica, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Jamaica, Malaysia, Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, Romania, Spain, Sweden and USSR (A/46/3).

Discussion in plenary

At the 3rd meeting, the Council adopted without vote, as orally revised: decision 1991/201.

REFUGEES

See:

UN. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (1991, ORGANIZATIONAL SESS. : NEW YORK)--AGENDA

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UN. COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT--MEMBERS (AGENDA ITEM 4)

General documents
E/1991/10 Note concerning elections and appointments to subsidiary bodies of the Council, and confirmation of representatives on the functional commissions / Secretary-General.

E/1991/10/Rev.1 Revised note concerning elections and appointments to subsidiary bodies of the Council, and confirmation of representatives on the functional commissions / Secretary-General.

Discussion in plenary

At the 2nd meeting, the Council confirmed the nominations, by their Governments, of representatives on the functional commissions of the Council: decision 1991/210.

UN. COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS--MEMBERS (AGENDA ITEM 4)

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E/1991/10 Note concerning elections and appointments to subsidiary bodies of the Council, and confirmation of representatives on the functional commissions / Secretary-General.
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Discussion in plenary
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UN. COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES--MEMBERS (AGENDA ITEM 4)

Discussion in plenary
At the 2nd meeting, Romania was elected as a member of the Committee on Natural Resources, for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 Dec. 1994: decision 1991/210.

UN. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL--SUBSIDIARY BODIES--ELECTIONS

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See also:
EMERGENCY RELIEF--SOMALIA
IRAQ-KUWAIT SITUATION

General documents
E/1991/INF/2 Note transmitting a list of meetings of intergovernmental and expert bodies in the economic, social and related fields to be held in 1991 / Secretariat.

Draft resolutions/decisions
E/1991/L.11 Draft proposals submitted on the basis of informal consultations held pursuant to paragraph 2(1) of Council resolution 1988/77 / Acting President and Members, Bureau.

Discussion in plenary
At the 2nd meeting, draft decisions in E/1991/L.11, on the basic programme of work for 1991 and 1992, were adopted without vote: decision 1991/202 A-I and decision 1991/203; draft decision proposed by the President, to hold the 1st regular session of 1991 from 13 to 31 May 1991 instead of from 7 to 31 May 1991 and to resume the 1st regular session from 17 to 21 June 1991 to consider the item entitled "Narcotic drugs", was adopted without vote: decision 1991/208.

UN. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (1991 : NEW YORK AND GENEVA)--OFFICERS (AGENDA ITEM 1)

Discussion in plenary
At the 1st meeting, the officers elected for 1991 were as follows: President: Hocine Djouidi (Algeria); Vice-Presidents: Darko Silovic (Yugoslavia), Juan Somavia (Chile), Jan Eliasson (Sweden) and Ismail Razali (Malaysia).
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At the 2nd meeting, the President announced that the Bureau had agreed upon the functions which the Vice-Presidents would exercise during 1991: Darko Silovic (Yugoslavia), Chairman of the 1st (Economic) Committee; Juan Somavia (Chile), Chairman of the 2nd (Social) Committee; Jan Eliasson (Sweden), Chairman of the 3rd (Programme and Coordination) Committee; Razali Ismail would carry out other functions, and act as coordinator for the informal consultations.

UN. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (1991, 1ST SESS. : NEW YORK)--AGENDA (AGENDA ITEM 5)

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Discussion in plenary
At the 2nd meeting, draft decision E/1991/L.13, on the provisional agenda for the 1st regular session of 1991, was adopted without vote: decision 1991/202 B and C.

UN. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (1991, ORGANIZATIONAL SESS. : NEW YORK)--AGENDA (AGENDA ITEM 2)

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Discussion in plenary
At the 3rd meeting, the President declared the resumed organizational session for 1991 closed.

UN. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (1991, ORGANIZATIONAL SESS. : NEW YORK)--OPENING

Discussion in plenary
At the 1st meeting, the organizational session for 1991 was declared open by the temporary President, Chinmaya Rajaninath Gharekan (India).

UN. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (1991, ORGANIZATIONAL SESS. : NEW YORK)--PARTICIPANTS

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**Discussion in plenary**

At the 3rd meeting, the President declared the resumed organizational session for 1991 open.

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**Discussion in plenary**

At the 2nd meeting, Egypt and Gabon were elected members of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 Dec. 1993: decision 1991/210.

UN. POPULATION COMMISSION--MEMBERS (AGENDA ITEM 4)

**General documents**

E/1991/10 Note concerning elections and appointments to subsidiary bodies of the Council, and confirmation of representatives on the functional commissions / Secretary-General.

E/1991/10/Rev.1 Revised note concerning elections and appointments to subsidiary bodies of the Council, and confirmation of representatives on the functional commissions / Secretary-General.

**Discussion in plenary**

At the 2nd meeting, the Council confirmed the nominations, by their Governments, of representatives on the functional commissions of the Council: decision 1991/210.

UN. STATISTICAL COMMISSION--MEMBERS (AGENDA ITEM 4)

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**Discussion in plenary**

At the 2nd meeting, the Council confirmed the nominations, by their Governments, of representatives on the functional commissions of the Council: decision 1991/210.
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The first regular session for 1991 of the Economic and Social Council was held at United Nations Headquarters, New York, from 13 to 31 May 1991. A resumed first session was held at United Nations Headquarters from 17 to 21 June 1991.

A list of participants in the session is contained in document E/1991/INF/9.

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See also: 

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Discussion in Second (Social) Committee

Agenda item was considered at the 7th to 9th and 11th to 16th meetings (meeting records not issued).

Discussion in plenary

At the 13th meeting, draft decision IX in E/1991/86 (originally 9 in E/1991/22), approving the endorsement by the Commission on Human Rights of the decision of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to entrust Louis Jo1net with the preparation of a report on strengthening the independence of the judiciary and the protection of practising lawyers, was adopted without vote: decision 1991/241.

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Discussion in Second (Social) Committee

Agenda item was considered at the 1st to 6th, 9th, 10th, 13th and 14th meetings (meeting records not issued).

Discussion in plenary


Resolutions

[E/RES/1991/10 (E/1991/INF/5)]

Implementation of the International Plan of Action on Ageing and related activities.

- Recommends that the UN define, on the basis of the recommendations of a small expert group meeting to be held in 1991 within existing resources, targets on ageing to provide a pragmatic focus for the broad and ideal goals of the International Plan of Action on ageing, and issue them as "Targets on ageing: programme recommendations at the national level for the year 2001"; urges Member States to identify their specific national targets on ageing for the year 2001; recommends that the General Assembly devote 4 plenary meetings, that is, 2 working days, at its 47th session to an international conference to consolidate a set of targets on ageing for the year 2001 and to celebrate on an appropriate global scale the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the International Plan of Action on Ageing; urges the UN to give special attention to implementing the action programme on ageing for 1992 and beyond; requests the Secretary-General to designate the Director-General of the UN Office at Vienna as coordinator for the preparation of the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the International Plan of Action on Ageing and for the implementation of the action programme on ageing for 1992 and beyond; decides to launch a global information campaign on the action programme on ageing; recommends that the UN provide further advisory services to countries in the process of development, change and transition, at their request to ensure that the issue of ageing remains an important part of their social development programmes; adopts the UN Principles for Older Persons, based on the International Plan of Action on Ageing, annexed to the resolution (adopted without vote, 12th meeting, 30 May 1991).

AIDS

See:

NARCOTIC DRUGS

APARTEID

See:

WOMEN'S ADVANCEMENT

ARBITRARY EXECUTIONS

See:

SUMMARY EXECUTIONS
BODY OF PRINCIPLES, GUIDELINES AND
GUARANTEES FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE
MENTALLY ILL OR PERSONS SUFFERING FROM
MENTAL DISORDER (DRAFT)

See:
MENTALLY ILL PERSONS--HUMAN RIGHTS

CAMBODIA--HUMAN RIGHTS

See:
HUMAN RIGHTS--CAMBODIA

CARTOGRAPHY (AGENDA ITEM 5)

Reports
E/1991/51 Report on the 12th UN
Regional Cartographic Conference for
Asia and the Pacific / Secretary-General.
Regional Cartographic Conference for
Asia and the Pacific. Corrigendum / Secretary-General.

Discussion in plenary

At the 9th meeting, as there was no
draft resolution submitted on the
item, the Council decided to take note
of the report of the Secretary-General
on the 12th UN Regional Cartographic
Conference for Asia and the Pacific and
to endorse recommendations of the

CHILDREN

See:
PROSTITUTION
WOMEN'S ADVANCEMENT

CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS--TREATIES (1966)
(AGENDA ITEM 8A)

General documents
E/1991/53 Note indicating that the
general comments of the Human Rights
Committee relating to articles 7 and
10 of the International Covenant on
Civil and Political Rights will be
adopted at one of the forthcoming
sessions of the Committee for
consideration by the Council at its
1st regular session of 1992 / Secretary-General.

Draft resolutions/decisions
E/1991/C.2/L.11 Draft resolution on
the International Covenants on Human
Rights / Austria, Bulgaria,
Byelorussian SSR, Canada,
Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland,
Iceland, Italy, Netherlands, New
Zealand, Norway, Poland, Romania,
Sweden, Ukrainian SSR, USSR and
United Kingdom.
Additional sponsor: Hungary

Discussion in Second (Social) Committee
E/1991/86 Report / 2nd (Social)
Committee.

Agenda item was considered at the
7th to 9th and 11th to 16th meetings
(meeting records not issued).

Discussion in plenary

At the 13th meeting, draft
resolution VIII in E/1991/86
(originally E/1991/C.2/L.11) was
adopted without vote: resolution
1991/33.

Resolutions
International Covenants on Human
Rights.

Appeals strongly to all States to
become parties to the International
Covenant on Economic, Social and
Cultural Rights and the International
Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
and to consider acceding to the
Optional Protocols to the
International Covenant on Civil and
Political Rights: invites the
Secretary-General to intensify the
systematic efforts to encourage States
to become parties to the International
Covenants on Human Rights and, through
the programme of advisory services in
the field of human rights, to provide
technical assistance to the States
that are not parties to the Covenants,
with a view to assisting them in
ratifying or acceding to the
Covenants; stresses the importance of
avoiding the erosion of human rights
by derogation and the need for strict
observance of all the agreed
conditions and procedures for
 derogation under article 4 of the
International Covenant on Civil and
Political Rights; invites States
parties to the International Covenant
on Economic, Social and Cultural
Rights to identify benchmarks to
measure achievements in the
progressive realization of the rights
recognized in the Covenant and, in
that context, to pay particular regard
to the most vulnerable and
disadvantaged groups (adopted without

COCAINE

See:
NARCOTIC DRUGS

CRIME PREVENTION (AGENDA ITEM 7)

Reports
and criminal justice / Secretary-General.
prevention and criminal justice.
Corrigendum / Secretary-General.
CRIME PREVENTION (AGENDA ITEM 7) (cont.)

Draft resolutions/decisions

E/1991/C.2/L.3/Rev.1 Revised draft resolution on crime prevention and criminal justice / Australia, Byelorussian SSR, Canada, Cuba, France, Italy and New Zealand.

Discussion in Second (Social) Committee

Agenda item was considered at the 1st to 6th, 9th, 10th, 13th and 14th meetings (meeting records not issued).

Discussion in plenary


Resolutions

Welcomes the successful results of the 8th UN Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, and urges Governments to ensure the appropriate implementation of its conclusions and recommendations; requests the Secretary-General to pay particular attention to the operational aspects of the resolutions of the 8th Congress in order to assist interested countries in promoting human resources development, reinforcing their national machinery, undertaking joint training activities and executing pilot and demonstration projects, and invites UNDP and the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development of the Secretariat and other relevant organizations to consider giving increased support to those endeavours; stresses the importance of General Assembly resolution 45/108 on the review of the functioning and programme of work of the UN in crime prevention and criminal justice in determining mechanisms for the more efficient focusing of the programme on those activities where the UN can make a positive contribution to the control of crime and requests the Secretary-General to assist in the proper organization of the intergovernmental working group and the ministerial summit meeting on the creation of an effective international crime and justice programme, called for in that resolution; takes note with appreciation of the offer of the Government of France to act as host for the ministerial summit meeting in the 2nd half of 1991 (adopted without vote, 12th meeting, 30 May 1991).

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

See: CRIME PREVENTION

CUBA--HUMAN RIGHTS

See: HUMAN RIGHTS--CUBA

DECADE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION (2ND : 1983-1992)

See: RACIAL DISCRIMINATION--PROGRAMMES OF ACTION

DECLARATION ON THE RIGHT AND RESPONSIBILITY OF INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS AND ORGANS OF SOCIETY TO PROMOTE AND PROTECT UNIVERSALLY RECOGNIZED HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS (DRAFT)

See: HUMAN RIGHTS

DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS BELONGING TO NATIONAL, ETHNIC, RELIGIOUS AND LINGUISTIC MINORITIES (DRAFT)

See: MINORITIES

DETAINED PERSONS (AGENDA ITEM 8B)

Reports


Discussion in Second (Social) Committee

Agenda item was considered at the 7th to 9th and 11th to 16th meetings (meeting records not issued).
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DETAINED PERSONS (AGENDA ITEM 8B) (cont.)

Discussion in plenary  
At the 13th meeting, draft decision XI in E/1991/86 (originally 11 in E/1991/22), approving the decision of the Commission on Human Rights to create, for a 1-year period, a working group composed of 5 independent experts, with the task of investigating cases of detention imposed arbitrarily or otherwise inconsistently with the relevant international standards as set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights or in the relevant international legal instruments accepted by the States concerned, and requesting the Chairman of the Commission, after consultation with the Bureau, to appoint the members of the working group, was adopted without vote: decision 1991/243.

DISABLED PERSONS (AGENDA ITEM 7)

See also: WOMEN’S ADVANCEMENT  
Reports  
Discussion in Second (Social) Committee  
Agenda item was considered at the 1st to 6th, 9th, 10th, 13th and 14th meetings (meeting records not issued).  
Discussion in plenary  
At the 12th meeting, action on draft resolutions in E/1991/85 was as follows: draft resolution III (originally IV in E/1991/26) was adopted without vote: resolution 1991/8; draft resolution IV (originally V in E/1991/26) was adopted without vote: resolution 1991/9.

Resolutions  
Establishing and strengthening national coordinating committees on disability or similar bodies.  
Requests the Secretary-General to widely disseminate the guidelines for the establishment and development of national coordinating committees on disability in all the official languages of the UN and in Braille, within existing resources and through voluntary contributions; urges the Secretariat and the specialized agencies, intergovernmental organizations and UNDP to play a major role in assisting Member States, in particular the least developed among them, to establish and strengthen national coordinating committees or similar bodies; calls upon Member States to establish national coordinating committees or similar bodies on a permanent basis and to provide them with the necessary staff and resources during and after the Decade, bearing in mind that their structure and methodology of work should be in conformity with the circumstances of the countries in which they are situated (adopted without vote, 12th meeting, 30 May 1991).
DISABLED PERSONS (AGENDA ITEM 7) (cont.)


UN Decade of Disabled Persons. Welcomes the initiative of the Commission for Social Development in elaborating standard technical rules on the equalization of opportunities for disabled persons; calls upon Member States, regional commissions, intergovernmental bodies and other relevant organizations, in cooperation with organizations of disabled persons, to adopt an integrated policy approach to disability issues as part of the overall efforts to strive for a sustainable social development strategy; invites Member States to review their policies and programmes with the aim of designing national annual priorities until the end of the UN Decade for Disabled Persons in 1992 and concrete long-term strategies to ensure the full implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons beyond the Decade; recommends that a meeting of experts, to be funded by voluntary contributions, be held in conjunction with the conference entitled "Independence 1992", to be organized in Canada by the British Columbia Pavilion Corporation, in cooperation with Disabled Peoples' International and other interested non-governmental organizations, with the primary objective of drawing up a long-term strategy to implement the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons to the year 2000 and beyond; recommends that the General Assembly, at its 47th session, devote 4 plenary meetings to mark, at the global level, the conclusion of the UN Decade for Disabled Persons (adopted without vote, 12th meeting, 30 May 1991).

DISAPPEARANCE OF PERSONS (AGENDA ITEM 8B)

Reports


Discussion in Second (Social) Committee

E/1991/86 Report / 2nd (Social) Committee. Agenda item was considered at the 7th to 9th and 11th to 16th meetings (meeting records not issued).

Discussion in plenary

E/1991/SR.13 (31 May 1991). At the 13th meeting, action on draft resolution and draft decision in E/1991/86 was as follows: draft resolution II (originally II in E/1991/22) was adopted without vote: resolution 1991/27; draft decision X (originally 10 in E/1991/22), approving the Commission on Human Rights's request to the Secretary-General to ensure that the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances receives all necessary assistance, in particular the staff and resources it requires to perform its functions, especially in carrying out missions or holding sessions in countries that would be prepared to receive it, was adopted without vote: decision 1991/242.

Resolutions


Question of enforced or involuntary disappearances.
Authorizes an open-ended working group of the Commission on Human Rights to meet for a period of 2 weeks prior to the 48th session of the Commission to consider the draft declaration on the protection of all persons from enforced or involuntary disappearances, prepared by the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, with a view to its adoption by the Commission at its 48th session: requests the Secretary-General to extend all facilities to the working group for its meeting prior to the 48th session of the Commission (adopted without vote, 13th meeting, 31 May 1991).

DISPLACED PERSONS (AGENDA ITEM 8B)

See also:

REFUGEES
SOCIAL CONDITIONS
WOMEN'S ADVANCEMENT

Reports


Discussion in Second (Social) Committee

E/1991/86 Report / 2nd (Social) Committee. Agenda item was considered at the 7th to 9th and 11th to 16th meetings (meeting records not issued).
DISPLACED PERSONS (AGENDA ITEM 8B) (cont.)

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General documents

E/C.12/1990/5 Revised schedule for submission of reports by States parties under articles 16 and 17 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, adopted by the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights at its 4th session.

E/C.12/1990/6 Note transmitting the provisional agenda and annotations of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights / Secretary-General.


E/C.12/1991/1 Note transmitting revised general guidelines regarding the form and contents of reports to be submitted by States parties under articles 16 and 17 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights / Secretary-General.

Draft resolutions/decisions


Discussion in Second (Social) Committee

E/1991/86 Report / 2nd (Social) Committee. Agenda item was considered at the 7th to 9th and 11th to 16th meetings (meeting records not issued).

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Discussion in plenary

At the 13th meeting, action on draft resolution and draft decisions in
E/1991/86 was as follows: draft resolution VIII (originally E/1991/C.2/L.11) was adopted without vote: decision 1991/235; draft decision III (originally 3 in E/1991/22), approving the request of the Commission on Human Rights to the Secretary-General to organize, under the UN programme of human rights activities in 1992-1993, an expert seminar for discussion of appropriate indicators to measure achievements in the progressive realization of economic, social and cultural rights, was adopted without vote: decision 1991/236; draft decision XXXII (originally 11 in E/1991/23 and Corr.1), appealing to the following States, which have been parties to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights for more than 10 years but which have yet to submit even the initial report required by the Covenant to do so as soon as possible: El Salvador, Gambia, Guinea, Kenya, Lebanon, Mali, Mauritius, Morocco, Sri Lanka and Suriname, was adopted without vote: decision 1991/265; draft decision XXXIII (originally II in E/1991/23 and Corr.1), requesting the Secretary-General to undertake, as soon as possible, the preparation and publication of a brochure or booklet describing in detail the work of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, was adopted without vote: decision 1991/266; the Council also decided to take note of the report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its 5th session: decision 1991/267.

Resolutions
International Covenants on Human Rights.

Appeals strongly to all States to become parties to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and to consider acceding to the Optional Protocols to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights; invites the Secretary-General to intensify the systematic efforts to encourage States to become parties to the International Covenants on Human Rights and, through the programme of advisory services in the field of human rights, to provide technical assistance to the States that are not parties to the Covenants, with a view to assisting them in ratifying or acceding to the Covenants; stresses the importance of avoiding the erosion of human rights by derogation and the need for strict observance of all the agreed conditions and procedures for derogation under article 4 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights; invites States parties to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights to identify benchmarks to measure achievements in the progressive realization of the rights recognized in the Covenant and, in that context, to pay particular regard to the most vulnerable and disadvantaged groups (adopted without vote, 13th meeting, 31 May 1991).

EL SALVADOR--HUMAN RIGHTS

See:

HUMAN RIGHTS--EL SALVADOR

EMERGENCY RELIEF--LIBERIA (AGENDA ITEM 1)

Discussion in plenary

At the 8th meeting, the Council decided to take note of the oral report on emergency assistance for the economic and social rehabilitation of Liberia made at the 5th meeting: decision 1991/220.

EMERGENCY RELIEF--SOMALIA (AGENDA ITEM 12)

Draft resolutions/decisions
E/1991/L.21 Draft resolution on emergency assistance to Somalia / Algeria, Chile, Egypt, Morocco, Pakistan, Rwanda, Somalia, Togo, Zaire and Zambia.

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EMERGENCY RELIEF--SOMALIA (AGENDA ITEM 12) (cont.)

E/1991/L.21/Rev.1 Revised draft resolution on emergency assistance to Somalia / Algeria, Bahrain, Botswana, Canada, Chile, China, Egypt, France, Italy, Jordan, Morocco, Pakistan, Philippines, Rwanda, Somalia, Togo, Tunisia, Zaire and Zambia.

Additional sponsors: Costa Rica, Germany, Indonesia, Romania, United Kingdom, United States and Uruguay (A/46/3).

Discussion in plenary

At the 10th meeting, draft resolution E/1991/L.21/Rev.1 was adopted without vote: resolution 1991/3.

Resolutions
[E/RES/]1991/3 (E/1991/INF/5)
Emergency assistance to Somalia.

Strongly appeals to Somalia's national leaders to do their utmost to bring about national reconciliation and to promote peace and stability throughout the country; requests the Secretary-General to assist in the formulation of medium- and long-term programmes for the rehabilitation and development of Somalia; requests the Secretary-General to dispatch, without delay, an inter-agency assessment mission to determine the emergency and medium-term needs of the affected population and to make recommendations on the financial and material resources required for the restoration of basic social services and physical infrastructure, including power, water, shelter, transport and communications; appeals to Member States and to international governmental and non-governmental organizations to extend generous assistance in particular food, medicines and shelter, to the affected population through the appropriate humanitarian channels; urges the appropriate specialized agencies and organizations of the UN system to resume their assistance programmes in Somalia in their respective fields of competence; calls upon the Secretary-General to mobilize, on an urgent basis, international humanitarian assistance to provide for the immediate needs both of the internally displaced population and of those refugees who still remain in the country (adopted without vote, 10th meeting, 29 May 1991).

ENVIRONMENT

See:
HUMAN RIGHTS--ENVIRONMENT

EQUATORIAL GUINEA--HUMAN RIGHTS

See:
HUMAN RIGHTS--EQUATORIAL GUINEA

EXTRALEGAL EXECUTIONS

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FAMILY (AGENDA ITEM 7)

Reports

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At the 12th meeting, draft resolution IX in E/1991/85 (originally III in E/1991/26, as orally amended) was adopted without vote: resolution 1991/14.

Resolutions
Preparation for and observance of the International Year of the Family.

Welcomes the establishment by the Secretary-General of the Voluntary Trust Fund for the Preparation for and the Observance of the International Year of the Family; invites all States to take prompt action to establish national mechanisms, such as coordinating committees, to prepare for, observe and follow up the Year, in particular for the purpose of planning, stimulating and harmonizing the activities of the governmental and non-governmental agencies and organizations concerned with the preparation for and observance of the Year; invites Governments to contribute, as far as possible, resources, including staff, to the Secretariat of the Year; requests that in the planning and executing of programmes and activities for the year, special attention should be given to social, economic and cultural conditions in developing countries in the approach to family issues; urges the Secretary-General to provide adequate staff to the Secretariat of the Year and to reflect its strengthening in the proposed programme budget for 1992-1993; requests the Commission for Social Development to keep the Commission on the Status of Women informed of the preparations for the Year (adopted without vote, 12th meeting, 30 May 1991).

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HUMAN RIGHTS--GUATEMALA

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RIGHT TO A FAIR TRIAL
RIGHT TO PROPERTY
SUMMARY EXECUTIONS
TORTURE AND OTHER CRUEL TREATMENT
UN. CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS--ACTIVITIES
WOMEN’S ADVANCEMENT

Reports

General documents
E/1991/71 (A/46/165) Note verbale, 6 May 1991, from Albania transmitting text of resolution of the People’s Assembly on the problem of Kosova.

Discussion in Second (Social) Committee

Agenda item was considered at the 7th to 9th and 11th to 16th meetings (meeting records not issued).
HUMAN RIGHTS (AGENDA ITEM 8) (cont.)

Discussion in plenary

At the 13th meeting, action on draft resolution and draft decisions in E/1991/86 was as follows: draft resolution VI (originally VI in E/1991/22) was adopted without vote: resolution 1991/31; draft decision II (originally 2 in E/1991/22), approving the request of the Commission on Human Rights to the Secretary-General to prepare and finalize a handbook of recourse procedures for victims of racism and racial discrimination, and to organize in 1991 a meeting of representatives of national institutions and organizations promoting tolerance and harmony and combating racism and racial discrimination with a view to exchanging experience on the promotion of such objectives, was adopted without vote: decision 1991/234; draft decision XXII (originally 22 in E/1991/22), approving the Commission on Human Rights’s invitation to the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission at its 48th session a report containing any available information, from all appropriate sources, on alleged reprisals against witnesses or victims of human rights violations, was adopted without vote: decision 1991/254; draft decision XXXI (originally 31 in E/1991/22), on the organization of the work of the 48th session of the Commission on Human Rights, deciding to authorize, if possible within existing financial resources, fully serviced additional meetings, including summary records, for the Commission’s 48th session, was adopted without vote: decision 1991/263; on the proposal of the President, the Council decided to take note of the report of the Commission on Human Rights on its 47th session and approved the provisional agenda and documentation for the 48th session: decision 1991/264.

Resolutions
[E/RES/1991/31 (E/1991/INF/5)]

Question of a draft declaration on the right and responsibility of individuals, groups and organs of society to promote and protect universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms. 

Authorizes an open-ended working group to meet for a period of 2 weeks prior to the 48th session of the Commission on Human Rights to continue work on a draft declaration on the right and responsibility of individuals, groups and organs of society to promote and protect universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms: requests the Secretary-General to extend all necessary facilities to the working group for its meetings (adopted without vote, 13th meeting, 31 May 1991).

HUMAN RIGHTS--AFGHANISTAN (AGENDA ITEM 8B)

Reports


Discussion in Second (Social) Committee

Agenda item was considered at the 7th to 9th and 11th to 16th meetings (meeting records not issued).

Discussion in plenary

At the 13th meeting, draft decision XXVII in E/1991/86 (originally 27 in E/1991/22), approving the Commission on Human Rights’t decision to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur for 1 year and to request him to report to the General Assembly at its 46th session and to the Commission on Human Rights at its 48th session on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan, was adopted without vote: decision 1991/259.

HUMAN RIGHTS---CAMBODIA (AGENDA ITEM 8B)

Draft resolutions/decisions

Discussion in Second (Social) Committee

Agenda item was considered at the 7th to 9th and 11th to 16th meetings (meeting records not issued).
HUMAN RIGHTS--CAMBODIA (AGENDA ITEM 8B) (cont.)

Discussion in plenary
At the 13th meeting, draft decision XXXV in E/1991/86 (originally E/1991/C.2/L.15), urging that, in working towards the goal of a comprehensive political settlement, the Cambodian leaders should cooperate in assuming their responsibilities in order to achieve national reconciliation, urging all parties to the conflict to exercise maximum self-restraint so as to create a climate conducive to the achievement and implementation of a comprehensive political settlement; expressing the hope that the Paris Conference on Cambodia would be reconvened as soon as possible in order to adopt the agreement on a comprehensive political settlement and that a detailed plan of implementation would be drawn up in accordance with the agreement, providing, inter alia, for the full restoration of the human rights of the Cambodian people, including their inalienable right to self-determination in free and fair elections, organized and conducted by the UN in a neutral political environment with full respect for the national sovereignty of Cambodia, and recognizing the need to promote and encourage respect for and full observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms in Cambodia, was adopted without vote: decision 1991/269.

HUMAN RIGHTS--CUBA (AGENDA ITEM 8B)

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General documents

Draft resolution/decisions
E/1991/L.22 Draft resolution on the United States economic embargo against Cuba: its adverse effects on the full enjoyment of human rights by the Cuban people / Cuba.
E/1991/L.22/Rev.1 Revised draft resolution on the United States economic embargo against Cuba: its adverse effects on the full enjoyment of human rights by the Cuban people / Cuba.

Discussion in Second (Social) Committee

Agenda item was considered at the 7th to 9th and 11th to 16th meetings (meeting records not issued).

Discussion in plenary
At the 11th meeting, the Council decided not to take action on draft resolution E/1991/L.22/Rev.1 at the first session, on the understanding that an account of the discussions would be included in the report of the Council: decision 1991/223.
At the 13th meeting, draft decision XX in E/1991/86 (originally 20 in E/1991/22), approving the Commission on Human Rights's request to the Secretary-General to appoint a Special Representative to maintain direct contacts with the Government and citizens of Cuba on the issues and questions contained in, and associated with, the report of the mission which took place in Cuba, and also approving the Commission's request to the appointed Special Representative to report to the Commission, at its 48th session, on the results of the endeavours carried out pursuant to Commission resolution 1991/68, was adopted (19-11-23): decision 1991/252.
HUMAN RIGHTS--EL SALVADOR (AGENDA ITEM 8B)

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Discussion in Second (Social) Committee
Agenda item was considered at the 7th to 9th and 11th to 16th meetings (meeting records not issued).

Discussion in plenary
At the 13th meeting, draft decision XXV in E/1991/86 (originally 25 in E/1991/22), approving the Commission on Human Rights's decision to extend the mandate of the Special Representative on the situation of human rights in El Salvador for a further year, was adopted without vote: decision 1991/257.

HUMAN RIGHTS--EQUATORIAL GUINEA (AGENDA ITEM 8B)

Reports

Discussion in Second (Social) Committee
Agenda item was considered at the 7th to 9th and 11th to 16th meetings (meeting records not issued).

Discussion in plenary
At the 13th meeting, draft decision XXVIII in E/1991/86 (originally 28 in E/1991/22), approving the Commission on Human Rights's request to the Secretary-General to extend the mandate of the Expert responsible for cooperating with the Government of Equatorial Guinea in the full implementation of the Plan of Action proposed by the UN and accepted by that Government, with a view to studying the existing situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms in Equatorial Guinea, was adopted without vote: decision 1991/260.

HUMAN RIGHTS--GUATEMALA (AGENDA ITEM 8B)

Reports

Discussion in Second (Social) Committee
Agenda item was considered at the 7th to 9th and 11th to 16th meetings (meeting records not issued).

Discussion in plenary
At the 13th meeting, draft decision XIV in E/1991/86 (originally 14 in E/1991/22), on assistance to Guatemala in the field of human rights, approving the Commission on Human Rights's request to the Secretary-General to extend the mandate of the independent Expert, was adopted without vote: decision 1991/246.
HUMAN RIGHTS--HAITI (AGENDA ITEM 8B)

Reports

Discussion in Second (Social) Committee
Agenda item was considered at the 7th to 9th and 11th to 16th meetings (meeting records not issued).

Discussion in plenary
At the 13th meeting, draft decision XXVII in E/1991/86 (originally 26 in E/1991/22), approving the Commission on Human Rights' request to the Second Committee to appoint an independent Expert to examine developments in the human rights situation in Haiti, was adopted without vote: decision 1991/258.

HUMAN RIGHTS--IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF) (AGENDA ITEM 8B)

Reports

Discussion in Second (Social) Committee
Agenda item was considered at the 7th to 9th and 11th to 16th meetings (meeting records not issued).

Discussion in plenary
At the 13th meeting, draft decision XXIX in E/1991/86 (originally 29 in E/1991/22), approving the Commission on Human Rights' request to the Second Committee to appoint an independent Expert to examine the developments in the human rights situation in Iran, adopted without vote: decision 1991/256.

HUMAN RIGHTS--IRAQ (AGENDA ITEM 8B)

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Discussion in Second (Social) Committee
Agenda item was considered at the 7th to 9th and 11th to 16th meetings (meeting records not issued).

Discussion in plenary
At the 13th meeting, draft decision XXIV in E/1991/86 (originally 24 in E/1991/22), approving the Commission on Human Rights' request to the Commission on Human Rights to appoint an individual of recognized international standing in the field of human rights as special rapporteur of the Commission whose mandate would be to make a thorough study of the violations of human rights by the Government of Iraq and submit an interim report thereon to the General Assembly at its 46th session and report to the Commission at its 48th session, was adopted (43-0-4): decision 1991/256.

HUMAN RIGHTS--KUWAIT (AGENDA ITEM 8B)

Reports

Discussion in Second (Social) Committee
Agenda item was considered at the 7th to 9th and 11th to 16th meetings (meeting records not issued).

Discussion in plenary
At the 13th meeting, draft decision XIX in E/1991/86 (originally 19 in E/1991/22), approving the Commission on Human Rights' request to appoint an individual of recognized international standing as special rapporteur with a mandate to examine the human rights violations committed in occupied Kuwait by the invading and occupying forces of Iraq and to report as soon as possible to the General Assembly and to the Commission on Human Rights at its 48th session, was adopted (50-0-0): decision 1991/251.
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Discussion in plenary
At the 13th meeting, draft decision XXXIV in E/1991/86 (originally E/1991/C.2/L.9), taking note of the Commission on Human Rights resolution 1991/66 and endorsing the Commission’s request that the Secretary-General bring that resolution to the attention of the Government concerned and report to the General Assembly at its 46th session on the results of his efforts in that regard, was adopted without vote: decision 1991/268.

HUMAN RIGHTS--ROMANIA (AGENDA ITEM 8B)

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General documents
E/1991/57 Note on allegations regarding infringements of trade union rights / Secretary-General.

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Agenda item was considered at the 7th to 9th and 11th to 16th meetings (meeting records not issued).

Discussion in plenary
At the 13th meeting, action on draft resolutions and draft decisions in E/1991/86 was as follows: draft resolution I (originally I in E/1991/22) was adopted (36-16-0): resolution 1991/26; draft resolution XII (originally E/1991/C.2/L.16) was adopted (53-0-1): resolution 1991/37; draft decision V (originally 5 in E/1991/22), approving the Commission on Human Rights’s decision to renew for a further period of 2 years the mandate of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts on Southern Africa, and also approving the Commissions request to the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts to submit a brief preliminary report to the General Assembly at its 46th and 47th sessions, was adopted without vote: decision 1991/237.

HUMAN RIGHTS--SOUTHERN AFRICA (AGENDA ITEM 8B)

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HUMAN RIGHTS--STATES OF EMERGENCY (AGENDA ITEM 8B) (cont.)

Discussion in plenary
At the 13th meeting, draft decision XXX in E/1991/86 (originally 30 in E/1991/22), endorsing the request by the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to Leandro Despouy, Special Rapporteur on human rights and states of emergency to update the list on states of emergency and to present in his annual report to the Subcommission and the Commission draft standard provisions on emergency situations, was adopted without vote: decision 1991/262.

HUMAN RIGHTS--TREATIES (1966)

See:
CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS--TREATIES (1966)
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INDIGENOUS POPULATIONS (AGENDA ITEM 8B)

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Discussion in Second (Social) Committee
E/1991/86 Report / 2nd (Social) Committee. Agenda item was considered at the 7th to 9th and 11th to 16th meetings (meeting records not issued).

Discussion in plenary
At the 13th meeting, draft decision XVII in E/1991/86 (originally 17 in E/1991/22), authorizing the Working Group on Indigenous Populations of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to meet for 10 working days prior to the 43rd session of the Subcommission, was adopted without vote: decision 1991/249.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING (1987 : VIENNA)

See:
NARCOTIC DRUGS

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE SUPPRESSION AND PUNISHMENT OF THE CRIME OF APARTHEID (1973)

See:
HUMAN RIGHTS--SOUTHERN AFRICA

INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS (1966)

See:
CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS--TREATIES (1966)

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INTERNATIONAL DRUG ABUSE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM (PROPOSED)

See:
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INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD--ACTIVITIES

See:
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INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD--MEMBERS (AGENDA ITEM 11)

General documents
E/1991/49 Note on election of members of INCB / Secretary-General.
E/1991/50 Note on election of members of INCB / Secretary-General.

Discussion in plenary
At the 11th meeting, the Council elected Sirad Atmodjo (Indonesia) and Abdol-Hamid Ghodse (Islamic Republic of Iran) as members of INCB for a 5-year term beginning on 2 Mar. 1992 and postponed elections to the remaining vacancies: decision 1991/224.

INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN AGAINST TRAFFIC IN DRUGS

See:
NARCOTIC DRUGS
Resolutions


Addverse consequences for the enjoyment of human rights of political, military, economic and other forms of assistance given to the racist and colonialist regime of South Africa.

Invites the Special Rapporteur: a) to update, subject to annual review, the list of banks, transnational corporations and other organizations assisting the racist regime of South Africa; b) to use all available material in order to indicate the volume, nature and adverse human consequences of the assistance given to the racist regime of South Africa; calls upon all Governments to cooperate with the Special Rapporteur in making the report even more accurate and informative and to disseminate the updated report and give its contents the widest possible publicity; calls upon all Governments and organizations to maintain sanctions against the racist regime of South Africa until the total dismantlement of the apartheid system; requests the Secretary-General to contact the Government of South Africa with a view to enabling the Special Rapporteur to undertake a visit to South Africa on special mission within the perspective of the next update of his report (adopted 36-16-0, 13th meeting, 31 May 1991).


Infringements of trade union rights in South Africa.

Regrets that the apartheid regime in South Africa has placed some conditions on its decision to agree that the allegations made by the Congress of South African Trade Unions should be referred to the Fact-finding and Conciliation Commission on Freedom of Association of ILO, and invites it to cooperate fully in the matter; decides to transmit to the Fact-finding and Conciliation Commission on Freedom of Association, through the Governing Body of the International Labour Office, the allegations of infringement of trade union rights made by the Congress of South African Trade Unions in May 1988; demands the unimpeded exercise of trade union rights, the immediate unconditional release of all trade unionists imprisoned for exercising their legitimate trade union rights and the cessation of the persecution of trade unionists and repression of the independent black trade union movement; requests the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts on southern Africa, in discharging its mandate, to consult with ILO and the Special Committee against Apartheid, as well as with international and African trade union confederations (adopted 53-0-1, 13th meeting, 31 May 1991).
INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL
BOARD--MEMBERS (AGENDA ITEM 11) (cont.)


At the 12th meeting, the Council elected Sahibzada Raza Ali Khan (Pakistan), Gottfried Machata (Austria), Bunsoon Martin (Thailand), Manuel Quijano Narezo (Mexico), and Herbert S. Okun (United States) as members of INCB for a 5-year term beginning on 2 Mar. 1992: decision 1991/224.

INTERNATIONAL PLAN OF ACTION ON AGEING (1982)

See:

AGEING PERSONS

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE FAMILY (1994)

See:

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INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE WORLD'S INDIGENOUS POPULATIONS (PROPOSED)

See:

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INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR (1985)

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IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF)--HUMAN RIGHTS

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JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE

See:

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

JUVENILE JUSTICE

See:

CRIME PREVENTION

KUWAIT--HUMAN RIGHTS

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HUMAN RIGHTS--KUWAIT

LIBERIA--EMERGENCY RELIEF

See:

EMERGENCY RELIEF--LIBERIA

MENTALLY ILL PERSONS--HUMAN RIGHTS (AGENDA ITEM 8B)

Reports


Discussion in Second (Social) Committee


Agenda item was considered at the 7th to 9th and 11th to 16th meetings (meeting records not issued).

Discussion in plenary


At the 13th meeting, draft resolution IV in E/1991/86 (originally IV in E/1991/22) was adopted without vote: resolution 1991/29.

Resolutions

[E/RES/1991/29 (E/1991/INF/5)]

Question of a draft body of principles for the protection of persons with mental illness and for the improvement of mental health care.

Decides to submit the draft body of principles for the protection of persons with mental illness and for the improvement of mental health care and the report of the working group of the Commission on Human Rights to the General Assembly, at its 46th session, with a view to the adoption of the body of principles; recommends that after the General Assembly has adopted the draft body of principles, the complete text be given the widest possible dissemination, and also recommends that the introduction to the body of principles be issued at the same time, as an accompanying document, for the benefit of Governments and the public at large (adopted without vote, 13th meeting, 31 May 1991).

MERCENARIES (AGENDA ITEM 8B)

Reports

MERCENARIES (AGENDA ITEM 8B) (cont.)


Discussion in Second (Social) Committee


Agenda item was considered at the 7th to 9th and 11th to 16th meetings (meeting records not issued).

Discussion in plenary


At the 13th meeting, draft decision I in E/1991/86 (originally 1 in E/1991/22), on the use of mercenaries as a means of impeding the exercise of the rights of peoples to self-determination, was adopted without vote: decision 1991/233.

MINORITIES (AGENDA ITEM 8B)

See also: INDIGENOUS POPULATIONS

Reports


Discussion in Second (Social) Committee


Agenda item was considered at the 7th to 9th and 11th to 16th meetings (meeting records not issued).

Discussion in plenary


At the 13th meeting, action on draft resolutions and draft decision I in E/1991/86 (originally 1 in E/1991/22), on the use of mercenaries as a means of impeding the exercise of the rights of peoples to self-determination, was adopted without vote: decision 1991/233.

Resolutions


Authorizes an open-ended working group of the Commission on Human Rights to hold 20 fully serviced meetings at the beginning of Dec. 1991 to complete its 2nd reading of the draft declaration on the rights of persons belonging to national, ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities, and with a view to submitting the text to the Commission on Human Rights at its 48th session, in 1992; requests the Secretary-General to provide the working group with all the assistance it may require for the continuation of its work (adopted without vote, 13th meeting, 31 May 1991).


Interprets rule 59 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council as follows: it is understood that the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities may vote on resolutions pertaining to allegations of violations of human rights in countries by secret ballot, when it so decides by a majority of its members present and voting (adopted 30-4-20, 16th meeting, 31 May 1991).

NAIROBI FORWARD-LOOKING STRATEGIES FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN (1985)

See: WOMEN'S ADVANCEMENT

NARCOTIC DRUGS (AGENDA ITEM 10)

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NARCOTIC DRUGS (AGENDA ITEM 10) (cont.)

Draft resolutions/decisions

E/1991/C.2/L.17 Draft resolution on the UN International Drug Control Programme / Algeria, Argentina, Austria, Bahamas, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, France, Germany, Guatemala, Italy, Jamaica, Mexico, Morocco, Nicaragua, Norway, Paraguay, Peru, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey, USSR, United Kingdom, United States and Venezuela.

Additional sponsors: Belgium, Canada, China, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Netherlands, Philippines, Senegal and Uruguay (E/1991/103).

E/1991/C.2/L.20 Draft resolution on administrative arrangements to ensure the full technical independence of INCB / Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bolivia, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, France, Germany, Guatemala, Indonesia, Italy, Jamaica, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Norway, Peru, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey, United Kingdom and United States.

Additional sponsors: Belgium, China, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Luxembourg, Senegal, Spain and Venezuela (E/1991/103).

E/1991/C.2/L.21 Draft amendments to draft resolution III, entitled "Enlargement of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs", recommended by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to the Economic and Social Council / Ghana (on behalf of the Group of 77).

Discussion in Second (Social) Committee


Agenda item was considered at the 17th to 22nd meetings (meeting records not issued).


Discussion in plenary


At the 12th meeting, action on draft resolutions and draft decision in E/1991/103 was as follows: draft resolutions I and II and IV to X (originally in E/1991/24) were adopted without vote: resolutions 1991/38 to 1991/46; draft resolution XI (originally E/1991/C.2/L.17) was adopted without vote: resolution 1991/47; draft resolution XII (originally E/1991/C.2/L.20) was adopted without vote: resolution 1991/48; draft decision I, taking note of the summary of the report of INCB for 1990, was adopted without vote: decision 1991/271; draft resolution III in E/1991/103/Add.1 (originally in E/1991/24, as amended by E/1991/C.2/L.21 and subsequently by the Chairman of the Committee) was adopted without vote: resolution 1991/49; draft decision II in E/1991/103/Add.1, taking note of the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its 34th session, was adopted without vote: decision 1991/271.

Resolutions


Calls upon the Commission on Narcotic Drugs: (a) to review the implementation of the Global Programme of Action annexed to General Assembly resolution S-17/2, in accordance with paragraph 97 of the Global Programme of Action and General Assembly resolution 45/148; (b) to review the development and implementation of the UN System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control; (c) to give policy guidance to the new UN International Drug Control Programme, based at Vienna, and to monitor its activities; requests the Secretary-General to take appropriate administrative and substantive steps to ensure that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs will be able to assume those additional functions with effect from the date set for its 1992 session (adopted without vote, 15th meeting, 21 June 1991).
NARCOTIC DRUGS (AGENDA ITEM 10) (cont.)

Functioning of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and provisional agenda for its 35th session.
Decides that: a) the Commission on Narcotic Drugs shall meet annually for a period not exceeding 8 working days; b) the Bureau of the Commission shall consist of 5 members - a chairman, three vice-chairmen and a rapporteur - and, when examining questions related to procedure and organization of work, shall seek the advice of the chairman of the 5 regional groups in its meetings; c) the Commission shall establish a Committee, the membership of which shall be open to all States members of the Commission, to perform such functions as the Commission requests in order to assist it in dealing with its agenda and to facilitate its work; d) the Committee shall consider specific items on the agenda as requested by the Commissions and shall submit its comments and recommendations, including draft decisions and draft resolutions, to the Committee for consideration; e) the Committee shall meet concurrently with the annual session of the Commission for a period not exceeding 4 working days; f) the Commission shall review and, if appropriate, shall adapt the modalities for the functioning of the Committee in the light of experience and in accordance with the development of the activities of the UN International Drug Control Programme; g) annual sessions of the Commission shall be convened during the period between the 3rd calendar week of March and the 3rd calendar week of Apr.; h) simultaneous interpretation in all 6 official languages of the UN shall be ensured during the meetings of both the Commission and the Committee; also decides on the items that the provisional agenda for the 35th session of the Commission shall include (adopted without vote, 15th meeting, 21 June 1991).

Control of chemicals used in the production of cocaine, heroin and other illicit drugs.
Urges all Governments to approve a legislation for the control and monitoring of precursors and essential chemicals using as one of their references the model regulations to control chemical precursors and chemical substances, machines and materials recommended by the General Assembly of OAS in June 1990; urges States that are the main producers of precursors and essential chemicals in Europe and elsewhere to work with INCB and heads of national drug law enforcement agencies in drafting and enacting suitably comprehensive laws, taking into account the model regulations recommended by OAS; requests the relevant UN entities and the competent regional and interregional organizations to make available the funds and support required for the provision of training in the application of regulations for the control and monitoring of precursors and essential chemicals, as well as resources for establishing specialized offices in that field (adopted without vote, 15th meeting, 21 June 1991).
NARCOTIC DRUGS (AGENDA ITEM 10) (cont.)

Establishment of regional drug law enforcement countermeasures in the Near and Middle East in the context of socio-economic and cultural development.

Requests the Secretary-General to undertake, as a matter of high priority and as soon as possible, the following activities in close cooperation with the Arab Security Studies and Training Centre, the Colombo Plan Bureau, the International Criminal Police Organization and other interested parties, for the benefit of all States in the Near and Middle East, in the context of socio-economic and cultural development:
(a) to disseminate and promote the widest possible use of the UN drug law enforcement training manual at all levels and to intensify training activities based on its content;
(b) to assess training needs, priorities and concerns, in consultation with relevant officials and institutions in the region;
(c) to establish and coordinate a region-wide drug law enforcement training plan and programme and to design and conduct courses to meet the challenge of the ever-changing patterns of illicit traffic in a more effective, cooperative and interactive way;
(d) to conduct research and impact studies on the use of the manual;
(e) to continually update and develop supplementary, specialized drug law enforcement training materials;
(f) to establish collaborative subregional training centres for drug law enforcement officials (adopted without vote, 15th meeting, 21 June 1991).

Convening of a meeting at the ministerial level in the Near and Middle East to enhance the effectiveness of cooperation in resolving matters related to illicit trafficking and drug abuse.

Recommends that all States members of the Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East should ensure that their delegations at its 28th session and at all subsequent sessions of the Subcommission held in the region include the heads of operational law enforcement units, with a view to elaborating practical recommendations to resolve matters related to illicit trafficking;
requests the Secretary-General to convene a meeting at the ministerial level in the Near and Middle East to enhance the effectiveness of regional cooperation by considering the early implementation of the recommendations made by the Subcommission at its 28th session, particularly in respect of transit routes, including the Balkan route (adopted without vote, 15th meeting, 21 June 1991).

Demand for and supply of opiates for medical and scientific needs.

Urges all Governments to give serious consideration to ways to bring about a rapid improvement in solving the problem of excess stocks of opiate raw materials held by the traditional supplier countries; commends INCB for its special report on the demand for and supply of opiates for medical and scientific needs, in which the Board, inter alia, highlighted the impediments to the availability of opiates for medical use, impediments which make it difficult to assess the full licit medical needs for opiates realistically; requests INCB to accord priority to monitoring the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report; requests WHO to develop guidelines on the rational use of opiates and on the treatment of conditions for which opiates may be prescribed, with a view to assisting Governments in evolving national policy in this regard; requests the Secretary-General to transmit the resolution to all Governments for consideration and implementation (adopted without vote, 15th meeting, 21 June 1991).
NARCOTIC DRUGS (AGENDA ITEM 10) (cont.)

[E/RES/11991/44 (E/1991/INF/5/Add.1)]
Prevention of diversion from international trade into illicit channels of psychotropic substances listed in Schedules III and IV of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971.

Invites all Governments to extend the system of voluntary assessments of annual medical and scientific requirements for substances listed in Schedule II to include also substances listed in Schedules III and IV of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971; calls upon importing countries to exercise continuing vigilance to ensure that imports of psychotropic substances are in accordance with requirements for medical and scientific purposes and to cooperate with exporting countries and with INCB in order to prevent the diversion of such substances into illicit channels; invites all Governments to time to time their assessments of annual medical and scientific requirements for substances listed in Schedules III and IV of the Convention to INCB for publication, with a view to providing guidance for manufacture and export; invites all Governments to develop mechanisms to ensure that exports of psychotropic substances are in line with importing countries' assessments and, if necessary, to consult with the Governments of such countries or with INCB on such matters; requests the Secretary-General to transmit the resolution to all Governments and to invite them to bring it to the attention of the competent national authorities in order to ensure the implementation of its provisions (adopted without vote, 15th meeting, 21 June 1991).

[E/RES/11991/45 (E/1991/INF/5/Add.1)]
Implementation of the International Drug Abuse Assessment System.

Urges all States to give high priority to the collection of quality drug abuse data for use in annual reports to the Secretary-General; endorses the Commission on Narcotic Drugs decision 1 (XXXIV) of 9 May 1991, in which the Commission decided to use, beginning with the annual reports questionnaire for the calendar year 1991, the revised version of part B of the annual reports questionnaire, incorporating the changes recommended by the Expert Group Meeting on the Establishment of an International Drug Abuse Assessment System, held at Vienna from 29 to 31 Oct. 1990; requests the Secretary-General to extend the revision to other parts of the annual reports questionnaire and, using modern presentation techniques, to make such changes in format as may be appropriate to achieve optimum acceptability and to facilitate its use; requests the Secretary-General to allocate adequate resources from within the existing regular budget appropriations, as of the biennium 1992-1993, to implement the International Drug Abuse Assessment System and to ensure its continued viability; invites the specialized agencies of the UN system, as well as other relevant intergovernmental and regional organizations, to contribute to the provision of data to the International Drug Abuse Assessment System and to collaborate with the UN International Drug Control Programme in its implementation (adopted without vote, 15th meeting, 21 June 1991).
NARCOTIC DRUGS (AGENDA ITEM 10) (cont.)

Reduction of the demand for narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.
Urges all Governments, particularly Governments of countries where serious problems of drug misuse exist, to consider adopting or further developing national strategies for demand reduction and to give such strategies at least the same priority as those to combat the illicit traffic in drugs; urges all Governments to provide or support preventive education and training opportunities for teachers, youth leaders and other professionals who work with young people in order to equip them to educate and otherwise help young people who are at risk because of current or likely drug use; urges all Governments to reflect in education campaigns the serious implications of drug-injecting for the spread of HIV infection and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS); urges States that are able to do so to increase substantially their voluntary contributions to the UN International Drug Control Programme; requests the UN International Drug Control Programme to utilize its International Drug Abuse Assessment System database to disseminate the demand reduction information; requests the Executive Director of the UN International Drug Control Programme to continue the analytical work on progress achieved in implementing targets 1-7 of the Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline of Future Activities in Drug Abuse Control and to prepare a succinct report for consideration by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its 35th session on international and national levels in implementing targets 29-35 of the Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline (adopted without vote, 15th meeting, 21 June 1991).

UN International Drug Control Programme.
Urges all Governments to provide the fullest possible financial and political support to the UN International Drug Control Programme in order to enable the Programme to fulfill all of its mandates and functions deriving from the Global Programme of Action adopted by the General Assembly at its 17th special session, the Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline of Future Activities in Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking and the international drug control treaties, particularly by increasing their extrabudgetary contributions to the UN International Drug Control Programme, with a view to expanding and strengthening its programmes for technical cooperation with developing countries; requests the specialized agencies and programmes of the UN system to take an active part in the international struggle against narcotic drugs and to fully coordinate their efforts with the UN International Drug Control Programme to enable the Executive Director of the Programme to fully exercise his exclusive responsibility for coordinating and providing effective leadership for all UN drug control activities; urges all intergovernmental organizations having specific competence in drug control matters to collaborate fully with the UN International Drug Control Programme to ensure coordination, coherence of action, complementarity and non-duplication of activities with the Programme; requests the Executive Director to report to the next session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on progress achieved in implementing targets 29-35 of the Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline (adopted without vote, 15th meeting, 21 June 1991).

Administrative arrangements to ensure the full technical independence of the International NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD.
Recognizes its obligations to ensure the full technical independence of INCB; approves the administrative arrangements prepared on behalf of the Secretary-General by the Executive Director of the UN International Drug Control Programme in agreement with INCB and contained in the annex to the resolution; requests the Executive Director to implement those arrangements, taking into account the character, powers and functions of INCB and the importance of its full technical independence in the performance of its tasks (adopted without vote, 15th meeting, 21 June 1991).
NARCOTIC DRUGS (AGENDA ITEM 10) (cont.)


Enlargement of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs.
Decides to increase the membership of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs from 40 to 53, the 13 new seats being distributed among the regional groups as follows: (a) 4 seats for African States; (b) 3 seats for Asian States; (c) 1 seat for Eastern European States; (d) 3 seats for Latin American and Caribbean States; (e) 1 seat for Western European and other States; (f) 1 seat to rotate between the Asian States and the Latin American and Caribbean States every 4 years; decides to fill the 13 new seats resulting from the increase in the membership of the Commission at its organizational session of 1992 (adopted without vote, 15th meeting, 21 June 1991).

OLDER PERSONS

See:
AGEING PERSONS

PALESTINIANS

See:
WOMEN'S ADVANCEMENT

PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR THE SECOND DECADE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION (1983)

See:
RACIAL DISCRIMINATION--PROGRAMMES OF ACTION

PROSTITUTION (AGENDA ITEM 8B)

Reports

E/1991/18 Report on implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/30 on the suppression of the traffic in persons and of the exploitation of the prostitution of others / Secretary-General.


Discussion in Second (Social) Committee

E/1991/86 Report / 2nd (Social) Committee. Agenda item was considered at the 7th to 9th and 11th to 16th meetings (meeting records not issued).
Discussion in plenary
At the 13th meeting, action on draft resolutions in E/1991/86 was as follows: draft resolution IX (originally E/1991/C.2/L.12) was adopted without vote: resolution 1991/34; draft resolution X (originally E/1991/C.2/L.13) was adopted without vote: resolution 1991/35; draft decision XV (originally 15 in E/1991/22), on the report of the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, was adopted without vote: decision 1991/247.

Resolutions
Requests the General Assembly to establish a voluntary trust fund in accordance with the following criteria: (a) the name of the Fund shall be the UN Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery; (b) the purpose of the UN shall be, first to assist representatives of non-governmental organizations from different regions, dealing with issues of contemporary forms of slavery, to participate in the deliberations of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery by providing them with financial assistance and, second, to extend, through established channels of assistance, humanitarian, legal and financial aid to individuals whose human rights have been severely violated as a result of contemporary forms of slavery; (c) funding shall take place by means of voluntary contributions from Governments, non-governmental organizations and other private or public entities; (d) the only type of activity to be supported by the Fund are those described in subparagraph (b) above; (e) the only beneficiaries from the Fund shall be: (1) representatives from non-governmental organizations dealing with issues of contemporary forms of slavery; (2) individuals whose human rights have been severely violated as a result of contemporary forms of slavery and who are so considered by the Board of Trustees of the UN Voluntary Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery (adopted without vote, 13th meeting, 31 May 1991).

Suppression of the traffic in persons.
Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/30 on the suppression of the traffic in persons and of the exploitation of the prostitution of others; requests the Secretary-General to submit a report to the Council, at its regular session of 1992, on the steps to implement the recommendations contained in Council resolution 1983/30 by those Member States, UN organizations and other intergovernmental organizations that have not yet submitted such information and to make that report available to the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities; urges the Secretary-General to ensure effective servicing of the Working Group and of other activities related to contemporary forms of slavery and slavery-like practices, and requests him to report to the Council at its regular session of 1992 on the steps taken; requests the Secretary-General to designate the Centre for Human Rights as the focal point for the coordination of activities in the UN for the suppression of contemporary forms of slavery (adopted without vote, 13th meeting, 31 May 1991).

PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES
See:
NARCOTIC DRUGS

RACIAL DISCRIMINATION--PROGRAMMES OF ACTION
(AGENDA ITEM 2)
See also:
HUMAN RIGHTS

Reports
E/1991/39 Report on implementation of the programme of action for the 2nd Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination / Secretary-General.

General documents

Draft resolutions/decisions
E/1991/L.19 Draft resolution on implementation of the Programme of Action for the 2nd Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination / Burundi (on behalf of the Group of African States).
RACIAL DISCRIMINATION--PROGRAMMES OF ACTION
(AGENDA ITEM 2) (cont.)

Discussion in plenary

At the 10th meeting, draft resolution E/1991/L.19 was adopted (38-0-12): resolution 1991/2.

Resolutions
Implementation of the Programme of Action for the 2nd Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination.

Calls upon the South African regime to exercise its responsibility to end the violence in that country and thus sustain the emerging political climate, which has the potential to create conditions that are conducive to the abolition of the system of apartheid; calls upon Governments to encourage positive change in South Africa based on the guidelines set out in the Declaration on Apartheid and its Destructive Consequences in Southern Africa, in particular by maintaining existing measures against South Africa until there is clear evidence of profound and irreversible change; requests the Secretary-General to continue with the implementation of the activities for the period 1990-1993, and further requests him to continue to accord the highest priority to measures to combat apartheid; invites all Governments to take all necessary measures to combat all forms of racism and racial discrimination and to support the work of the 2nd Decade by making contributions to the Trust Fund for the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination; requests the Secretary-General to ensure the effective and immediate implementation of the activities proposed for the 1st half of the 2nd Decade that have not yet been undertaken (adopted 38-0-12, 10th meeting, 29 May 1991).

REFUGEES (AGENDA ITEM 1)

See also:
DISPLACED PERSONS
SOCIAL CONDITIONS
WOMEN'S ADVANCEMENT

Draft resolutions/decisions
E/1991/L.18 draft resolution on enlargement of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees / Algeria, Burkin Faso, Ethiopia, Nicaragua, Philippines and Togo.
Additional sponsor: Zaire (A/46/3).

Discussion in plenary


At the 8th meeting, draft resolution E/1991/L.18 was adopted without vote: resolution 1991/1.

Resolutions
Enlargement of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees.

Recommend that the General Assembly take a decision at its 46th session on the question of increasing the membership of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (adopted without vote, 8th meeting, 23 May 1991).

RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE (AGENDA ITEM 8B)

Reports

Discussion in Second (Social) Committee

Agenda item was considered at the 7th to 9th and 11th to 16th meetings (meeting records not issued).

Discussion in plenary

At the 13th meeting, draft decision XIII in E/1991/86 (originally 13 in E/1991/22), on implementation of the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief, approving the Commission on Human Rights's request to the Secretary-General to provide all necessary assistance to the Special Rapporteur, was adopted without vote: decision 1991/245.

RIGHT TO A FAIR TRIAL (AGENDA ITEM 8B)

See also:
ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

Reports
RIGHT TO A FAIR TRIAL (AGENDA ITEM 8B)  
(cont.)

Discussion in Second (Social) Committee  
E/1991/86 Report / 2nd (Social) Committee  
Agenda item was considered at the 7th to 9th and 11th to 16th meetings (meeting records not issued).

Discussion in plenary  
At the 13th meeting, draft decision IV in E/1991/86 (originally III in E/1991/22) was adopted without vote: resolution 1991/236.

Resolutions  
[E/RES/1991/28 (E/1991/INF/5) Right to a fair trial. Endorses resolution 1990/18 adopted by the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities by which the Subcommission decided to entrust Stanislav Chernichenko and William Treat with the preparation of a study entitled "The right to a fair trial: current recognition and measures necessary for its strengthening", and Commission on Human Rights resolution 1981/43; requests the Secretary-General to provide the 2 Special Rapporteurs with all the assistance necessary to carry out the study; requests the 2 Special Rapporteurs to draft a questionnaire on the right to a fair trial; requests the Secretary-General to transmit the questionnaire, together with the brief report on the right to a fair trial to Governments, the specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council for their response and comments, and to transmit the responses to the Special Rapporteurs for consideration in connection with the study; requests the Special Rapporteurs to produce a preliminary report based upon their study, the responses to the questionnaire and ways to formulate the basic guarantees necessary for a fair trial into an international standard such as a model code, and to submit it to the Subcommission for consideration at its 42nd session and to the Commission on Human Rights at its 46th session for comment (adopted without vote, 13th meeting, 31 May 1991).

RIGHT TO PROPERTY (AGENDA ITEM 8B)  
Reports  

ROMANIA--HUMAN RIGHTS  
See: HUMAN RIGHTS--ROMANIA

SECOND DECADE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION (1983-1992)  
See: RACIAL DISCRIMINATION--PROGRAMMES OF ACTION

SELF-DETERMINATION OF PEOPLES  
See: MERCENARIES

SLAVERY  
See: PROSTITUTION

SOCIAL CONDITIONS (AGENDA ITEM 6)  
Reports  
SOCIAL CONDITIONS (AGENDA ITEM 6) (cont.)

E/1991/40 (A/46/137) Report on the work being done within the UN system on improving quantitative and qualitative indicators on social conditions and standards of living / Secretary-General.

General documents

Draft resolutions/decisions
E/1991/C.2/L.1/Rev.1 Revised draft resolution on the world social situation / Ghana (on behalf of the Group of 77).

Discussion in Second (Social) Committee
E/1991/84 Report / 2nd (Social) Committee. Agenda item was considered at the 1st to 6th, 9th, 11th, 13th and 14th meetings (meeting records not issued).

Discussion in plenary
E/1991/SR.12 (30 May 1991). At the 12th meeting, action on draft resolutions and draft decisions in E/1991/84 was as follows: draft resolution I (originally E/1991/C.2/L.1/Rev.1), was adopted without vote: resolution 1991/4; draft resolution II (originally E/1991/C.2/L.7) was adopted without vote: resolution 1991/5; draft decision I, taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the work being done within the UN system on improving quantitative and qualitative indicators on social conditions and standards of living, was adopted without vote: decision 1991/225.

Resolutions
[E/RES/1991/4 (E/1991/INF/5)] World social situation. Reaffirms the request set forth in paragraph 4 of Council resolution 1989/72 that, in preparing the next report on the world social situation, the Secretary-General give high priority to an analysis of the main indicators of social progress and standards of living and make a comprehensive analysis of the main causes and circumstances that explain negative trends in those indicators, and reaffirms also that chapters devoted to the study of specific social problems must be related to global economic and social situations, taking into account both national and international conditions; requests the Secretary-General to reorient the draft framework for the 1993 report on the world social situation so that the draft framework is in consonance with the requests set forth in paragraph 4 of Council resolution 1989/72, and to submit it to the Council for consideration at its regular session of 1992; also requests the Secretary-General, in preparing the 1993 report, to take into account the intrinsic relationship between economic growth and social development; recommends that the draft of the 1993 report be reviewed by the Administrative Committee on Coordination to ensure that an integrated interdisciplinary focus is given and to provide a source of information for the report (adopted without vote, 12th meeting, 30 May 1991).
Humanitarian assistance to Iraqi refugees and displaced persons.

Welcomes with appreciation the initiatives of the Secretary-General in alleviating the human suffering of Iraqi refugees and displaced persons, including the designation of an Executive Delegate for the UN Humanitarian Programme for Iraq, Kuwait and the Iraq/Iran and Iraq/Turkey Border Areas; appeals to all States, appropriate organs and organizations of the UN system, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the international financial institutions to provide the necessary resources for responding to the enormous needs of Iraqi refugees and displaced persons and recognizes the need to improve further the coordination between host countries, the humanitarian agencies of the UN system and non-governmental organizations; calls upon States concerned and the UN system to facilitate the safe and honourable return of Iraqi refugees and displaced persons to their homes (adopted without vote, 12th meeting, 30 May 1991).

See also:

AGEING PERSONS
CRIME PREVENTION
DISABLED PERSONS
FAMILY
WOMEN'S ADVANCEMENT
YOUTH

Reports


Draft resolutions/decisions

E/1991/C.2/L.2 Draft decision on in-depth consideration of major social policy themes by the Economic and Social Council / Austria.

E/1991/C.2/L.6 Draft resolution on strengthening and rationalizing the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, UN Office at Vienna / Algeria, Argentina, Austria, Bahamas, Cameroon, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Philippines, Poland, Sweden and USSR.

Additional sponsors: Canada, Jamaica, Romania, Byelorussian SSR, Czechoslovakia and Turkey (E/1991/85).

Draft resolution was considered under both agenda items 7 and 9. Final action by the Council was taken under agenda item 7.

E/1991/C.2/L.6/Rev.1 Revised draft resolution on strengthening and rationalizing the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, UN Office at Vienna / Algeria, Argentina, Austria, Bahamas, Byelorussian SSR, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Czechoslovakia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Jamaica, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Sweden, Turkey and USSR.

Draft resolution was considered under both agenda items 7 and 9. Final action by the Council was taken under agenda item 7.


Discussion in Second (Social) Committee


Agenda item was considered at the 1st to 6th, 9th, 10th, 13th and 14th meetings (meeting records not issued).
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SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (AGENDA ITEM 7) (cont.)

Discussion in plenary


At the 12th meeting, action on draft resolutions and draft decisions in E/1991/85 was as follows: draft resolution I (originally I in E/1991/26) was adopted without vote: resolution 1991/6; draft resolution II (originally II in E/1991/26, as orally amended) was adopted without vote: resolution 1991/7; draft resolution VII (originally VIII in E/1991/26) was adopted without vote: resolution 1991/12; draft resolution VIII (originally IX in E/1991/26) was adopted without vote: resolution 1991/13; draft resolution XI (originally E/1991/C.2/L.6/Rev.1) was adopted without vote: resolution 1991/16; draft decision I (originally I in E/1991/26), taking note of the report of the Commission for Social Development on its 32nd session and approving the provisional agenda and documentation for the 33rd session, was adopted without vote: decision 1991/226; draft decision VI (originally II in E/1991/26), requesting the Secretary-General to identify the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat as the focal point for social policy research and advisory services for countries undergoing economic and social policy adjustment, was adopted without vote: decision 1991/227; draft decision III, confirming membership in the Board of the UN Research Institute for Social Development for a 4-year term, beginning on 1 July 1991: Kinhide Mushakoji (Japan), Guillermo O'Donnell (Argentina), Rehman Sobhan (Bangladesh), Fahlma Charaf-Eddine (Lebanon), Georgina Dufoix (France), was adopted without vote: decision 1991/228.


At the 12th meeting, draft decision IV in E/1991/85 (originally E/1991/C.2/L.2), taking note of the Commission for Social Development resolution 32/3 and deciding to consider the recommendations contained in that resolution at its organizational session for 1992, was adopted without vote: decision 1991/229; draft decision V in E/1991/85 (originally E/1991/C.2/L.19, as orally amended), requesting the Secretary-General to carry out consultations with all States members of the Organization on the possibility of convening a world summit for social development and to report to it on the matter at its regular session of 1992, was adopted without vote: decision 1991/230.

Resolutions

[E/RES/1] 1991/6 (E/1991/INF.5) Critical social situation in Africa. Appeals to the international community, the States members of the specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations to increase their cooperation and assistance to enhance the efforts made by the African countries to establish or improve their infrastructure, through the creation of a favourable economic environment; requests the Secretary-General to direct the Executive Secretary of ECA, in cooperation with the African Development Bank and, as appropriate, DAU, to prepare once again, for the submission to the Commission for Social Development at its 33rd session, a report on the critical social situation in Africa, paying particular attention to the obstacles to the implementation of the UN Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990, including the impact of structural adjustment policies on the social situation in Africa; decides that the Commission for Social Development should consider the report on the critical social situation in Africa at its 33rd session in the context of its review of the world social situation (adopted without vote. 12th meeting, 30 May 1991).
Invites Governments to make or increase financial contributions to the Institute according to their ability on a regular or project-by-project basis; requests the Secretary-General to provide financial and other administrative services to the Institute in line with its original status (adopted without vote, 12th meeting, 30 May 1991).

SOMALIA--EMERGENCY RELIEF
See:
EMERGENCY RELIEF--SOMALIA

SUMMARY EXECUTIONS (AGENDA ITEM 8B)

Reports


Discussion in Second (Social) Committee

Agenda item was considered at the 7th to 9th and 11th to 16th meetings (meeting records not issued).
SUMMARY EXECUTIONS (AGENDA ITEM 8B) (cont.)

Discussion in plenary
At the 13th meeting, draft decision XXIII in E/1991/86 (originally 23 in E/1991/22), approving the Commission on Human Rights's request to the Secretary-General to provide all necessary assistance to the Special Rapporteur on summary or arbitrary executions, was adopted without vote: decision 1991/255.

SUMMARY RECORDS--UN. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL--SUBSIDIARY BODIES

See:

TAXATION (AGENDA ITEM I)

Discussion in plenary

TORTURE AND OTHER CRUEL TREATMENT (AGENDA ITEM 8B)

Reports

Discussion in Second (Social) Committee
Agenda item was considered at the 7th to 9th and 11th to 16th meetings (meeting records not issued).

Discussion in plenary
At the 13th meeting, draft resolution VIII in E/1991/86 (originally 8 in E/1991/22), approving the Commission on Human Rights's encouragement to Governments to give serious consideration to inviting the Special Rapporteur to visit their country so as to enable him to fulfil his mandate even more effectively, was adopted without vote: decision 1991/240.

TRADE UNION RIGHTS--SOUTH AFRICA

See:
- HUMAN RIGHTS--SOUTHERN AFRICA

TRAFFIC IN PERSONS

See:
- PROSTITUTION

UN--PERSONNEL QUESTIONS

See:
- WOMEN'S ADVANCEMENT

UN. CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS--ACTIVITIES (AGENDA ITEM 8B)

Draft resolutions/decisions
E/1991/C.2/L.14 Draft resolution on developments relating to the activities of the Centre for Human Rights / Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Finland, France, Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Mauritania, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Senegal, Spain, Sweden, Ukrainian SSR, USSR, United Kingdom, Venezuela and Zimbabwe.

Discussion in Second (Social) Committee
Agenda item was considered at the 7th to 9th and 11th to 16th meetings (meeting records not issued).

Discussion in plenary
Resolutions

Developments relating to the activities of the Centre for Human Rights of the Secretariat.
Expresses its concern that unless appropriate financial measures are taken, the reduced efficiency of the servicing of human rights bodies by the Secretariat could be further impaired; calls upon the General Assembly to take into account the discrepancy between the Centre's resources and its increased responsibilities and, in accordance with established procedures, to take appropriate and prompt action to rectify the problem; requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its 46th session a progress report on developments relating to the activities of the Centre for Human Rights (adopted without vote, 13th meeting, 31 May 1991).

UN. COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS--MEMBERS (AGENDA ITEM 11)

General documents

E/1991/L.1 Note on election of members of the functional commissions of the Council / Secretary-General.

Discussion in plenary


At the 11th meeting, the Council elected the following States as members of the Commission on Human Rights for a 3-year term beginning on 1 Jan. 1992: Angola, Bangladesh, Barbados, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Gabon, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kenya, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Netherlands, Nigeria, Sri Lanka, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, USSR, United Kingdom and Uruguay: decision 1991/224.


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UN. COMMISSION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS--MEMBERS (AGENDA ITEM 11) (cont.)
At the 15th meeting, the Council elected Bulgaria as a member of the Commission on Human Settlements for a 4-year term beginning on 1 Jan. 1992: decision 1991/272.

UN. COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS--ACTIVITIES
See: NARCOTIC DRUGS

UN. COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS--MEMBERS (AGENDA ITEM 11)

General documents
E/1991/L.1 Note on election of members of the functional commissions of the Council / Secretary-General.

Discussion in plenary
At the 11th meeting, the Council elected the following States as members of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs for a 4-year term beginning on 1 Jan. 1992: Bolivia, Canada, France, Gabon, Germany, India, Italy, Lesotho, Madagascar, Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Republic of Korea, Thailand, Turkey, United States, Venezuela and Yugoslavia: decision 1991/224.

UN. COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN--ACTIVITIES
See: WOMEN'S ADVANCEMENT

UN. COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN--MEMBERS (AGENDA ITEM 11)

General documents
E/1991/L.1 Note on election of members of the functional commissions of the Council / Secretary-General.

Discussion in plenary
At the 11th meeting, the Council elected the following States as members of the Commission on the Status of Women for a 4-year term beginning on 1 Jan. 1992: Chile, China, Czechoslovakia, Finland, Madagascar, Pakistan, Peru, Spain, Venezuela and Zambia: decision 1991/224.

UN. COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS--CALENDAR OF MEETINGS (AGENDA ITEM 1)

Discussion in plenary
At the 4th meeting, the Council decided to reconvene the 17th session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations for one meeting, to be held on 25 May 1991: decision 1991/214.

UN. COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS--MEMBERS (AGENDA ITEM 11)

General documents
E/1991/L.3 Note on the election of 18 members of the Commission on Transnational Corporations / Secretary-General.

Discussion in plenary
At the 11th meeting, the following States were elected members of the Commission on Transnational Corporations for a 3-year term beginning on 1 Jan. 1992: Congo, Costa Rica, Gabon, Guatemala, Indonesia, Jamaica, Mexico, Netherlands, Pakistan, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Thailand, USSR, United Kingdom and United States: decision 1991/224.

UN. COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME AND COORDINATION--MEMBERS (AGENDA ITEM 11)

General documents
E/1991/L.8 Note on nomination of 7 members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination / Secretary-General.

Discussion in plenary
At the 11th meeting, the Council nominated the following States to the Committee for Programme and Coordination for election by the General Assembly at its 46th session for a 3-year term beginning on 1 Jan. 1992: Ghana, Zambia, USSR, Bahamas, Nicaragua, Uruguay, France and United States: decision 1991/224.

UN. COMMITTEE FOR THE UNITED NATIONS POPULATION AWARD--MEMBERS (AGENDA ITEM 11)

Discussion in plenary
At the 11th meeting, the Council elected the following States as members of the Committee for the UN Population Award for a 3-year term: Burundi, Byelorussian SSR, Cameroon, Ecuador, India, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands and Rwanda: decision 1991/224.
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UN. COMMITTEE FOR THE UNITED NATIONS
POPULATION AWARD--MEMBERS (AGENDA ITEM 11)
(cont.)

At the 13th meeting, the Council elected El Salvador as a member of the Committee for the UN Population Award for a 3-year term: decision 1991/224.

UN. COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES--MEMBERS
(AGENDA ITEM 11)

Discussion in plenary
At the 11th meeting, the Council elected the following States as members of the Committee on Natural Resources for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 Dec. 1994: Guinea, Kenya, Papua New Guinea, Philippines and Togo: decision 1991/224.

UN. COMMITTEE ON NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS--ACTIVITIES

See:
NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

UN. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL--SUBSIDIARY BODIES--ELECTIONS

See:
INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD--MEMBERS
UN. COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT--MEMBERS
UN. COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS--MEMBERS
UN. COMMISSION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS--MEMBERS
UN. COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS--MEMBERS
UN. COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN--MEMBERS
UN. COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS--MEMBERS
UN. COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME AND COORDINATION--MEMBERS
UN. COMMITTEE FOR THE UNITED NATIONS POPULATION AWARD--MEMBERS
UN. COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES--MEMBERS
UN. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE UNHCR PROGRAMME--MEMBERS
UN. INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS ON INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS OF ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING--MEMBERS
UN. INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING INSTITUTE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN. BOARD OF TRUSTEES--MEMBERS
UN. POPULATION COMMISSION--MEMBERS
UN. STATISTICAL COMMISSION--MEMBERS
UNDP. GOVERNING COUNCIL--MEMBERS
UNICEF. EXECUTIVE BOARD--MEMBERS
WORLD FOOD COUNCIL--MEMBERS
WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME. COMMITTEE ON FOOD AID POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES--MEMBERS

UN. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (1991, 1ST SESS. : NEW YORK)--AGENDA (AGENDA ITEM 1)

See also:
EMERGENCY RELIEF--LIBERIA
REFUGEES
TAXATION
UN. COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS--CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

Reports
E/1991/73 Report on requests from non-governmental organizations for hearings / Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations.
E/1991/73/Add.1 Report on requests from non-governmental organizations for hearings. Addendum / Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations.

General documents
E/1991/30 Annotated provisional agenda.
E/1991/L.14/Rev.1 Revision to the note on the status of documentation for the session / Secretariat.
E/1991/L.15 Note on organization of work of the session / Secretariat.
E/1991/L.17 Note transmitting the approved schedule of work of the 1st regular session / Secretariat.
E/1991/L.17/Add.1 Note transmitting the proposed schedule of work of the resumed 1st regular session / Secretariat.
E/1991/L.23 Note transmitting the approved schedule of work of the resumed 1st regular session / Secretariat.

Discussion in plenary
At the 4th meeting, the Council decided to adopt the agenda contained in document E/1991/30, with the inclusion of the new item 12 entitled "Emergency assistance to Somalia"; the Council decided to adopt the proposals concerning the organization of work contained in E/1991/L.15, taking into account the revisions proposed; the Council also decided to approve the requests made by non-governmental organizations to be heard by the Council at its 1st regular session: decision 1991/213.
At the 5th meeting, the Council decided to postpone consideration of sub-item 6 (a) to the 2nd regular session of 1991; the Council also approved the recommendation of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations in E/1991/73 concerning requests for hearings from non-governmental organizations: decision 1991/213.
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UN. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (1991, 1ST SESS. : NEW YORK)--AGENDA (AGENDA ITEM 1) (cont.)

At the 14th meeting, the Council approved the proposed schedule of work in E/1991/L.17/Add.1, as orally revised: decision 1991/213.

UN. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (1991, 1ST SESS. : NEW YORK)--CLOSING

Discussion in plenary
At the 15th meeting, the 1st regular session of 1991 was declared closed by the President of the Council.

UN. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (1991, 1ST SESS. : NEW YORK)--PARTICIPANTS

General documents

UN. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (1991, 1ST SESS. : NEW YORK)--RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS

General documents


UN. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (1991, 2ND SESS. : GENEVA AND NEW YORK)--AGENDA (AGENDA ITEM 13)

General documents

Discussion in plenary
At the 14th meeting, the Council approved the draft provisional agenda for the 2nd regular session of the Council in E/1991/L.20, as revised: decision 1991/270. The Council also took note of the status of documentation as at 22 May 1991, as contained in section III of document E/1991/L.20.

UN. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE UNHCR PROGRAMME

See:
REFUGEES

UN. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE UNHCR PROGRAMME--MEMBERS (AGENDA ITEM 11)

Discussion in plenary
At the 11th meeting, the Council, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 45/138, elected the Philippines to the Executive Committee of the Programme of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees: decision 1991/224.

UN. INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS ON INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS OF ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING--MEMBERS (AGENDA ITEM 11)

General documents

Discussion in plenary
At the 11th meeting, the Council elected the following States as members of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting for a 3-year term beginning on 1 Jan. 1992: Bulgaria, Chile, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Germany, Hungary, India, Italy, Malawi, Netherlands, Nigeria, Sudan, Swaziland and United Kingdom: decision 1991/224.

UN. INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING INSTITUTE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN--ACTIVITIES

See:
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UN. INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING INSTITUTE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES--MEMBERS (AGENDA ITEM 11)

General documents
E/1991/46 Note on the appointment of members of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women / Secretary-General.
E/1991/46/Add.1 Note on the appointment of members of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women. Addendum / Secretary-General.

Discussion in plenary
E/1991/SR.11 (30 May 1991). At the 11th meeting, the Council postponed the election of members to the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women: decision 1991/224.
E/1991/SR.13 (31 May 1991). At the 13th meeting, the Council elected the following candidates as members of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women: Fatima Benslimane Hassar (Morocco), Gule Afruz Mahbub (Bangladesh), D. Gail Saunders (Bahamas), Renata Siemienska-Zochowska (Poland) and Kristin Tønnes (Norway) for a 3-year term beginning on 1 Jan. 1991: decision 1991/224.

UN. POPULATION COMMISSION--MEMBERS (AGENDA ITEM 11)

General documents
E/1991/L.1 Note on election of members of the functional commissions of the Council / Secretary-General.

Discussion in plenary
E/1991/SR.11 (30 May 1991). At the 11th meeting, the following States were elected members of the Statistical Commission for a 4-year term beginning on 1 Jan. 1992: China, Czechoslovakia, Ghana, Jamaica, Morocco, Pakistan, Poland and United States: decision 1991/224.

UN. SECRETARIAT--WOMEN

See:
WOMEN'S ADVANCEMENT

UN. FUND FOR DRUG ABUSE CONTROL

See:
NARCOTIC DRUGS

UN. INTERNATIONAL DRUG CONTROL PROGRAMME

See:
NARCOTIC DRUGS

UN. PRINCIPLES FOR OLDER PERSONS (1991)

See:
AGEING PERSONS

UN. RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

See:
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
UN UNIVERSITY (AGENDA ITEM 4)

Reports

Discussion in plenary

At the 9th meeting, as there was no draft resolution submitted on the item, the Council decided to take note of the report of the Council on UN University: decision 1991/224.

UN VOLUNTARY TRUST FUND ON CONTEMPORARY FORMS OF SLAVERY

See: PROSTITUTION

UNDP. GOVERNING COUNCIL--MEMBERS (AGENDA ITEM 11)

General documents
E/1991/L.6 Note on election of 16 members of the Governing Council of UNDP / Secretary-General.

Discussion in plenary

At the 11th meeting, the Council elected the following States to the Governing Council of UNDP for a 3-year term beginning on the 1st day of the organizational meeting of the Governing Council to be held in Feb. 1992: Belgium, Bolivia, Cameroon, Canada, Congo, Fiji, France, Gambia, Lesotho, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Romania, Somalia, Spain and Yemen: decision 1991/224.

UNICEF. EXECUTIVE BOARD--MEMBERS (AGENDA ITEM 11)

General documents
E/1991/L.5 Note on election of 21 members of the Executive Board of UNICEF / Secretary-General.

Discussion in plenary

At the 11th meeting, the Council elected the following States to the Executive Board of UNICEF for a 3-year term beginning on 1 Aug. 1991: Angola, Australia, Brazil, Central African Republic, Congo, Ethiopia, France, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Nicaragua, Norway, Pakistan, Republic of Korea, Senegal, USSR, United Kingdom, United Republic of Tanzania, United States, Yemen and Yugoslavia: decision 1991/224.


At the 12th meeting, the USSR was elected member of the Executive Board of UNICEF for a 3-year term beginning 1 Aug. 1991: decision 1991/224.

WOMEN'S ADVANCEMENT (AGENDA ITEM 9)

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General documents


Draft resolutions/decisions
E/1991/C.2/L.4 Draft resolution on the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women / Algeria, Argentina, Bahamas, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Greece, Italy, Mexico, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Peru, Spain, Tunisia, Turkey and Venezuela.

Additional sponsors: Jamaica, Uruguay and Yugoslavia, Bangladesh, Colombia and Morocco (E/1991/87).

E/1991/C.2/L.5 Draft resolution on elimination and discrimination against women in accordance with the aims of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women / Australia, Austria, Bulgaria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Mexico, Norway, Philippines, Spain, Sweden, Turkey and Yugoslavia.


E/1991/C.2/L.6 Draft resolution on strengthening and rationalizing the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, UN Office at Vienna / Algeria, Argentina, Austria, Bahamas, Cameroon, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Philippines, Poland, Sweden and USSR.

Additional sponsors: Canada, Jamaica, Romania, Byelorussian SSR, Czechoslovakia and Turkey (E/1991/85).

Draft resolution was considered under both agenda items 7 and 9, final action by the Council was taken under agenda item 7.
WOMEN'S ADVANCEMENT (AGENDA ITEM 9) (cont.)

E/1991/C.2/L.6/Rev.1 Revised draft resolution on strengthening and rationalizing the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, UN Office at Vienna / Algeria, Argentina, Austria, Bahamas, Byelorussian SSR, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Czechoslovakia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Jamaica, Phillipines, Poland, Romania, Sweden, Turkey and USSR.

Draft resolution was considered under both agenda items 7 and 9, final action by the Council was taken under agenda item 7.

Discussion in Second (Social) Committee


Agenda item was considered at the 5th to 10th and 14th meetings (meeting records not issued).

Discussion in plenary


Resolutions


Urges the Secretary-General to accord greater priority to increasing the number of women in posts subject to geographical distribution, particularly in senior policy-level and decision-making posts, in order to achieve an overall participation rate of 35 per cent by 1995, taking into consideration the need to increase the representation of women from the developing countries and those countries with a low representation of women; also urges the Secretary-General to accord priority to increasing, by 1995, the participation rate for women to 25 per cent in posts at the D-1 level and above; requests the Secretary-General to include in the action programme for the advancement of women in the Secretariat for the period 1991-1995 (a) a comprehensive evaluation and analysis of the main obstacles to the improvement of the status of women in the Organization, (b) proposed measures to overcome the underrepresentation of women from certain Member States and (c) a detailed programme of activities, including monitoring procedures and a timetable for their completion (adopted without vote, 12th meeting, 30 May 1991).
WOMEN'S ADVANCEMENT (AGENDA ITEM 9) (cont.)


Violence against women in all its forms.

Urges Member States to adopt, strengthen and enforce legislation prohibiting violence against women; urges Member States to take all appropriate administrative, social and educational measures to protect women from all forms of physical and mental violence; recommends that a framework for an international instrument be developed in consultation with the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women that would address explicitly the issue of violence against women; requests the Secretary-General to convene in 1991 or 1992 a meeting, to be funded from extrabudgetary resources, of experts representing all regions and including representatives of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control, to address the issue of violence against women and to discuss the possibilities of preparing such an international instrument and the elements to be contained therein, and to report to the Commission on the Status of Women at its 36th session; urges Governments at all levels to develop training programmes for members of the criminal justice system and health-care system to ensure sensitization to and fair administration of justice with respect to equality issues (adopted without vote, 12th meeting, 30 May 1991).


Women and children under apartheid.

Urges all parties engaged in negotiations for a post-apartheid society to ensure that the principle of equality between women and men is incorporated in all laws and institutions; urges the Government of South Africa to ratify the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women at the earliest possible opportunity; appeals to all countries and UN bodies to increase their support for educational, health, vocational training and employment opportunities for women and children living under apartheid; demands the unconditional release of all political prisoners and detainees, among whom are women and children, in accordance with the undertaking of the President of South Africa to maintain all existing and any other necessary measures against South Africa until all the provisions of the Declaration on Apartheid and its Destructive Consequences in Southern Africa, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution S-16/1, have been met (adopted 37-1-16, 12th meeting, 30 May 1991).


Disabled women.

Takes note of the recommendations of the Seminar on Disabled Women, held at Vienna from 20 to 24 Aug. 1990; recommends that the focal points in the UN system for the advancement of women and for disability issues cooperate more closely in their efforts to give continuing attention to issues involving women with disabilities, especially at the operational level and in the developing countries, in particular the least developed among them; invites Governments to follow general recommendation No. 18 on disabled women, adopted by the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women at its 10th session (adopted without vote, 12th meeting, 30 May 1991).
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WOMEN'S ADVANCEMENT (AGENDA ITEM 9) (cont.)

National, regional and international machinery for the advancement of women.
Urges countries that have not yet done so to establish, as soon as possible, and at the latest by 1995, national machinery for the advancement of women that can have a direct effect on government policy; invites the national machinery of different countries to exchange information, bilaterally or multilaterally, on issues of common interest, including information on innovative policies, programmes and research; requests the Secretary-General to invite national Governments to review and update the case-studies prepared for the Seminar on National Machinery for Monitoring and Improving the Status of Women, held at Vienna from 28 Sept. to 3 Oct. 1987, and other appropriate case-studies, to publish those case-studies as a reference manual for national machinery and to make provisions for this in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993; urges Governments to make every effort to make information on their national machinery available and to ensure that titles accurately reflect the role of the offices concerned (adopted without vote, 12th meeting, 30 May 1991).

Refugee and displaced women and children.
Calls upon Member States urgently to address the root causes of refugee movements and displacement; calls upon the international community to give priority to extending international protection to refugee women and children by implementing measures to ensure greater protection from physical violence, sexual abuse, abduction and circumstances that could force them into illegal activities; urges Member States, UN organizations and non-governmental organizations to ensure that the specific needs and resources of refugee and displaced women and children are fully considered in the planning of their activities and programmes; requests all UN and other intergovernmental organizations, Governments and non-governmental organizations and funding agencies that play a role in the assistance and protection of refugees and displaced persons to adopt a policy on refugee and displaced women and children that will provide for the full integration of women and children into their programmes, within their respective mandates, and will include a time-frame and procedures for implementation; urges the recruitment of staff, in particular, female field staff who are able to provide assistance and protection appropriate to the specific needs of refugee women and children (adopted without vote, 12th meeting, 30 May 1991).

International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women.
Takes note with appreciation of the fact that the Institute is continuing to consider ways to strengthen its cooperation with the regional commissions and their national coordination centres and thereby expand its work at the regional and national levels; renews its appeal to Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other potential donors to contribute and, to the extent possible, to increase their contributions to the UN Trust Fund for the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, thus ensuring the continuity and expansion of the Institute's work (adopted without vote, 12th meeting, 30 May 1991).
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Elimination of discrimination against women in accordance with the aims of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

Urges the Secretary-General to strengthen the provision of training in the implementation of the Convention at the national, regional and interregional levels, especially in assisting States parties to meet their reporting obligations; urges States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to provide training opportunities on a regular basis for persons preparing periodic reports of States parties to the Convention; recommends that the strengthening of substantive and technical support for the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination against Women be a priority in the proposed programme of work for the biennium 1992-1993 of the Division for the Advancement of Women; invites the international community to mark the 16th anniversary of the entry into force of the Convention in an appropriate manner; invites States parties to the Convention to submit their initial implementation reports, as well as their second and subsequent periodic reports and to cooperate fully with the Committee on the presentation of their reports (adopted without vote, 12th meeting, 30 May 1991).

WORLD CONFERENCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS (PROPOSED)

See:
HUMAN RIGHTS--CONFERENCES (PROPOSED)

WORLD FOOD COUNCIL--MEMBERS (AGENDA ITEM 11)

General documents
E/1991/L.9 Note on the nomination of 12 members of the World Food Council / Secretary-General.

Discussion in plenary
At the 11th meeting, the Council nominated the following States for election to the World Food Council by the General Assembly at its 46th session for a 3-year term beginning on 1 Jan. 1992: Central African Republic, Swaziland, Uganda, Indonesia, Pakistan, Thailand, USSR, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Australia and Germany: decision 1991/224.

WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME. COMMITTEE ON FOOD AID POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES--MEMBERS (AGENDA ITEM 11)

General documents
E/1991/L.7 Note on election of 5 members of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes / Secretary-General.

Discussion in plenary
At the 11th meeting, the Council elected the following States as members of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes for a 3-year term beginning on 1 Jan. 1992: Colombia, Cuba, Ghana and United Kingdom: decision 1991/224.

At the 13th meeting, the Council elected Norway as a member of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes for a 3-year term beginning on 1 Jan. 1992: decision 1991/224.

WORLD PROGRAMME OF ACTION CONCERNING DISABLED PERSONS (1982)

See:
DISABLED PERSONS

YOUTH (AGENDA ITEM 7)

Reports

Discussion in Second (Social) Committee
Agenda item was considered at the 1st to 6th, 9th, 10th, 13th and 14th meetings (meeting records not issued).

Discussion in plenary
At the 12th meeting, draft resolution VI in E/1991/85 (originally VII in E/1991/26) was adopted without vote: resolution 1991/11.
YOUTH (AGENDA ITEM 7) (cont.)

Resolutions

- Integration of young people into society: participation, development, peace.
- Decides that an open-ended ad hoc working group of the Commission for Social Development should be established at the 33rd session of the Commission: (a) to review and appraise progress achieved and obstacles identified in implementing the objectives of the International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace; (b) to prepare a draft calendar of activities to mark the 10th anniversary of the International Youth Year; (c) to prepare a draft world youth programme of action towards the year 2000 and beyond, taking into account regional youth programmes of action; requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission for Social Development at its 33rd session, for discussion by the open-ended ad hoc working group, the draft calendar of activities and the draft world youth programme of action (adopted without vote, 12th meeting, 30 May 1991).
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E/1991/42/Add.2 Annual overview report for 1990. Addendum: Summary of activities in 1990 of the subsidiary bodies of the Administrative Committee on Coordination and of ad hoc bodies convened under its auspices / Administrative Committee on Coordination.

E/1991/44 Report on the Register of Development Activities of the UN system / Administrative Committee on Coordination.

E/1991/109/Add.1 Note by the Secretary-General pursuant to resolution 1990/78. Addendum: Report on refugees, displaced persons and returnees, prepared by Jacques Cuenod, Consultant.

E/1991/109/Add.1/Corr.1 Note by the Secretary-General pursuant to resolution 1990/78. Corrigendum to the Addendum.

General documents

A/45/649/Add.1 Note transmitting comments on the JIU report entitled "The coordination of activities related to early warning of possible refugee flows" (A/45/649). Addendum / Secretary-General.

A/45/649/Corr.1 Note transmitting the comments of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on the report of the JIU entitled "The coordination of activities related to early warning of possible refugee flows" (A/45/649) / Secretary-General.

E/1991/109 Note submitted pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/78 in which the Council requested the Secretary-General to undertake a review of the experience, capacity and coordination arrangements of the UN system in assisting refugees, displaced persons and returnees / Secretary-General.

E/1991/L.28 Statement of programme budget implications of arising from the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its 31st session / Secretary-General.

Draft resolutions/decisions

E/1991/C.3/L.10 Draft resolution on the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination / Algeria, Argentina, Bahamas, Brazil, Norway and Ukrainian SSR.

Discussion in Third (Programme and Coordination) Committee


Agenda item was considered at the 1st to 7th and 15th to 18th meetings (meeting records not issued).
COORDINATION WITHIN UN SYSTEM (AGENDA ITEM 12) (cont.)

Discussion in plenary

Resolutions
Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its 31st session, and endorses the conclusions and recommendations contained therein; endorses the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993; requests the Committee for Programme and Coordination to review its programme of work and make suggestions on the timing and duration of its sessions, taking into account the review of the subsidiary machinery in the economic, social and related fields with the possible objective of restructuring and revitalization; approves the provisional agenda of the 32nd session of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (adopted without vote, 32nd meeting, 26 July 1991).

CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT--INTERNATIONAL DECADES (1988-1997) (AGENDA ITEM 8M)

Reports

Draft resolutions/decisions

Discussion in First (Economic) Committee
Agenda item was considered at the 11th, 17th and 18th meetings (meeting records not issued).

Discussion in plenary
At the 32nd meeting, draft resolution in E/1991/129 (originally E/1991/C.1/L.18) was adopted without vote: resolution 1991/65.

Resolutions
Invites Governments, organizations and programmes of the UN system and intergovernmental organizations to accord greater priority to the cultural factors affecting development, particularly in the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the 4th UN Development Decade: expresses support for a global mid-term review of the World Decade for Cultural Development based upon the proposals outlined in paragraph 89 of the report of the Secretary-General of the UN and the Director-General of Unesco, on the understanding that the special debate on the Decade should take place at the 49th session of the General Assembly in 1994, and that the work involving the regional commissions should be undertaken in 1993 (adopted without vote, 31st meeting, 26 July 1991).

DANGEROUS GOODS (AGENDA ITEM 8K)

Reports

Discussion in First (Economic) Committee
Agenda item was considered at the 9th and 16th meetings (meeting records not issued).

Discussion in plenary
At the 31st meeting, draft resolution in E/1991/127 was adopted without vote: resolution 1991/57.
DANGEROUS GOODS (AGENDA ITEM 8K) (cont.)

**Resolutions**


- Requests the Secretary-General: (a) to incorporate in the existing recommendations of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods all the new and amended recommendations approved by the Committee at its 16th session; (b) to publish the new and amended recommendations in all the official languages of the UN; (c) to circulate the new and amended recommendations immediately after their publication to the Governments of Member States, the specialized agencies, IAEA and other international organizations concerned and invites them to transmit to the Secretary-General their views on the Committee’s work together with any comments they may wish to make on the amended recommendations; recommends that adequate funding be provided to support the work of the Committee as indicated in the report of the Committee on its 16th session, if possible by setting up a special fund; requests the Secretary-General to make available, within existing resources, the staff necessary for the adequate servicing of the Committee, namely one additional Professional and one additional General Service post (adopted without vote, 31st meeting, 26 July 1991).

**DECLARATION ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION, IN PARTICULAR THE REVITALIZATION OF ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (1990)**

See: ECONOMIC GROWTH--DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

**DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES (1960)**

See: DECOLONIZATION--UN SYSTEM

DECOLONIZATION--UN SYSTEM (AGENDA ITEM 13)

See also:

PALESTINIANS--ASSISTANCE

**Reports**

A/46/229 Report on implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with UN / Secretary-General.

E/1991/116 Report on consultations held with the Acting Chairman 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 the Chairman of the Special Committee against Apartheid / President, Economic and Social Council.

**Draft resolutions/decisions**

E/1991/C.3/L.11 Draft resolution on 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 UN / Iraq, Papua New Guinea, Trinidad and Tobago, Ukrainian SSR and Zambia.


**Discussion in Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee**


Agenda item was considered at the 13th to 15th, 17th and 18th meetings (meeting records not issued).

**Discussion in plenary**

DECOLONIZATION--UN SYSTEM (AGENDA ITEM 13) (cont.)

Resolutions

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 UN.

Recommends that all States intensify their efforts in the specialized agencies and other organizations of the UN system to ensure the full and effective implementation of the Declaration and other related resolutions of the UN system; requests the Secretary-General and the international institutions associated with the UN to strengthen existing measures of support and formulate additional programmes of assistance to the remaining Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories within the framework of their respective mandates; requests the specialized agencies and other organizations of the UN system, as well as international and regional organizations, to take appropriate measures within their spheres of competence in order to accelerate progress in the economic and social sectors of those territories; urges the governing bodies of those specialized agencies and other organizations of the UN system to include in the agenda of their regular sessions a separate item on the progress made and action to be taken by their organizations in the implementation of the Declaration and other relevant resolutions of UN bodies; urges the executive heads of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the UN system to formulate concrete proposals for the full implementation of the relevant UN resolutions and to submit the proposals as a matter of priority to their governing and legislative organs; urges the specialized agencies and other organizations of the UN system to adhere to the Programme of Action contained in the Declaration on Apartheid and its Destructive Consequences in Southern Africa (adopted 51-0-1, 32nd meeting, 26 July 1991).

E/1991/L.29 Report on the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification, including the implementation of the Plan in the Sudano-Sahelian region / Governing Council, UNEP.

Draft resolutions/decisions


Additional sponsors: Australia, France, Pakistan and Viet Nam.
Withdrawn by the sponsors (E/1991/126).


Additional sponsors: Argentina, Australia, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brazil, Botswana, Canada, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Lebanon, Malaysia, Morocco, Myanmar, Nepal, New Zealand, Philippines, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Viet Nam, Yemen and Yugoslavia. Withdrawn by the sponsors (E/1991/126).


Discussion in First (Economic) Committee

Agenda item was considered at the 7th to 9th, 11th, 14th, 16th and 18th meetings (meeting records not issued).

Discussion in plenary


Resolutions


Welcomes the action taken by IFAD under its Special Programme for Sub-Saharan African Countries Affected by Drought and Desertification, which give priority to improving food security through measures to preserve the environment and restore existing productive capacity and to ensure that projects once completed will yield lasting benefits; stresses the urgent need for a steady, predictable and sustained flow of resources to Africa so as to promote rehabilitation and development, especially in agriculture, and to meet urgent needs in connection with drought control and economic reform; invites donors to endorse resolution 60 (XIII) of the Governing Council of IFAD concerning the possibility of additional voluntary contributions for the 2nd phase of the Special Programme, without prejudicing the deliberations on the integration of the Special Programme into the general activities of the Fund (adopted without vote, 32nd meeting, 26 July 1991).


Countries stricken by desertification and drought in Africa.

Appeals urgently to the international community, particularly donor countries, to support the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel, the Intergovernmental Authority for Drought and Development and the Ministerial Conference for a joint policy to combat desertification; stresses the fundamental importance of South-South cooperation in executing programmes to combat desertification and drought and of the support of the international community that is necessary for such cooperation; recommends that, within the framework of bilateral and multilateral development assistance programmes, the fight against desertification and drought should be given priority attention in keeping with the scope of those problems; invites the UN Sudano-Sahelian Office to increase its efforts to mobilize additional resources in support of efforts of the countries within its purview and of the relevant regional organizations notably the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel and the Intergovernmental Authority for Drought and Development; urges the UN Sudano-Sahelian Office to help the Sudano-Saharan countries to prepare for the UN Conference on Environment and Development and the follow-up activities resulting therefrom; invites the international community to increase its support of the Scheme and initiatives within the framework of the implementation of national programmes for the control of desertification and drought (adopted without vote, 32nd meeting, 26 July 1991).
DESERTIFICATION (AGENDA ITEM 8J) (cont.)


Combating aridity, soil erosion, salinity, water-logging, desertification and the effects of drought in South Asia.
Requests the Secretary-General to undertake a study, within existing resources, to assess the extent of this problem and its effects on the peoples of the region, and to provide a framework for national and international cooperative efforts, through appropriate existing UN organizations, donor and international development institutions and national organizations and programmes, to tackle this problem in its physical and human dimension, and to submit the study to the Economic and Social Council in 1992; appeals to the international community to provide expertise and assistance to further national efforts, in the South Asian countries concerned, to take concrete action to ameliorate the situation (adopted without vote, 32nd meeting, 26 July 1991).

DISASTER RELIEF (AGENDA ITEM 16C)

See also:
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE
HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE
LOCUSTS
SCREW WORMS

General documents
E/1991/79 Note pursuant to General Assembly resolution 45/211 on the strengthening of the capacity of the Office of the UN Disaster Relief Coordinator to fulfill its mandate / Secretary-General.
E/1991/121 Note transmitting a background paper on the Office of the UN Disaster Relief Coordinator / Secretary-General.

Discussion in Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee
E/1991/137 Report / 3rd (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee. Agenda item was considered at the 1st to 5th, 8th, 10th, 12th and 13th meetings (meeting records not issued). The report was submitted to the Council, no action was taken on the item.

See:
DESERIFICATION
ECODEVELOPMENT

See: ENVIRONMENT

ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE (AGENDA ITEM 17)

See also:
DISASTER RELIEF
HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

Discussion in Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee
Agenda item was considered at the 1st to 8th, 10th, 12th, 13th and 18th meetings (meeting records not issued).

Discussion in plenary
At the 31st meeting, draft decision in E/1991/138, taking note of the report made on 9 July 1991 on emergency relief operations in the Sudan and Somalia, was adopted without vote: decision 1991/288.

Resolution
Assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon. Calls on Member States and all organizations of the UN system to intensify their efforts to provide all possible assistance for the Government of Lebanon in its reconstruction and development efforts, in accordance with the relevant resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council; requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Council at its regular session of 1992 a report on the progress made in the implementation of the resolution (adopted without vote, 31st meeting, 26 July 1991).

ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE--NAMIBIA (AGENDA ITEM 2)

Draft resolutions/decisions
E/1991/L.40 Draft resolution on special assistance to Namibia (submitted on the basis of informal consultations on draft resolution E/1991/L.38) / Razali Ismail (Malaysia), Vice-President, Economic and Social Council.

Discussion in plenary
At the 31st meeting, draft resolution E/1991/L.40 was adopted without vote: resolution 1991/50.

Resolution
Special assistance to Namibia. Considers that Namibia should be given special consideration in support of its economic and social development; urgently appeals to all States members of the UN and to the international economic and financial institutions concerned to respond generously to the needs of Namibia and to provide assistance on a bilateral/multilateral basis; invites States, organizations of the UN system and other donor agencies to grant Namibia for a number of years, as is already being done by the European Community, assistance of a scope comparable to that given to a least developed country, in order to take into account the conditions that exist in Namibia and to assist it, as a newly independent country, to mobilize its economic potential (adopted without vote, 31st meeting, 26 July 1991).
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ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE--YEMEN (AGENDA ITEM 17)

Reports

Draft resolutions/decisions

Discussion in Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee
Agenda item was considered at the 1st to 5th, 8th, 10th, 12th, 13th and 18th meetings (meeting records not issued).

Discussion in plenary

Resolutions
Urges the international community to respond to UN resolutions concerning assistance to Yemen in order to enable it to formulate and implement short- and long-term rehabilitation and reconstruction programmes and shoulder the burdens placed upon it by recent events, which have prevented Yemen from continuing to formulate and implement its economic and social plans: expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for his endeavours and requests him to continue to coordinate the activities of UN organizations with a view to assisting Yemen in the mobilization of its resources, the implementation of its reconstruction and development programmes and the reintegration of its socio-economic institutions and structures, and to report thereon to the Council at its regular session of 1992 (adopted without vote, 31st meeting, 26 July 1991).

ECONOMIC COOPERATION--DEVELOPMENT (AGENDA ITEM 8)

See also:
CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT--INTERNATIONAL DECADES (1988-1997)
DANGEROUS GOODS
DESERTIFICATION
ECONOMIC GROWTH--DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
ENVIRONMENT
FOOD PROBLEMS
HUMAN SETTLEMENTS
INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION--DEVELOPMENT
INTERNATIONAL TRADE
NATURAL RESOURCES

POPULATION
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY--DEVELOPMENT
STATISTICS
TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS
WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT

Reports

General documents
E/1991/78 Note verbale, 13 May 1991, from Algeria transmitting the Declaration of the Algiers Colloquium of the Impact of the Recent Evolution of East/West Relations on the Growth of the World Economy, in particular on the economic growth and development of the developing countries, as well as on international economic cooperation, held from 4-6 May 1991.
E/1991/114 (A/46/283) Letter, 2 July 1991, from the Byelorussian SSR, the Ukrainian SSR and the USSR transmitting the Declaration adopted by the participants in the 3rd Meeting of the Council of Ministers for Foreign Affairs, Minsk, 28 June 1991; concerns UN efforts to mitigate the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

See:
ECONOMIC COOPERATION--DEVELOPMENT
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL POLICY
INTERNATIONAL TRADE

ECONOMIC GROWTH--DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
(AGENDA ITEM 4)

General documents
E/1991/96 Note on implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries by the bodies of the UN system / Secretary-General.

Discussion in plenary
At the 31st meeting, draft decision proposed by the President, taking note of the note by the Secretary-General on the implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, by the organ and organization of the UN system and by Governments, as contained in E/1991/96, was adopted without vote: decision 1991/278.

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EMERGENCY RELIEF--SOMALIA
See: ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

EMERGENCY RELIEF--SUDAN
See: ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

ENERGY RESOURCES
See: NATURAL RESOURCES

ENERGY RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
See: NATURAL RESOURCES

ENVIRONMENT (AGENDA ITEM 81)
See also:
DESERTIFICATION
NATURAL RESOURCES
TRANSACTIONAL CORPORATIONS

Reports


Discussion in First (Economic) Committee

Agenda item was considered at the 7th to 9th and 18th meetings (meeting records not issued).

Discussion in plenary

EUROPE-AFRICA--TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE
See: REGIONAL COOPERATION

FISHERIES
See: REGIONAL COOPERATION

FOOD PROBLEMS (AGENDA ITEM 88)
See also:
LOCUSTS

Reports


General documents

Draft resolutions/decisions


Discussion in First (Economic) Committee

Agenda item was considered at the 1st to 3rd, 9th and 18th meetings (meeting records not issued).

Discussion in plenary
Resolutions

Recognizes that if the challenges of increasing food production and productivity and food security are to be met in developing countries, sustainable agricultural development in all countries should be promoted by new initiatives and sound national policies; urges the continuation and strengthening of cooperative arrangements to facilitate the enhancement of yearly warning of food shortages and assessment of food needs within the framework of the Global Information and Early Warning System on Food and Agriculture; urges an early, comprehensive and balanced conclusion of the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations, including the negotiations on agricultural and tropical products; requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its 47th session an updated comprehensive report on trends in the international market for agricultural and tropical products and developments in the liberalization of international trade in agricultural and tropical products, taking into account the share of developing countries in such trade and the possible adverse short-term effects on net food importing developing countries, and on the follow-up to the section on agriculture of the International Development Strategy for the 9th UN Development Decade (adopted without vote, 31st meeting, 26 July 1991).

GLOBAL STRATEGY FOR SHELTER TO THE YEAR 2000 (1988)
See:
HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

GLOBAL STRATEGY FOR THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF AIDS (1987)
See:
AIDS

GRASSHOPPERS
See:
LOCUSTS

HARMFUL PRODUCTS
See:
ENVIRONMENT

HUMAN SETTLEMENTS (AGENDA ITEM 8H)

Reports
E/1991/95 (A/46/262) Note transmitting report on living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory / Secretary-General.

Draft resolutions/decisions
E/1991/C.1/L.11 Draft decision on the report of the Commission on Human Settlements / Belgium, Chile, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Lebanon, Morocco, Netherlands, Senegal, Spain, USSR and United Kingdom.

Discussion in First (Economic) Committee
Agenda item was considered at the 3rd, 7th to 9th, 16th and 18th meetings (meeting records not issued).

Discussion in plenary

HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE (AGENDA ITEM 17)
See also:
DISASTER RELIEF
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE
Draft resolutions/decisions
HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE (AGENDA ITEM 17) (cont.)

E/1991/C.3/L.1/Rev.1 Revised draft resolution on critical humanitarian situation in the Horn of Africa / Belgium, Canada, China, Denmark, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Somalia, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, United Kingdom and United States.


Discussion in Third (Programme and Coordination) Committee

Agenda item was considered at the 1st to 5th, 8th, 10th, 12th, 13th and 18th meetings (meeting records not issued).

Discussion in plenary


Resolutions

Appeals to the international community and to intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to respond generously and promptly to the Secretary-General’s appeals to meet the urgent needs already identified in the report of the inter-agency mission; appeals to all parties in the Horn of Africa to contribute constructively to the current processes of national reconciliation and regional cooperation and to the related negotiating efforts; calls upon Governments and other parties concerned in the affected countries, given the particular circumstances prevailing in those countries, to allow the international relief and development organizations and agencies, as well as the non-governmental organizations concerned, full access to the affected areas, to ensure their protection and to facilitate their efforts to provide humanitarian assistance to refugees and internally displaced persons (adopted without vote, 31st meeting, 26 July 1991).

INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION--DEVELOPMENT (AGENDA ITEM 9)

See also:
ECONOMIC COOPERATION--DEVELOPMENT

Reports
E/1991/L.30 Note transmitting report by the Director-General of UNIDO on industrial development cooperation and the diversification and modernization of productive activities in developing countries / Secretary-General.

Discussion in First (Economic) Committee

Agenda item was considered at the 11th and 18th meetings (meeting records not issued).

Discussion in plenary

At the 32nd meeting, draft decision in E/1991/130, taking note of the report of the Director-General of UNIDO on industrial development cooperation and the diversification and modernization of productive activities in developing countries (E/1991/L.30), was adopted without vote: decision 1991/292.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

See:
INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION--DEVELOPMENT

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT--AFRICA--INTERNATIONAL DECADES (1991-2000) (AGENDA ITEM 7)

Reports

Discussion in First (Economic) Committee

Agenda item was considered at the 4th, 5th, 9th, 10th and 15th meeting (meeting records not issued).

Discussion in plenary

At the 32nd meeting, draft resolution VII in E/1991/122/Add.1 (originally in E/1991/97) was adopted without vote: resolution 1991/81.
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT--AFRICA--INTERNATIONAL DECADES
(1991-2000) (AGENDA ITEM 7) (cont.)

Resolutions


Requests the Conference of African Ministers of Industry to submit to the General Assembly, at its 46th session, the programme for the 2nd Industrial Development Decade for Africa, together with the recommendations concerning the practical modalities of its implementation and monitoring and including modalities for the mobilization of funds needed to finance the programme at the national, subregional, regional and international levels; appeals to African countries and to African intergovernmental organizations, particularly financial institutions, to take the necessary measures to ensure the successful implementation of the programme; appeals to the international community to significantly increase their contributions to the industrial sector in African countries so as to ensure optimum implementation of the programme; recommends that the General Assembly approve ECA with adequate resources to enable it to assist African countries and organizations effectively in the implementation of the programme; recommends that the policy organs of UNIDO significantly increase their regular budget resources allocated for the implementation of the programme; appeals to UNDP to allocate adequate resources in the 5th programming cycle (1992-1996), under its Africa regional programme, to support activities of the programme (adopted without vote, 32nd meeting, 26 July 1991).

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DECADE FOR AFRICA (1991-2000)


INFORMATICS (AGENDA ITEM 10)

General documents

E/1991/104 Report on international cooperation in the field of informatics / Secretary-General.

Draft resolutions/decisions

E/1991/C.1/L.13 Draft resolution on the need to standardize and improve UN informatics systems for optional utilization and accessibility by Member States (submitted on the basis of informal consultations) / Algeria, Colombia, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kenya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Swaziland, Turkey, Ukrainian SSR, USSR, United Republic of Tanzania, Viet Nam and Zaire.


E/1991/C.1/L.19 Draft resolution on international cooperation in the field of informatics / Ghana (on behalf of the Group of 77).

Discussion in First (Economic) Committee


Agenda item was considered at the 12th, 17th and 18th meetings (meeting records not issued).

Discussion in plenary


At the 32nd meeting, action on draft resolutions in E/1991/131 was as follows: draft resolution I (originally E/1991/C.1/L.13/Rev.1) was adopted without vote: resolution 1991/70; draft resolution II (originally E/1991/C.1/L.19) was adopted without vote: resolution 1991/71.

Resolutions


Requests the Secretary-General to prepare, within existing resources and in consultation with representatives of States, a study analysing the causes of the present situation with respect to UN informatics systems and providing an outline of a rapid solution to the problem, leading to easy, economical, uncomplicated and unhindered access to UN computerized databases and information systems and services, which are of great importance to all States, in particular to developing countries, and to report thereon to the Council at its regular session of 1992 (adopted without vote, 32nd meeting, 26 July 1991).

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INFORMATICS (AGENDA ITEM 10) (cont.)

International cooperation in the
field of informatics.
Recommends that more effective use
be made of the existing coordinating
mechanisms, with a view to regular
consultations and coordination
concerning informatics within the UN
system, including consultations and
coordination between Unesco, through
its Intergovernmental Informatics
Programme, ITU and UNIDO; invites the
above-mentioned organizations to
reinforce their subprogrammes
concerning international cooperation
and regional strategies in informatics
in developing countries, in particular
the Informafrika project of Unesco;
invites Member States to encourage and
promote activities to expand the
endogenous skills of their populations
in the field of informatics, and calls
upon donor countries to make voluntary
contributions to the Intergovernmental
Informatics Programme of Unesco with a
view to strengthening its ability to
provide appropriate support for
projects in the field of informatics
for the benefit of developing
countries (adopted without vote, 32nd
meeting, 26 July 1991).

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DEVELOPMENT
FINANCING (PROPOSED)

See:
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL POLICY

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON POPULATION AND
DEVELOPMENT (1994)

See:
POPULATION

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON WATER AND THE
ENVIRONMENT (1992 : DUBLIN)

See:
NATURAL RESOURCES

INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR NATURAL DISASTER
REDUCTION (1990-1999)

See:
DISASTER PREVENTION--INTERNATIONAL
DECADES (1990-1999)

INTERNATIONAL DECADES

See:
CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT--INTERNATIONAL
DECADES (1988-1997)
DISASTER PREVENTION--INTERNATIONAL
DECADES (1990-1999)
INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT--AFRICA--INTERNATIONAL
DECADES (1991-2000)

TRANSPORT--AFRICA--INTERNATIONAL DECADES
TRANSPORT--ASIA AND THE
PACIFIC--INTERNATIONAL DECADES
(1985-1994)

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL POLICY
(AGENDA ITEM 2)

See also:
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE--NAMIBIA
LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

Reports
Report on its 27th session, 22-26
Apr. 1991 / Committee for Development
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Suppl. no. 16) Annual report, 29
May 1990-13 May 1991 / ECA.
E/1991/45 Summary of the economic and
social survey of Asia and the
E/1991/56 Summary of the economic survey of Latin America and the
Caribbean, 1990.
role of the public sector in
promoting the economic development of
developing countries / Secretary-General.
E/1991/64 Summary of the Economic
E/1991/70 Summary of the survey of
economic and social conditions in
E/1991/72 Report on strengthening
multilateral cooperation in
international economic affairs / Secretary-General.
Survey 1991. Current trends and
policies in the world economy.
E/1991/82 Report on the impact of the
recent evolution of East-West
relations on the growth of the world
economy, in particular on the
economic growth and development of
the developing countries, as well as
on international economic cooperation
/ Secretary-General.
E/1991/92 Summary of the survey of
economic and social developments in
the ESCWA region, 1990.

General documents
E/1991/INF/6 Note concerning the
annual submission by the specialized
agencies of executive summaries of
their activities / Secretariat.
E/1991/INF/6/Add.1 Note concerning the
annual submission by the specialized
agencies of executive summaries of
their activities. Addendum / Secretariat.
E/1991/INF/11 Note bringing an update
on the world economy, 1991, based on
information available as of 1 Oct.
1991 / Secretary-General.
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL POLICY
(AGENDA ITEM 2) (cont.)

Draft resolutions/decisions

Discussion in plenary


INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY FOR THE FIGHT AGAINST LOCUST AND GRASSHOPPER INFESTATION, PARTICULARLY IN AFRICA

See:
LOCUSTS

INTERNATIONAL TRADE (AGENDA ITEM 8A)

See also:
REGIONAL COOPERATION

Reports

General documents
E/1991/98 Note concerning the report requested by Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/57, on institutional developments related to the strengthening of international organizations in the area of multilateral trade; indicates that an oral report will be presented to the Council at its 2nd regular session of 1991 and that the final report will be submitted to the General Assembly for consideration at its 46th session / Secretary-General.

Draft resolutions/decisions

Discussion in First (Economic) Committee
E/1991/123 Report / 1st (Economic) Committee. Agenda item was considered at the 1st to 3rd, 9th and 18th meetings (meeting records not issued).

Discussion in plenary


INTERNATIONAL LITERACY YEAR (1990)

See:
LITERACY--INTERNATIONAL YEARS (1990)
INTERNATIONAL TRADE (AGENDA ITEM 8A) (cont.)

**Resolutions**

Urges all Governments to fulfil their commitments undertaken in the Ministerial Declaration of the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations and the Mid-Term Review Agreements, to halt and reverse protectionism; expresses concern about the persistence of protectionist measures which adversely affect trade and development, in particular that of developing countries; notes with appreciation the extensive unilateral trade liberalization measures implemented in particular by an increasing number of developing countries, and emphasizes the need for the international community to support those measures through an improved and conducive external economic environment; emphasizes the importance of the 8th session of the UN Conference on Trade and Development, to be held at Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, in Feb. 1992, as an opportunity to address crucial issues in the field of trade and development in an action-oriented manner, with a view to revitalizing growth and development, in particular of developing countries, and contributing to the strengthening of multilateral cooperation (adopted without vote, 31st meeting, 26 July 1991).

**JOINT MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME AND COORDINATION AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION (AGENDA ITEM 12)**

**Reports**

E/1991/143 Report on the 26th session of Joint Meetings of the 2 Committees / Chairman, Committee for Programme and Coordination; Chairman, Administrative Committee on Coordination.

**General documents**

E/1991/140 Annotated provisional agenda for the 26th series of Joint meetings of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Administrative Committee on Coordination.

**Discussion in Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee**

E/1991/133 Report / 3rd (Programme and Coordination) Committee. Agenda item was considered at the 1st to 7th and 15th to 18th meetings (meeting records not issued).

**KIRIBATI--UN. ESCAP--MEMBERSHIP**

See: REGIONAL COOPERATION

**LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (AGENDA ITEM 2)**

**Reports**


**General documents**

E/1991/115 Letter, 8 July 1991, from Ghana requesting that no action be taken on the recommendation of the Committee for Development Planning to include Ghana in the list of the least developed countries, until further study and analysis by the Government of Ghana.

E/1991/120 Note verbale, 18 July 1991, from Madagascar requesting that no action be taken on the recommendation of the Committee for Development Planning in E/1991/32, to include Madagascar in the list of least developed countries.

**Draft resolutions/decisions**


LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (AGENDA ITEM 2)
(cont.)

Discussion in plenary
At the 31st meeting, draft decision
E/1991/L.39, taking note of the report
of the Committee for Development
Planning, was adopted without vote:
decision 1991/275.

LEBANON--ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

See:
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE--LEBANON

LITERACY--INTERNATIONAL YEARS (1990) (AGENDA ITEM 12)

Reports
transmitting the report of the
Director-General of Unesco entitled
"Follow-up to International Literacy
Year and the World Conference on
Education for All", prepared in
accordance with General Assembly
Resolution 44/127 / Secretary-General.

Discussion in plenary
At the 32nd meeting, draft decision
in E/1991/133, taking note of
documents A/46/281-E/1991/112 and
E/1991/44, was adopted without vote:
decision 1991/293.

LOCUSTS (AGENDA ITEM 16B)

See also:
SCREW WORMS

Reports
E/1991/63 Note transmitting the report
of the Director-General of FAO on the
implementation of the international
strategy for the fight against locust
and grasshopper infestation,
particularly in Africa / Secretary-General.

Discussion in Third (Programme and
Co-ordination) Committee
E/1991/137 Report / 3rd (Programme and
Coordination) Committee.
Agenda item was considered at the
14th, 15th and 17th meetings (meeting
records not issued).

Discussion in plenary
At the 31st meeting, draft decision
in E/1991/137, taking note of report
E/1991/63, was adopted without vote:
decision 1991/287.

MACAU--UN. ESCAP--MEMBERSHIP

See:
REGIONAL COOPERATION

MAR DEL PLATA ACTION PLAN (1977)

See:
NATURAL RESOURCES

MINERAL RESOURCES

See:
NATURAL RESOURCES

MINERAL RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

See:
NATURAL RESOURCES

MULTINATIONAL PROGRAMMING AND OPERATIONAL CENTRES

See:
REGIONAL COOPERATION

NAMIBIA--ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

See:
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE--NAMIBIA

NATIONAL RESOURCES--TERRITORIES OCCUPIED BY ISRAEL

See:
TERRITORIES OCCUPIED BY ISRAEL--NATURAL RESOURCES

NATURAL RESOURCES (AGENDA ITEM 8E)

Reports
Suppl. no. 9) Report on the 12th
session, 25 March-5 Apr. 1991 / Committee
on Natural Resources.

Discussion in First (Economic) Committee
E/1991/125 Report / 1st (Economic)
Committee.
Agenda item was considered at the
5th, 6th and 16th meetings (meeting
records not issued).
Discussion in plenary


At the 32nd meeting, action on draft resolutions and draft decisions in E/1991/125 (originally in E/1991/29) was as follows: draft resolutions I to VIII, adopted without vote; resolution 1991/84 to 1991/91; draft decision I, on the International Conference on Water and the Environment, adopted without vote; decision 1991/305; draft decision II, on disaster prevention and mitigation in developing and utilizing natural resources, adopted without vote; decision 1991/306; draft decision III, taking note of the report of the Committee on National Resources on its 12th session and approving the provisional agenda and documentation for the 13th session of the Committee, adopted without vote; decision 1991/307.

Resolutions


Recommends that in the preparations for the Dublin Conference efforts be made to prepare initiatives for integrated water resources development and management, containing, where feasible, targets, timetables and cost-estimates in the form of international action programmes and possible guidelines to enable Governments to formulate their national action plans; calls upon the governing bodies and secretariats of appropriate organizations of the UN system to submit substantive contributions to the Dublin Conference; invites all Governments to engage actively in the preparatory process leading up to the Dublin Conference and the UN Conference on Environment and Development and to contribute to that process; calls upon the inter-agency steering Committee established by the Intersecretariat Group for Water Resources of the Administrative Committee on Coordination for the purpose of preparing for the Dublin Conference to take fully into account the views expressed by Governments throughout the preparatory process when preparing the documentation for the Dublin Conference (adopted without vote, 32nd meeting, 26 July 1991).


Stresses that the ultimate goal of the Mar del Plata Action Plan is to promote the level of preparedness needed to avoid a water crisis of global dimensions through the efficient and productive use and management of scarce water resources, which are vital to development, taking into consideration environmental concerns, including those related to the semi-arid and arid regions of developing countries; emphasizes that the 1990s will require an intensification of national efforts and international development cooperation in order to ensure the efficient and productive use and management of scarce water resources; reaffirms the urgent need for new strategies for integrated water resources development and management, including strategies in the areas of finance and technology, to manage the growing demand for water and to achieve long-term sustainability of the water resources sector; urges the appropriate organs, organizations and programmes of the UN system to assign a high degree of priority to activities, projects and programmes related to water resources undertaken at all levels by developing countries (adopted without vote, 32nd meeting, 26 July 1991).
NATURAL RESOURCES (AGENDA ITEM 8E) (cont.)

Reaffirms the need for the UN system to intensify its efforts to promote the international exchange of experience and knowledge and the flow of efficient technologies, especially new and emerging ones, to developing countries; acknowledges the need to facilitate access for developing countries to energy efficient technologies and research and, in that context, calls upon the UN system and developed countries to support the development of national endeavours of developing countries, as well as regional and interregional cooperation; calls upon the international community, including developed countries, to make technology and financial resources available to the developing countries to enable them to fully develop their potential capability in the field of new and renewable sources of energy, including their vast hydropower potential; urges multilateral and regional financial institutions, as well as donor countries, to allocate financial resources to promote programmes and technical cooperation projects in support of the development of energy resources in the developing countries (adopted without vote, 32nd meeting, 26 July 1991).

Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Committee on Natural Resources at its 13th session a report on ways and means of facilitating the flow of financial resources and transfer of technology to the developing countries to enable them to optimize the exploration and development of their mineral sectors; requests the Secretary-General to include in that report information on existing programmes - governmental, intergovernmental and, to the extent possible, private - as well as proposals for investment possibilities in developing countries to support the efforts of developing countries in securing the investments they require for the development of their mineral resources; requests the Secretary-General to include in that report the conclusions and recommendations of meetings and seminars related to mineral resources and information on the feasibility of establishing geological information systems in developing countries to assist in the development of mineral resources, for consideration and follow-up action by the Committee at its 13th session; requests the Secretary-General to report to the Committee on Natural Resources on recent positive achievements in small-scale mining activities in developing countries and national legislation regarding the activities of enterprises in this area (adopted without vote, 32nd meeting, 26 July 1991).

Reaffirms the importance of the principle of permanent sovereignty over natural resources; encourages the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development of the Secretariat to play an active role in providing advisory services to Governments, at their request, to support them in exercising their inalienable right of permanent sovereignty over their natural resources; encourages the UN Centre on Transnational Corporations to provide information and analyses to Governments, at their request, aimed at strengthening their capabilities, based on the principle of permanent sovereignty over natural resources (adopted without vote, 32nd meeting, 26 July 1991).
NATURAL RESOURCES (AGENDA ITEM 8E) (cont.)

[E/RES/1991/89 (E/1991/INF/10) New techniques, including remote sensing, for identifying, exploring for and assessing natural resources. Calls upon the developed countries to share more of their technical capacity in remote sensing with the developing countries; recommends that the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development of the Secretariat compile, for dissemination to developing countries, information on new data sets and the conditions under which such data can be obtained and the modalities for doing so; requests the Secretary-General to intensify his efforts to strengthen the capability of the developing countries in the application of remote-sensing techniques for the identification and subsequent exploration, exploitation and development of natural resources through workshops, seminars and training courses to be organized at the regional or country level in developing countries (adopted without vote, 32nd meeting, 26 July 1991).

[NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (AGENDA ITEM 1)]

Reports

E/1991/111 Report on requests from non-governmental organizations for hearings / Committee on Non-governmental Organizations.

General documents

E/1991/INF/7 Note transmitting a list of non-governmental organizations in consultative status / Secretary-General.

Discussion in plenary


NUCLEAR ACCIDENTS--CHERNOBYL (UKRAINE) (AGENDA ITEM 6)

Reports

E/1991/76 (A/46/215) Report pursuant to General Assembly resolution 45/190 on international cooperation to address and mitigate the consequences of the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant / Secretary-General.

NUCLEAR ACCIDENTS--CHERNOBYL (UKRAINE) (AGENDA ITEM 6) (cont.)

General documents

E/1991/14 (A/46/82) Letter, 6 Feb. 1991, from the Ukrainian SSR transmitting text of statement issued by the Supreme Soviet; concerns the adoption by the General Assembly at its 46th session of resolution 45/190 entitled "International co-operation to address and mitigate the consequences of the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant".

E/1991/17 (A/46/91) Letter, 19 Feb. 1991, from the Byelorussian SSR transmitting a declaration, 6 Feb. 1991; concerns the adoption of resolution 45/190 entitled "International co-operation to address and mitigate the consequences of the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant".

E/1991/114 (A/46/283) Letter, 2 July 1991, from the Byelorussian SSR, the Ukrainian SSR and the USSR transmitting the Declaration adopted by the participants in the 3rd Meeting of the Council of Ministers for Foreign Affairs, Minsk, 28 June 1991; concerns UN efforts to mitigate the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster.

Draft resolutions/decisions

E/1991/L.37 Draft resolution on international cooperation and coordination of efforts to address and mitigate the consequences of the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant / Algeria, Argentina, Austria, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Byelorussian SSR, Canada, Chile, China, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Swaziland, Sweden, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukrainian SSR, USSR, United Kingdom, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia and Zambia.

Additional sponsors: Bahrain, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Greece, Pakistan, Peru, Poland and Thailand (E/1991/SR.31).

Discussion in plenary


At the 31st meeting, draft resolution E/1991/L.37 was adopted without vote: resolution 1991/51; the Council also decided to take note of the report of the Secretary-General in A/46/215-E/1991/76: decision 1991/315.

Resolutions

[E/RES/J1991/51 (E/1991/INF/10)] International cooperation and coordination of efforts to address and mitigate the consequences of the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant.

Welcomes the practical measures that have been taken by the Secretary-General to coordinate the activities of the organs, organizations and programmes of the UN system in response to the Chernobyl accident and the practical measures to facilitate the elaboration and presentation of the joint plan for international cooperation to alleviate the effects of the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant; notes the various assessments of the radiological consequences of the Chernobyl accident, in particular the report of the International Advisory Committee presented and discussed at the conference that took place at Vienna from 21 to 24 May 1991, and recognizes the need for further study; takes note of the decision of the Secretary-General to convene on 24 Sept. 1991 a pledging conference for voluntary contributions to complement the regular budgetary resources used by UN organs and agencies for the implementation of activities aimed at mitigating the consequences of the disaster at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant; requests the Secretary-General and the Coordinator of the activities related to the Chernobyl accident in the UN system to take measures to implement General Assembly resolution 45/190; invites Member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to provide cooperation in various forms to the areas affected by the accident (adopted without vote, 31st meeting, 26 July 1991).

OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES--UN SYSTEM (AGENDA ITEM 11)

Reports

A/44/646 Note transmitting JIU report entitled "Practices and procedures aimed at a more equitable geographical distribution of sources of procurement for technical cooperation projects" (JIU/REP/89/8) / Secretary-General.


OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES--UN SYSTEM (AGENDA ITEM 11) (cont.)


E/1991/93/Add.2 (A/46/206/Add.2) Note transmitting the 1991 annual report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Cooperation on operational activities for development. Addendum to the chapter on UN efforts to integrate women in development / Secretary-General.


E/1991/L.27/Add.1 (Later issued as ESCOR, 1991, Suppl no. 13A) Addendum to the extract from the report on its resumed 38th session / Governing Council, UNDP.

General documents

A/45/648 Note transmitting the comments of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on JIU report entitled "Practices and procedures aimed at a more equitable geographical distribution of sources of procurement for technical cooperation projects" (A/44/646) / Secretary-General.


Draft resolutions/decisions

E/1991/C.3/L.7 Draft decision on efficiency of programming / Algeria, Argentina, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Somalia, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, United Kingdom and Zambia.


Discussion in Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee


Agenda item was considered at the 9th to 12th, 15th, 17th and 18th meetings (meeting records not issued).
OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES--UN SYSTEM (AGENDA ITEM 11) (cont.)

Discussion in plenary

At the 32nd meeting, action on draft resolutions and draft decisions in E/1991/132 was as follows: draft resolution I (originally in E/1991/69) was adopted without vote: resolution 1991/77; draft resolution II (originally in E/1991/110) was adopted without vote: resolution 1991/78; draft decision I, deciding to annex to the Council's report the summary of the general discussion on item 11 prepared by the Vice-Chairman of the 3rd (Programme and Coordination) Committee, was adopted without vote: decision 1991/296; draft decision 11, on efficiency of programming, was adopted without vote: decision 1991/297; draft decision 11, on a revision of the General Regulations of the World Food Programme, was adopted without vote: decision 1991/298; draft decision IV, taking note of documents A/46/39, A/46/206-E/1991/93 and Add.1-3, A/46/265-E/1991/105, E/1991/33 and E/1991/34, was adopted without vote: decision 1991/299.


Resolutions
Revision of the General Regulations of the World Food Programme and enlargement of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes of the World Food Programme. Recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution (adopted without vote, 32nd meeting, 26 July 1991).

[E/RES/1991/78 (E/1991/INF/10) Target for World Food Programme pledges for the period 1993-1994. Recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of the draft resolution annexed to the resolution: urging States members of the UN and members and associate members of FAO to undertake the necessary preparations for the announcement of pledges at the 15th Pledging Conference of WFP (adopted without vote, 32nd meeting, 26 July 1991).


PALESTINIANS--LIVING CONDITIONS
See:
HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

PLAN OF ACTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION
(1977)
See:
DESERTIFICATION

POPULATION (AGENDA ITEM 8F)

Reports
E/1991/5 Report on preparations for a 1994 international meeting on population / Secretary-General.

PALESTINIANS--ASSISTANCE (AGENDA ITEM 13)
See also:
TERRITORIES OCCUPIED BY ISRAEL--NATURAL RESOURCES

Reports
POPPULATION (AGENDA ITEM 8F) (cont.)

**General documents**

- **E/1991/47/Add.1** Statement of programme budget implications of draft resolution entitled "International Conference on Population and Development" / Secretary-General.

**Discussion in First (Economic) Committee**

- **E/1991/125** Report / 1st (Economic) Committee. Agenda item was considered at the 5th, 6th and 16th meetings (meeting records not issued).

**Discussion in plenary**


**Resolutions**

- **[E/RES/1991/92]** (E/1991/INF/10) Work programme in the field of population. Requests the Secretary-General to give high priority to the monitoring of world population trends and policies, including in-depth consideration of special topics, and to the review and appraisal of the World Population Plan of Action; to coordinate substantive preparatory work for the International Conference on Population and Development in 1994; to further improve communication and coordination between the Population Division of the Secretariat, the regional commissions and Governments, particularly in order to prepare the most accurate population estimates and projections possible, an activity in which the Population Division should play a leading role; requests the Secretary-General to give high priority to strengthening multilateral technical cooperation programmes in the field of population, including the utilization of technical cooperation among developing countries, as necessary; to further strengthen multilateral technical cooperation in order to meet the urgent need to train an adequate number of population specialists over the next 5 years and to stimulate female enrolment in training courses; to conduct a study of the needs of developing countries for skilled human resources in the population field and the measures required to meet those needs; re-emphasizes the importance of maintaining the scope, effectiveness and efficiency of the global population programme (adopted without vote, 32nd meeting, 26 July 1991).
POPULATION (AGENDA ITEM 8F) (cont.)

International Conference on Population and Development.

Decides that the meeting should be called the International Conference on Population and Development; decides that the objectives of the Conference should be: (a) to contribute to the review and appraisal of progress made in reaching the objectives, goals and recommendations of the World Population Plan of Action and to identify the obstacles encountered; (b) to identify instruments and mechanisms in order to ensure the operational implementation of the recommendations; (c) to maintain and strengthen the level of awareness of population issues on the international agenda and their linkage to development; (d) to consider the desired focus of intensified action at the global, regional and national levels, as well as the feasibility of ways and means of treating population issues in their proper developmental perspective during the forthcoming decade and beyond; (e) to adopt a set of recommendations for the next decade in order to respond to the population and development issues of high priority; (f) to enhance the mobilization of resources needed, especially in developing countries, for the implementation of the results of the Conference; emphasizes that population, sustained economic growth and sustainable development will be the overall theme of the Conference; authorizes the Secretary-General of the Conference to convene 6 expert group meetings corresponding to the 6 groups of issues identified; invites the regional commissions to convene meetings or conferences to review the experience gained in population policies and programmes in their regions and to propose future action (adopted without vote, 32nd meeting, 26 July 1991).

REFUGEES (AGENDA ITEM 18)

Reports

General documents

Draft resolutions/decisions

Discussion in Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee

Discussion in plenary
E/1991/SR.31 (26 July 1991). At the 31st meeting, action on draft resolution and draft decisions in E/1991/139 was as follows: draft resolution (originally E/1991/C.3/L.2) was adopted without vote: resolution 1991/63; draft decision I, on the response of the UN to emergencies, was adopted without vote: decision 1991/289; draft decision II, taking note of the report of UNHCR, was adopted without vote: decision 1991/290.

Resolutions
Enlargement of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees. Recommends that the General Assembly take a decision at its 46th session on the question of increasing the membership of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees from 44 to 46 States (adopted without vote, 31st meeting, 26 July 1991).

REGIONAL COOPERATION (AGENDA ITEM 7)

See also:
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT--AFRICA--INTERNATIONAL DECADES (1991-2000)
SOUTH COMMISSION

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REGIONAL COOPERATION (AGENDA ITEM 7) (cont.)


E/1991/67 Note transmitting the interim report prepared by the Executive Secretaries of ECA and ECE on the Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar / Secretary-General.


E/1991/77 Report on regional cooperation / Secretary-General.


General documents


E/1991/8/Add.1/Rev.1 Revision to the note transmitting the comments of the Secretary-General to the JIU report entitled "African Institute for Economic Development and Planning (IDEP)" (E/1991/8) / Secretary-General.

E/1991/59 Letter, 16 Apr. 1991, from Israel requesting to be admitted as a full member of ECE.


Draft resolutions/decisions

E/1991/C.1/L.3 Draft resolution on the membership of Israel in ECE / Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Kenya, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, United Kingdom and United States.


E/1991/C.1/L.8 Draft resolution on promotion of interregional cooperation in the area of international trade facilitation / Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Belgium, Bulgaria, Denmark, Egypt, France, Germany, Greece, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Jordan, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Poland, Romania, Spain, Swaziland, Togo, United Kingdom, Yemen and Yugoslavia. Additional sponsor: Peru (E/1991/122).

Discussion in First (Economic) Committee


REGIONAL COOPERATION (AGENDA ITEM 7) (cont.)

Discussion in plenary

Resolutions

Cooperation in fisheries in Africa. Takes note with satisfaction of the convening, under the chairmanship of Senegal, of the 2nd session of the Ministerial Conference on Cooperation in Fisheries among the African States Bordering the Atlantic Ocean at Dakar from 1 to 5 July 1991, during which a number of relevant decisions were made and certain programmes prepared; welcomes the adoption by the Conference of a Regional Convention designed to regulate and strengthen cooperation among those States; appeals to the entire international community to follow the rational management of fishing resources, including stock maintenance, in the interest both of the African States bordering the Atlantic Ocean and of the developed countries involved in exploiting those resources; requests the organizations of the UN system, donor States and agencies to be involved in providing assistance and funding to contribute generously, as appropriate, to the implementation of programmes and projects prepared during the Conference (adopted without vote, 32nd meeting, 26 July 1991).

Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar.
Invites the States concerned and the competent scientific institutes and institutions to cooperate with ECA, ECE and the Governments of Morocco and Spain to encourage and facilitate the development of infrastructures linked to the works across the Strait of Gibraltar and cooperation in regard to administrative and customs procedures; invites the competent agencies of UN system to participate in carrying out the studies relating to the project for the permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar; requests the Executive Secretaries of ECA and ECE to prepare an evaluation report on the studies relating to the project in the period 1982-1993 for submission to the Economic and Social Council at its regular session of 1993; calls upon the Secretary-General to allocate as far as possible sufficient resources to ECA and ECE, within existing priorities, for the preparation of the evaluation report (adopted without vote, 32nd meeting, 26 July 1991).
REGIONAL COOPERATION (AGENDA ITEM 7) (cont.)

Promotion of interregional cooperation in the area of international trade facilitation.
Requests the regional commissions, jointly with UNCTAD to elaborate specific projects relating to interregional cooperation on international trade facilitation and present them to bilateral donors and funding organizations; invites all States to support these initiatives; requests UNDP and other funding organizations to consider favourably the specific projects submitted by the regional commissions and UNCTAD; requests bilateral donors to consider extending appropriate financial and expert assistance in the implementation of the projects (adopted without vote, 32nd meeting, 26 July 1991).

Admission of Macau as an associate member of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.
Noting that Macau has become an associate member of ESCAP, decides to amend paragraphs 2 and 4 of the terms of reference of the Commission accordingly (adopted without vote, 32nd meeting, 26 July 1991).

Admission of Kiribati as a full member of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.
Noting that Kiribati has become a member of ESCAP, decides to amend paragraphs 3 and 4 of the terms of reference of the Commission accordingly (adopted without vote, 32nd meeting, 26 July 1991).

Acceleration of the economic integration process in Africa and strengthening of the Multinational Programming and Operational Centres.
Appeals to States that are members of subregional economic communities to take appropriate measures to accelerate the subregional integration process, notably by endowing the subregional economic communities with self-financing mechanisms for the funding of their operational activities and by ensuring the participation of all socio-economic groups in the economic integration activities; appeals to those States to adopt effective measures towards the setting up of mechanisms for economic integration in each subregion that would harmonize the activities of all economic groups; invites those States to apply the decisions of the African Economic Community on joint policies in priority sectors on the adoption of a common external tariff and on monetary integration; requests UNDP to provide, during its 5th programming cycle, sufficient resources to support the economic integration process in Africa; invites African non-governmental organizations to adopt concrete proposals aimed at accelerating the process of economic integration and developing awareness of the African economic and political integration process at all levels of African society; endorses the new orientation of the work programme and priorities of the Centres as proposed by their respective Committees of Intergovernmental Experts; requests the Executive Secretary of ECA (EC/ESA) to establish the mandate and terms of reference of the Committees of Intergovernmental Experts for the effective implementation of the work charged to them under ECOSOC resolution 1990/76; (b) to draw up the programme of work for the Multinational Regional and Operational Centres (adopted without vote, 32nd meeting, 26 July 1991).

RURAL WOMEN

See:
WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY--DEVELOPMENT (AGENDA ITEM 8C)

Reports
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY--DEVELOPMENT (AGENDA ITEM 8C) (cont.)

Discussion in First (Economic) Committee
Agenda item was considered at the 13th, 14th and 15th meetings (meeting records not issued).

Discussion in plenary
At the 31st meeting, draft decision in E/1991/124, taking note of the report of the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development (A/46/37), was adopted without vote: decision 1991/284.

SCREW WORMS (AGENDA ITEM 16A)

See also: LOCUSTS

Reports
E/1991/62 Note transmitting report of the Director-General of FAO on the screw-worm infestation and efforts undertaken to eradicate it / Secretary-General.

General documents
E/1991/113 Note transmitting note by the International Fund for Agricultural Development on the fight against the screw-worm infestation and efforts undertaken to eradicate it / Secretary-General.

Draft resolutions/decisions

Discussion in Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee
Agenda item was considered at the 14th, 15th and 17th meetings (meeting records not issued).

Discussion in plenary

Resolutions
Welcomes the prompt response by IFAO in initiating the regional pilot biological control programme for the New World screw-worm in North Africa and by FAO in establishing the Screw-worm Emergency Centre for North Africa for the execution of the pilot and subsequent programmes, the technical support extended by IAEA and the financial support extended by the African Development Bank and UNDP; requests the Governments and organizations concerned to monitor the situation closely and to take further measures to bring about the complete eradication of the screw-worm in Africa; urges funding agencies and the donor community to support the eradication programme to ensure its successful completion (adopted without vote, 31st meeting, 26 July 1991).

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

See: INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL POLICY

SOMALIA--EMERGENCY RELIEF

See: ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

SOUTH AFRICA--TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS

See: TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS

SOUTH ASIA--DROUGHT

See: DESERTIFICATION

SOUTH COMMISSION (AGENDA ITEM 7)

Reports

General documents
E/1991/90 Note on the report of the South Commission / Secretary-General.
E/1991/90/Add.1 Note on the report of the South Commission. Addendum / Secretary-General.
E/1991/90/Add.2 Note on the report of the South Commission. Addendum / Secretary-General.
SOUTH COMMISSION (AGENDA ITEM 7) (cont.)

Discussion in First (Economic) Committee
Agenda item was considered at the 4th, 5th, 9th, 10th and 15th meetings (meeting records not issued).

Discussion in plenary

STATISTICS (AGENDA ITEM 8G)

Reports

General documents

Draft resolutions/decisions

Discussion in First (Economic) Committee
Agenda item was considered at the 5th, 6th, 14th and 18th meetings (meeting records not issued).

Discussion in plenary
At the 32nd meeting, action on draft resolution and draft decision in E/1991/125 was as follows: draft resolution (originally E/1991/C.1/L.11), adopted without vote: resolution 1991/94; draft decision (originally in E/1991/25), taking note of the report of the Statistical Commission on its 26th session and approving the provisional agenda and documentation for the 27th session of the Commission, adopted without vote: decision 1991/310.

Resolutions
[E/RES/1991/94 (E/1991/INF/10) Patterns of consumption and qualitative indicators of development. Requests the Secretary-General to organize another high-level meeting of experts with a view to further advancing the work on qualitative indicators of development on the basis of the outcome of the 1st high-level meeting and the necessary further research, bearing in mind the need to ensure wider participation and collaboration of different scientific and technical disciplines; invites interested donor countries and relevant multilateral agencies to make voluntary contributions to the UN Research Institute for Social Development for the purpose of holding in good time the meeting, and invites the relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the UN system to support such a meeting; requests the regional commissions to organize workshops aimed at disseminating the concept of qualitative indicators of development on the basis of extrabudgetary support; requests the Statistical Commission to keep the issue of patterns of consumption and qualitative indicators of development under consideration; invites, in the interest of harmonization, the relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the UN system to use, in their annual reports, as appropriate, qualitative indicators of development that are based on the areas identified in General Assembly resolution 40/179 (adopted without vote, 32nd meeting, 26 July 1991).

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REGIONAL COOPERATION

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TERRITORIES OCCUPIED BY ISRAEL--NATURAL RESOURCES (AGENDA ITEM 5)
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TERRITORIES OCCUPIED BY ISRAEL--NATURAL RESOURCES (AGENDA ITEM 5) (cont.)

Draft resolutions/decisions

E/1991/L.36 Draft resolution on Israeli settlements in the Palestinian territory, the Syrian Arab Golan and the other occupied Arab territories / Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Morocco, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates and Yemen.

Additional sponsors: Pakistan, Viet Nam and Zambia (A/46/3).

E/1991/L.41 Draft decision on permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories (submitted on the basis of informal consultations on draft resolution E/1991/L.36) / Razali Ismail (Malaysia), Vice-President, Economic and Social Council.

Discussion in plenary


At the 31st meeting, draft decision E/1991/L.41, on permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories, was adopted without vote, as orally revised: decision 1991/285; draft decision II, taking note of E/1991/31 and Add.1, was adopted without vote: decision 1991/286.

 TRADE FACILITATION

See:

REGIONAL COOPERATION

TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS (AGENDA ITEM 8D)

Reports


Discussion in First (Economic) Committee

E/1991/124 Report / 1st (Economic) Committee. Agenda item was considered at the 13th, 14th and 18th meetings (meeting records not issued).

Resolutions

[E/RES/1991/54 (E/1991/INF/10) Activities of transnational corporations in South Africa. Urges the South African regime to incorporate compensatory mechanisms in land reforms in order to make the eradication of apartheid lasting and equitable; calls upon all transnational corporations to stop immediately any operations in South Africa and all forms of trade and economic links with the racist minority regime; calls on all multilateral financial and development institutions to cease immediately any kind of support or other form of collaboration with the racist regime of South Africa; requests the Secretary-General: (a) in close cooperation with relevant organs of the UN, to collect and disseminate information on the activities of transnational corporations in South Africa, including the list of transnational corporations still conducting operations there; (b) to prepare studies on the level and form of operation by transnational corporations in South Africa, including their non-equity business arrangements and their involvement in particular sectors of the South African economy, and to prepare an updated study on the responsibilities of home countries with respect to the transnational corporations operating in South Africa in violation of relevant resolutions and decisions of the UN; (c) to examine possible contributions of transnational corporations to the construction of a non-racial democratic South Africa in the economic and social fields, taking into account the special need to train black South African entrepreneurs; (d) to report to the on the implementation of the resolution (adopted 30-9-10, 31st meeting, 26 July 1991).
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(cont.)

Recommendations of the Commission on Transnational Corporations at its 17th session and its contribution to the preparations for the UN Conference on Environment and Development.
Requests the Secretary-General to prepare for the 18th session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations a consolidated report analysing the latest trends in foreign direct investment in the world, in particular its impact on developing countries; requests the UN Centre on Transnational Corporations to include in its technical cooperation activities consideration of, advice on, and, as appropriate, promotion of the possibilities and potential for strengthening cooperation among developing countries through the transfer of technology developed by multinational corporations from those countries; requests the Executive Director of the UN Centre on Transnational Corporations to prepare action-oriented and practicable recommendations on cooperation for protection and enhancement of the environment in all countries; decides that the 18th session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations should be held in Jan. or Feb. 1992 to permit, inter alia, consideration of the recommendations made by the Executive Director and to arrange for their transmittal to the Preparatory Committee for the UN Conference on Environment and Development at its 4th session; requests that the findings of the Executive Director of the Centre with respect to the research project entitled "Transfer of environmentally sound technologies to developing countries on favourable terms", together with the prototype of financial statements that would enable corporations to report their income and profits on a sustainable basis, be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the UN Conference on Environment and Development for consideration by the Preparatory Committee at its 3rd session, (adopted without vote, 31st meeting, 26 July 1991).

Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting.
Decides to renew the existing mandate of the Group, contained in Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/67, and to extend its duration from 3 years to 5 years so that paragraph 4 (h) of that resolution reads: "That the Commission on Transnational Corporations, at its annual session, shall keep under review the work of the Group; in particular, it shall review the mandate, terms of reference and achievements of the Group after 5 years, with a view to deciding on the advisability of its continuation." (adopted without vote, 31st meeting, 26 July 1991).

TRANSPORT--AFRICA--INTERNATIONAL DECADES (1991-2000) (AGENDA ITEM 7)

Reports
Discussion in First (Economic) Committee
Agenda item was considered at the 4th, 5th, 9th, 10th and 15th meetings (meeting records not issued).
Discussion in plenary
At the 32nd meeting, draft resolution X in E/1991/122/Add.1 (originally in E/1991/97) was adopted without vote: resolution 1991/83.
TRANSPORT--AFRICA--INTERNATIONAL DECADES (1991-2000) (AGENDA ITEM 7) (cont.)

Resolutions

Adopts the programme for the 2nd Transport and Communications Decade in Africa (1991-2000); recommends that the General Assembly approve the programme for the 2nd Decade; requests the General Assembly to formally launch the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa; appeals to all African Governments, as beneficiaries of the programme, to give support for the achievement of the objectives of the programme for the 2nd Decade at the national, subregional and regional levels; appeals to UN agencies and other international organizations to provide all the necessary technical and other assistance to African Governments and work closely with ECA, the Inter-Agency Coordinating Committee and African regional and subregional intergovernmental organizations in order to implement effectively the programme and projects for the 2nd Decade; appeals to international financial institutions, as well as to African regional and subregional financial institutions, to ensure and facilitate the financing of national, subregional and regional projects for the 2nd Decade; requests the ECA to prepare draft statutes for the single bureau for the Trans-African Highway Authorities for adoption by member States (adopted without vote, 32nd meeting, 26 July 1991).

Discussion in plenary

At the 32nd meeting, draft resolution IV in E/1991/122 (originally E/1991/C.1/L.7) was adopted without vote: resolution 1991/75.

Resolutions

Endorses resolution 47/10 of ESCAP on phase II of the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific, 1985-1994, with a view to: (a) raising the transport and communications infrastructural facilities and services of developing member and associate member Governments to a level commensurate with their development objectives and priorities, giving particular attention to the special needs of the least developed, land-locked and island developing countries of the region; (b) encouraging the active participation of existing subregional groupings of the region in formulating and implementing the activities for the Decade within their respective subregions in coordination with the regional secretariat; (c) associating national institutions concerned with transport and communications in the implementation of the activities for the Decade; (d) promoting the active involvement of commercial sectors in the implementation of the activities for the Decade; recommends that the General Assembly change the period of the 2nd quinquennium of the Decade to 1992-1996 to coincide with the period of the medium-term plan, namely 1992-1997, so that adequate preparations for a regional action programme may be made; urges all appropriate international organizations to contribute effectively to the formulation and implementation of a regional action programme for the 2nd quinquennium of the Decade; requests the Executive Secretaries of ESCAP and ESCWA to promote intergovernmental and inter-agency coordination and cooperation at the regional and subregional levels in the formulation and implementation of a regional action programme (adopted without vote, 32nd meeting, 26 July 1991).


Reports

E/1991/97/Add.1 Report on regional cooperation / Ademoun / Secretary-General.

Draft resolutions/decisions


Discussion in First (Economic) Committee

E/1991/122 Report. Part I / 1st (Economic) Committee. Agenda item was considered at the 4th, 5th, 9th, 10th and 15th meetings (meeting records not issued).

See:

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS DECADE IN AFRICA (1991-2000)


TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE--EUROPE-AFRICA

See: REGIONAL COOPERATION

UN. COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS--ACTIVITIES

See: TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS

UN. COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS--MEMBERS (AGENDA ITEM 19)

Discussion in plenary

At the 31st meeting, the Council decided to postpone until a further session elections to fill remaining vacancies: decision 1991/283.

UN. COMMITTEE ON NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS--ACTIVITIES

See: NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

UN. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL--ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE (AGENDA ITEM 3)

Discussion in plenary

At the 31st meeting, draft decision proposed by the President, taking note of the oral report made by the President of the Council on all relevant issues pertaining to the review of the implementation of the measures agreed upon for the revitalization of the Council, was adopted without vote: decision 1991/277.

UN. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL--SUBSIDIARY BODIES--ELECTIONS

See:
UN. COMMITTEE ON CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL--MEMBERS
UN. COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES--MEMBERS
UN. POPULATION COMMISSION--MEMBERS
WORLD FOOD COUNCIL--MEMBERS


Reports
A/46/16 (GAOR, 46th sess., Suppl. no. 16) Report on the work of its 31st session, 13 May-12 June 1991 / Committee for Programme and Coordination.
General documents


E/1991/135 Annotated provisional agenda and organization of work for the special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council (Geneva, 4 and 5 July 1991).

E/1991/135/REV.1 Annotated provisional agenda and organization of work for the special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council (Geneva, 4 and 5 July 1991): Revised corrigendum / Secretariat.

E/1991/100 Annotated provisional agenda.

E/1991/100/Add.1 Annotated provisional agenda. Addendum.

Reports


UN. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL. SPECIAL HIGH-LEVEL MEETING (1991)

At the 16th meeting, the Council elected the officers of the Special High-level Meeting of the Council as follows: Chairman: Lakhdar Brahimi (Algeria), Vice-Chairmen: Abdullah Fadzil Che-Wan (Malaysia), Bengt Save-Soderbergh (Sweden) and Radomiro Tomic (Chile). The Special High-level Meeting was held in Geneva on 4 and 5 July 1991, a concluding statement which constitutes the formal outcome of the High-level Meeting was made by the Chairman (see A/46/3, Chapter II).
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UN. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (1991, 2ND SESS. : GENEVA AND NEW YORK)--AGENDA (AGENDA ITEM 1) (cont.)

E/1991/L.24 Note transmitting information on the status of documentation for the session / Secretariat.

Discussion in plenary

At the 25th meeting, the Council decided to add an item 19, "Elections", to the agenda of the 2nd regular session: decision 1991/273.

At the 31st meeting, the Council approved the modification in the calendar of conferences for 1991 for the UN Group of Experts on Geographical Names: decision 1991/281, and for the Working Group of the Commission on Human Rights on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances: decision 1991/282.

At the 33rd meeting, the Council decided to resume its work in order to take up two outstanding matters.

UN. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (1991, 2ND SESS. : GENEVA AND NEW YORK)--CLOSING

Discussion in plenary
At the 32nd meeting, the President declared the 2nd regular session of the Council closed.

UN. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (1991, 2ND SESS. : GENEVA AND NEW YORK)--OPENING

Discussion in plenary
At the 16th meeting, the 2nd regular session of 1991 was declared open by the President of the Council, Hocine Djoudi (Algeria).

UN. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (1991, 2ND SESS. : GENEVA AND NEW YORK)--PARTICIPANTS

General documents

UN. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (1991, 2ND SESS. : GENEVA AND NEW YORK)--RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS

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UN. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (1991, NEW YORK AND GENEVA)--OFFICERS

Discussion in plenary
At the 16th meeting, the Council decided to elect Naste Calovski (Yugoslavia) Vice-President of the Council and to designate him to serve as Chairman of the 1st (Economic) Committee to replace Darko Silovic (Yugoslavia) who had resigned.

UN. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE UNHCR PROGRAMME

See:
REFUGEES

UN. INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS ON INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS OF ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING--MEMBERS (AGENDA ITEM 19)

Discussion in plenary
At the 31st meeting, Mauritius was elected to the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 Dec. 1993; Jordan and Pakistan were elected for a 3-year term beginning on 1 Jan. 1992: decision 1991/283.

UN. POPULATION COMMISSION--MEMBERS (AGENDA ITEM 19)

Discussion in plenary
At the 31st meeting, Pakistan was elected to the Population Commission for a 4-year term beginning on 1 Jan. 1992: decision 1991/283.
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UN. STATISTICAL COMMISSION--ACTIVITIES
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WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT (AGENDA ITEM 8L)
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COORDINATION WITHIN UN SYSTEM

Reports
E/1991/93/Add.2 (A/46/206/Add.2) Note transmitting the 1991 annual report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Cooperation on operational activities for development. Addendum to the chapter on UN efforts to integrate women in development / Secretary-General.

General documents
E/1991/99 Note indicating the steps taken to implement Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/106 on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development / Secretary-General.

Draft resolutions/decisions
E/1991/C.1/L.12 Draft resolution on the Summit on the Economic Advancement of Rural Women / Australia, Austria, Belgium, Chile, Colombia, Denmark, Egypt, France, Italy, Kenya, Malaysia, Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Senegal, Somalia, Spain, Thailand and Turkey.

Discussion in First (Economic) Committee
E/1991/128 Report / 1st (Economic) Committee. Agenda item was considered at the 10th, 16th and 18th meetings (meeting records not issued).

Discussion in plenary

Resolutions
Requests the International Fund for Agricultural Development to continue to provide all necessary input and other support for the Summit on the Economic Advancement of Rural Women in cooperation and coordination with other appropriate UN organizations; urges all States, appropriate organs, organizations and bodies of the UN system and relevant non-governmental organizations to participate in and support the Summit and to support its objective of developing a strategy for the economic advancement of rural women in the 1990s; expresses the hope that the Summit will give an impetus to the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women and thus help rural women to assume their role in the development process and share fully in its benefits, thereby providing an important input to the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Peace and Development, to be held in 1995 (adopted without vote, 31st meeting, 26 July 1991).
WORLD DECADE FOR CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (1988-1997)

See:
CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT—INTERNATIONAL DECADES (1988-1997)

WORLD FOOD COUNCIL

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FOOD PROBLEMS

WORLD FOOD COUNCIL—MEMBERS (AGENDA ITEM 19)

Discussion in plenary
At the 33rd meeting, the Council decided to nominate Albania for election to the World Food Council by the General Assembly for a 3-year term beginning on 1 Jan. 1992: decision 1991/316.

See:
OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES—UN SYSTEM

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