

ress made in the implementation of its resolutions 2626 (XXV), 3202 (S-VI), 3281 (XXIX) and 3362 (S-VII) under a single item entitled "Assessment of the progress made in the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 2626 (XXV), 3202 (S-VI), 3281 (XXIX) and 3362 (S-VII) entitled, respectively, 'International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade', 'Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order', 'Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States' and 'Development and international economic co-operation'";

2. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council and the Committee on Review and Appraisal to prepare a preliminary assessment, for consideration by the General Assembly at its thirty-second session, bearing in mind the provisions of the preceding paragraphs and the reports at the sectoral and regional level submitted by the United Nations organs and organizations concerned, and such other developments as may take place in the interim;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the heads of the United Nations bodies and organizations concerned, in preparing for the review and assessment, and Member States, in preparing their national reports on the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, to take fully into account the provisions of the present resolution, in particular section II, paragraph 1.

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31/179. United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3251 (XXIX) of 4 December 1974 and 3461 (XXX) of 11 December 1975, and other relevant resolutions of the General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Noting the recommendations made at the Fifth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Colombo from 16 to 19 August 1976,¹⁰⁸ and at the Conference on Economic Co-operation among Developing Countries, held at Mexico City from 13 to 22 September 1976,¹⁰⁹

Bearing in mind Economic and Social Council resolution 2023 (LXI) of 4 August 1976,

Recalling further the relevant decisions adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its eighteenth,¹¹⁰ nineteenth,¹¹¹

twentieth,¹¹² twenty-first¹¹³ and twenty-second¹¹⁴ sessions,

Taking note with appreciation of the statement made by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme emphasizing the importance of technical co-operation among developing countries as an integral part and a new dimension of mutual co-operation for development and of his assurance of making a great success of the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries,¹¹⁵

Further taking note of the reports on the first and second sessions of the sessional Committee on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, contained in the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its twenty-second session, of the reports of the participating and executing agencies of the United Nations development system and of the conclusions of the regional meetings on technical co-operation among developing countries, held in Asia and the Pacific, Latin America and Africa,

1. *Decides* to convene the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries at Buenos Aires from 27 March to 7 April 1978;

2. *Requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, in view of the importance of the Conference, to act as the Secretary-General of the Conference;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite:

(a) All States to participate in the Conference;

(b) Representatives of organizations that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in the sessions and the work of all international conferences convened under its auspices, in the capacity of observers, in accordance with Assembly resolution 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974;

(c) Representatives of the national liberation movements recognized in its region by the Organization of African Unity, in the capacity of observers, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 3280 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974;

(d) The United Nations Council for Namibia to participate as an observer;

(e) The specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, the regional commissions, as well as interested organs of the United Nations, to be represented at the Conference;

(f) Interested intergovernmental organizations to be represented by observers;

(g) Interested non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council to be represented by observers;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the necessary arrangements are made for the effective participation in the Conference of the representatives referred to in paragraph 3 (b) and (c) above, including the requisite financial provisions for their travel expenses and *per diem*;

¹⁰⁸ See A/31/197.

¹⁰⁹ See A/C.2/31/7.

¹¹⁰ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 2A (E/5543/Rev.1), para. 224.*

¹¹¹ *Ibid.*, *Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 2 (E/5646), para. 164.*

¹¹² *Ibid.*, *Supplement No. 2A (E/5703/Rev.1), para. 332.*

¹¹³ *Ibid.*, *Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 2 (E/5779), para. 302.*

¹¹⁴ *Ibid.*, *Supplement No. 2A (E/5846/Rev.1), para. 512.*

¹¹⁵ *Ibid.*, para. 462.

5. *Decides* that the sessional Committee on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme shall function as the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, that, for that purpose, it shall be open to the participation of all Member States as full members and hold three sessions, and that the Preparatory Committee shall elect its own bureau to be composed, in accordance with regional geographical distribution, of a chairman, three vice-chairmen and a rapporteur;

6. *Also decides* to establish a small secretariat to assist the Secretary-General of the Conference in discharging his functions, composed of the Special Unit for Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries for substantive purposes and the concerned services of the secretariat of the Economic and Social Council for organizational preparations, taking fully into account the need to maintain close interrelationship between these two aspects of the preparatory work for the Conference;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to convene the first session of the Preparatory Committee in January 1977;

8. *Further decides* that requisite funds for the preparation of the Conference in 1977 over and above those already approved by the United Nations Development Programme for the preparations for, and organization of, the Conference, including those which may be necessary to strengthen existing services, shall be provided under the regular budget of the United Nations and that the Preparatory Committee shall prepare detailed recommendations to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session on the total budget of the Conference to be financed by the regular budget of the United Nations;

9. *Decides* to include Arabic among the languages of the Conference;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the Conference to mobilize the assistance of the Office of Public Information of the Secretariat and of the Division of Information of the United Nations Development Programme, as well as of the concerned services of the organizations of the United Nations system, to undertake a programme of public information activities designed to ensure world-wide awareness of and interest in the Conference and its objectives;

11. *Agrees* that the provisional agenda contained in the report of the Administrator on the organization of the Conference should be finalized by the Preparatory Committee in the light of the comments and suggestions made at the twenty-second session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and at the regional meetings on technical co-operation among developing countries;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the Conference to enlist the fullest co-operation of the participating and executing agencies, including the regional commissions, in the substantive preparations for the Conference and, to this end, to establish an interagency task force within the framework of the Inter-Agency Consultative Board;

13. *Requests* the participating and executing agencies, including the regional commissions, in close co-

operation and consultation with the Secretary-General of the Conference, to continue to give priority to activities to promote technical co-operation among developing countries and to contribute fully to the development by the Conference of an effective and practical plan of action to intensify further such co-operation on a continuing basis;

14. *Requests further* the interagency task force to report to the Preparatory Committee at each session, through the Secretary-General of the Conference, on the progress made and the activities undertaken for the implementation of paragraphs 12 and 13 above;

15. *Calls upon* the Governments of Member States, in particular those of developing countries, to continue to participate actively in the preparations for the Conference and, to this end, to designate a co-ordinator or liaison officer at the national level and make other arrangements, as appropriate, in order, *inter alia*, to prepare national reports on their experience and capacity as well as needs on a global and sectoral basis, in regard to technical co-operation among developing countries, for submission to the Conference, taking into account the standards which the Secretary-General of the Conference should prepare with a view to facilitating uniformity in the format of the documents;

16. *Also calls upon* the developed countries to continue to participate actively in the preparations for the Conference and, in particular, in the identification of their measures and policies aimed at promoting and intensifying technical co-operation among developing countries.

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31/180. Implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region

The General Assembly,

Recalling the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, particularly Assembly resolutions 3253 (XXIX) of 4 December 1974 and 3512 (XXX) of 15 December 1975 and Council resolution 1918 (LVIII) of 5 May 1975,

Considering that the nature and scope of the needs of the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region make it necessary for the international community to continue and to strengthen its solidarity action to support the recovery efforts and economic development of those countries,

Noting with satisfaction the decisive role played by the United Nations Sahelian Office in helping to combat the effects of the drought and to implement the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme adopted by the States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel,

Noting with satisfaction the results of the meeting convened by the Secretary-General and held at Geneva on 1 July 1975, whose purpose was to mobilize the necessary resources to finance priority projects identified by the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel and its member States,