

2. *Considers further* that, as economic co-operation among developing countries provides a suitable framework in which to secure and advance the interests of the least developed, land-locked and island developing countries, schemes of co-operation should give special attention to the problems of such countries;

3. *Invites* the developed countries to maintain and expand their support for economic co-operation among developing countries, as pledged in paragraph 40 of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade;

4. *Requests* the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system:

(a) To intensify and co-ordinate their programmes so as to provide effective financial and technical support for the further expansion of the mutual co-operation of developing countries along the lines indicated in paragraph 1 above;

(b) To initiate new projects and expand existing ones for technical co-operation and the exchange of experience among developing countries;

(c) To promote and expand arrangements for inter-agency co-operation at the interregional level, especially among the regional economic commissions, in the furtherance of schemes for economic co-operation among developing countries;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session on the implementation of paragraph 4 above;

6. *Requests* the Committee for Development Planning to give high priority to the study and evaluation of economic co-operation among developing countries, including in particular scientific and technical co-operation, and to report on this question to the Committee on Review and Appraisal for its consideration at the mid-term review of the International Development Strategy.

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3178 (XXVIII). Preparations for the mid-term review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970 containing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,

Further recalling its resolution 2801 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971, in particular its paragraphs on the review and appraisal at the sectoral and regional levels by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the specialized agencies, the regional economic commissions and other organs of the United Nations system,

Recalling also section I of Economic and Social Council resolution 1768 (LIV) of 18 May 1973 relating to the review and appraisal,

Having undertaken its first biennial review and appraisal of progress in implementing the International Development Strategy,

Considering that the mid-term review and appraisal provided for in paragraph 83 of the International Development Strategy will have to be carefully prepared in the light of the experience gained during the first biennial review and appraisal, both at the national and the international level,

Considering that, since the adoption of the International Development Strategy, new issues and concepts have emerged, such as those mentioned in paragraph 4 of the text of the first biennial over-all review and appraisal of progress in the implementation of the International Development Strategy, set forth in General Assembly resolution 3176 (XXVIII) of 17 December 1973, which require further study,

Reiterating that the International Development Strategy should be viewed in a dynamic context involving continuing review to ensure its effective implementation and adaptation in the light of new developments,

Bearing in mind that vigorous efforts will be required to attain, despite the shortfalls encountered during the first two years of the Second United Nations Development Decade, the goals and objectives specified for the Decade as a whole,

Recognizing that the attainment of the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy is in the common interest of the world community as a whole, and that there is a need to deepen public understanding of this fact,

1. *Reaffirms* that in the perspective of the mid-term review and appraisal every effort should be made by all concerned to achieve the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade;

2. *Requests* the Committee for Development Planning to continue its work on developing and elaborating the concept and the contents of integrated socio-economic development in its different implications;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in the light of the experience gained during the first biennial review and appraisal, to submit a report to the Economic and Social Council, together with his recommendations on the need for improvement of the present machinery for sectoral, regional and over-all review and appraisal, including its statistical base, in particular with respect to the co-ordinated contribution of the organizations and agencies of the United Nations system, so as to assist the Council in the review of its machinery as called for in resolution 1621 C (LI) of 30 July 1971;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Committee for Development Planning, the regional economic commissions and the organizations of the United Nations system concerned, to examine in time for the mid-term review and appraisal:

(a) The major economic and social developments since the launching of the Second United Nations Development Decade;

(b) The implications of those developments for the attainment of the goals and objectives specified for the Decade as a whole;

(c) The need for formulating new measures, as necessary, including socio-economic policies, which may be required in order to fulfil the goals of the International Development Strategy;

5. *Requests* the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency and the other organizations of the United Nations system concerned, in par-

ticular the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, to make all necessary efforts to ensure that the mid-term review and appraisal is prepared and carried out in a co-ordinated and comprehensive manner covering all sectors of economic and social development, and to co-operate with the Secretary-General and with the Economic and Social Council in the review of the machinery for over-all review and appraisal, as mentioned in paragraph 3 above;

6. *Requests* the regional economic commissions to continue and intensify their efforts, in conformity with paragraph 81 of the International Development Strategy, in the preparation and carrying out of the mid-term review and appraisal at the regional level;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation in particular with the United Nations Development Programme and the regional economic commissions, to take all possible steps to increase the assistance which developing countries may need and request for strengthening their planning and evaluation machinery and procedures, which would also facilitate the mid-term review and appraisal at the country level;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to intensify and stimulate efforts to mobilize public opinion in all countries, in particular the developed countries, in support of the objectives and policies for the Second United Nations Development Decade in the interest of the world community as a whole.

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3179 (XXVIII). Quantification of scientific and technological activities related to development

The General Assembly,

Recalling the recommendation contained in chapter IX of the report of the Committee on Science and Technology for Development on its first session⁸⁵ for the revision of paragraphs 60, 61 and 63 of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,⁸⁶ and the decision adopted on the subject by the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-fifth session,⁸⁷

Recalling further that in paragraph 63 of the International Development Strategy the General Assembly specifically recommended that, at the time of the first biennial review, consideration be given to the setting of quantitative targets for direct support by developed countries of the efforts of developing countries in the field of science and technology, in terms of a percentage of both the gross national product of the developed countries and their own research and development programmes,

Considering the importance of defining targets for the effective implementation of assistance programmes in the field of science and technology on levels compatible with the development requirements of the developing countries during the Second United Nations Development Decade,

⁸⁵ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 4 (E/5272 and Add.1/Rev.1 and E/5272/Add.2)*, para. 120.

⁸⁶ Resolution 2626 (XXV).

⁸⁷ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 1 (E/5400)*, p. 16.

Bearing in mind that the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on the Quantification of Scientific and Technological Activities related to Development, owing to its late convening, was not able to produce its report in time for consideration by the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-fifth session and by the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session,

1. *Decides* to request the Economic and Social Council to instruct the Committee on Science and Technology for Development to give priority at its second session to the consideration of the subject of quantitative targets in the field of science and technology to enable the Council to consider the subject at its fifty-seventh session and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session;

2. *Further decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-ninth session an item entitled "Quantification of scientific and technological activities related to development, including the definition of the quantitative targets contemplated in paragraph 63 of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade".

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3180 (XXVIII). World Food Conference

The General Assembly,

Recognizing that the principal task of a world food conference, on which the greatest effort should be concentrated, consists in developing ways and means whereby the international community as a whole could take specific action to resolve the world food problem within the broader context of development and international economic co-operation,

Believing that a world food conference would provide members with a forum in which to bring about the improvement of world food security and emergency assistance,

Recognizing that the conference should, in the first instance, place emphasis on additional measures for increasing the food production, consumption and trade of developing countries,

Recalling that the Fourth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Algiers from 5 to 9 September 1973, called for the convening, as a matter of urgency, of a conference on food problems at the ministerial level, sponsored jointly by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,⁸⁸ and further recalling the proposal of the United States of America for the convocation of a world food conference under the auspices of the United Nations,⁸⁹

1. *Decides* to convene a World Food Conference under the auspices of the United Nations for about two weeks, in November 1974, in Rome;

2. *Recommends* that the Conference be an inter-governmental conference at the ministerial level;

3. *Entrusts* the Economic and Social Council with over-all responsibility for the Conference;

⁸⁸ A/9330 and Corr.1, p. 99.

⁸⁹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-eighth Session, Annexes, agenda item 105, document A/9194*.