

Bearing in mind the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries,¹⁸⁴ adopted by the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries,

Noting that economic co-operation among developing countries, based on the concept of individual and collective self-reliance, has been identified by the developing countries as a major strategy to promote their development and as an important means of consolidating their unity and solidarity,

Recognizing that, in the context of international economic co-operation, the achievement of the goal of greater economic co-operation among developing countries will make an important contribution to the establishment of the new international economic order,

Reaffirming that efforts by the developing countries to promote economic co-operation among themselves do not diminish the responsibilities of all other countries to establish just and equitable economic relations,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Economic co-operation among developing countries";¹⁸⁵

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure, through the existing machinery, effective co-ordination and implementation of activities within the United Nations system in support of measures of economic co-operation among developing countries, by, *inter alia*:

(a) A more effective evaluation of the relevance of the various activities being undertaken by organizations within the United Nations system to the achievement of the objectives of economic co-operation among developing countries;

(b) Adaptation, as appropriate, of the organizational arrangements within the United Nations system to the requirements of promoting economic co-operation among developing countries;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to continue to include in the medium-term plan of the United Nations an intersectoral presentation of the activities envisaged to implement the relevant resolutions of the United Nations on economic co-operation among developing countries and to promote the same kind of intersectoral presentation on a system-wide basis;

4. *Urges* the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, in accordance with their established procedures and practices, to support measures of economic co-operation among developing countries, including, as and when requested, the continued provision of the necessary secretariat support services and other suitable arrangements to facilitate the holding of meetings by the developing countries in pursuance of the objectives of economic co-operation among developing countries;

5. *Takes note* of Trade and Development Board decision 174 (XVIII) of 17 September 1978 on economic co-operation among developing countries;¹⁸⁶

¹⁸⁴ Report of the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, Buenos Aires, 30 August-12 September 1978 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.78.II.A.11 and corrigendum), chap. I.

¹⁸⁵ A/33/367.

¹⁸⁶ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/33/15), vol. II, annex I.

6. *Notes* the activities undertaken by the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in pursuance of resolution 1 (I) of the Committee on Economic Co-operation among Developing Countries in support of programmes of economic co-operation among developing countries,¹⁸⁷ and calls upon that organization to intensify further its efforts in this area;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to continue consultations with a view to submitting recommendations to the Trade and Development Board concerning the organizing and convening during 1979 of meetings, as appropriate, of governmental experts of developing countries and representatives of inter-governmental economic co-operation groupings of developing countries in order to promote the objectives of subregional, regional and interregional economic co-operation among developing countries;

8. *Urges* developed countries to provide appropriate support, as and when requested by the developing countries, for the implementation of measures of economic co-operation among developing countries;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session.

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29 January 1979

33/196. Protectionism

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 the New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation, as well as the relevant resolutions adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its fourth session, held at Nairobi from 5 to 31 May 1976,¹⁸⁸

Affirming that the expansion of international trade on an equitable basis should be beneficial to all countries and that trade liberalization in favour of developing countries is an important means of achieving such expansion,

Recognizing the vital importance of export earnings to the economies of the developing countries,

Believing that expansion of the exports of developing countries is an important means of financing their self-sustained growth,

Acknowledging that the accelerated growth of the economies of the developing countries is a key element in the over-all improvement of the world economy,

Noting that increasing protectionist measures aggravate inflation in the developed countries, which is in turn transferred to the developing countries,

¹⁸⁷ See A/33/367, annex.

¹⁸⁸ See Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Fourth Session, vol. I, Report and Annexes (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.II.D.10 and corrigendum), part one, sect. A.

Bearing in mind the widespread and growing concern about the growth of protectionism in developed countries against the exports of the developing countries,

1. *Calls upon* the developed countries to adhere strictly to the commitment concerning the standstill on new tariff and non-tariff barriers or intensification of existing ones against the exports of developing countries;

2. *Urges* the developed countries to eliminate speedily all forms of protectionist measures and practices against the exports of developing countries, bearing in mind, *inter alia*, section I.3, paragraph (a) (x), of General Assembly resolution 3202 (S-VI) and section I, paragraph 8, of Assembly resolution 3362 (S-VII);

3. *Calls upon* the developed countries to carry out structural changes with respect to less competitive sectors of their economies with a view to expansion of existing, and creation of new, production capacities in developing countries.

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33/197. Transport and Communications Decade in Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970 containing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing 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 with satisfaction the initiative taken by the Organization of African Unity and the Economic Commission for Africa to establish an integrated African road network and to rationalize Africa's railway systems and other transport systems in order to facilitate the promotion of multinational economic co-operation in Africa, intra-African trade and the political, social and economic integration of Africa, as well as the work carried out since June 1977,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 2097 (LXIII) of 29 July 1977 on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 32/160 of 19 December 1977, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, proclaimed a Transport and Communications Decade in Africa during the years 1978-1988 and requested the Secretary-General to mobilize all necessary resources to make the Decade a success,

Taking note of resolution ECO(XVIII)/Res.2 adopted by the Executive Committee of the Economic Commission for Africa at its eighteenth meeting, held at Khartoum from 2 to 4 May 1978,¹⁸⁹ in which measures were proposed for the implementation of the global strategy and comprehensive programme of work for the Decade,

¹⁸⁹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 10, Addendum (E/1978/50/Add.1)*, chap. II.

Noting with appreciation the work carried out so far by the Economic Commission for Africa and the Organization of African Unity in preparation for the Decade,

1. *Endorses* resolution ECO(XVIII)/Res.2 of the Executive Committee of the Economic Commission for Africa in which the Committee decided to convene early in 1979 a meeting of African Ministers concerned with matters relating to transport, communications, works and planning, in order to adopt Africa's global strategy and a comprehensive plan of action for the implementation of the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the Economic Commission for Africa, as the lead agency for the Decade, with the necessary financial and staff resources that will enable it to make all preparatory arrangements for the Decade, including the preparations for and the convening of the meeting of Ministers referred to in paragraph 1 above;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to make all necessary arrangements, as appropriate, for the convening of a pledging conference of donor countries and institutions in the first half of 1979 on the basis of the global strategy and the comprehensive plan of action and of specific projects contained therein;

4. *Urges* the international community, in particular the developed countries, to give full support and to contribute substantially to the implementation of the programmes and projects for the attainment of the objectives of the Decade.

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33/198. Preparations for the special session of the General Assembly in 1980

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 32/174 of 19 December 1977, in which it decided, *inter alia*, to convene a special session of the General Assembly in 1980,

Bearing in mind 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, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Considering that the General Assembly is requested to assess at the special session the progress made in the various forums of the United Nations system in the establishment of the new international economic order and, on the basis of that assessment, to take appropriate action for the promotion of the development of developing countries and international economic co-operation,

Bearing in mind the ongoing process of the preparation of the new international development strategy,

Recognizing the importance of various United Nations conferences held in recent years on major topics relating to economic and social development,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Director-General for Development and International