

action at the national, subregional, regional, inter-regional and international levels covering the items of the agenda of the Conference and, in particular, the development, adaptation, application and transfer of science and technology for development of developing countries, in order to facilitate negotiation and achievement of maximum possible agreement on substantive issues prior to the Conference;

(c) A report on the possible alternatives for the final structures of the draft programme of action to be submitted to the Conference;¹⁶⁹

(d) A synoptic table¹⁷⁰ classifying recommendations into those that are common to all regions, those that are common to some regions and those that are specific to one region, with an indication of their origin;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the Conference to submit to the Preparatory Committee at its fourth session a supplement to the report entitled "Overview of activities of organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system"¹⁷¹ analysing outputs, gaps and/or overlap of present United Nations activities in the area of science and technology for development as a background document for the consideration of the draft programme of action, bearing in mind the views expressed by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its eighteenth session;¹⁷²

4. *Urges* the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America to submit to the Conference secretariat, as early as possible, the conceptual and action-oriented proposals from the Latin American regional meeting;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the Conference to make all efforts to ensure the early availability to Governments, for their timely consideration, of the documents requested in paragraph 2 above prior to the convening of the third session of the Preparatory Committee;

6. *Decides*, in view of the time constraints and of the desirability of reaching maximum agreement on substantive issues before the convening of the Conference, that necessary facilities should be provided to enable the Preparatory Committee, if it so decides, to hold a further meeting or to extend the duration of its currently scheduled meetings;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the necessary arrangements, including the requisite financial provisions, are made for the continuation of national, regional and interregional preparations for the Conference, including arrangements for inter-regional and other meetings in the later stages of the preparatory process for the Conference;

8. *Invites* the regional commissions as well as other relevant organs of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency to continue to give full support to the Secretary-General of the Conference in the preparatory work for the Conference;

9. *Endorses* the decision of the Preparatory Committee at its second session to include Arabic as an official language of the Preparatory Committee.¹⁷³

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33/193. Preparations for an international development strategy for the third United Nations development decade¹⁷⁴

The General Assembly,

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

Recalling the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council, the regional commissions and other organs and organizations of the United Nations system having a direct bearing on the formulation of the new international development strategy,

Taking note of the decision adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its fourteenth ordinary session, held at Libreville from 2 to 5 July 1977, approving the revised framework of principles for the implementation of the new international economic order in Africa, 1976-1986,

Taking note also of the report of the Committee for Development Planning on its fourteenth session,¹⁷⁵

Noting that there is a relationship between development and peace, security and disarmament,

Deeply concerned by the fact that inequities and imbalances in international economic relations have widened the gap between the developed and developing countries, that they constitute major obstacles to the development of the developing countries and that they adversely affect international relations and the promotion of world peace and security,

Recognizing the crucial and urgent need for national and international measures for the accelerated economic and social development of the developing countries,

Recognizing also the continuing need to identify and meet development needs of developing countries,

Recognizing further that trends in the world economy during the Second United Nations Development Decade which have adversely affected the situation of the developing countries have made all the more precarious the grave situation already facing the least developed among the developing countries, and that special energetic and effective measures must be taken to ensure their accelerated development,

¹⁶⁹ A/CONF.81/PC.25.

¹⁷⁰ A/CONF.81/PC.26.

¹⁷¹ A/CONF.81/PC.19 (Part I).

¹⁷² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/33/38), chap. IV, sect. B.*

¹⁷³ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 43 (A/33/43 and Corr.1), para. 83.

¹⁷⁴ See also sect. X.B.4, decision 33/437.

¹⁷⁵ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 6 (E/1978/46 and Corr.1).*

Recognizing the continuing necessity for special measures and specific action to meet the special and pressing problems of the land-locked, island and most seriously affected developing countries,

Reiterating the conviction that, in the context of the efforts required to achieve a just and equitable relationship between the developed and the developing countries, it is imperative to bring about far-reaching changes in the structure of the present international economic system,

Recognizing that the formulation of a new international development strategy should be an integral part of the continuing efforts of the international community to accelerate the development of the developing countries and to establish the new international economic order,

Bearing in mind the results of major United Nations meetings and conferences on world economic and social development held during the Second United Nations Development Decade,

I

1. *Affirms* that the new international development strategy should be designed to promote the development of the developing countries, should be formulated within the framework of the new international economic order and directed towards the achievement of its objectives, should be a vast undertaking involving the entire international community for the promotion of international co-operation for development, and should specify goals, objectives and policy measures addressed to both developed and developing countries for accelerating the development of the developing countries and thereby contribute to the solution of international economic problems and sustained global economic development, and also be supported by such development on the basis of justice, equality and mutual benefit;

2. *Decides* that the new international development strategy should provide a set of interrelated and concerted measures in all sectors of development in order to promote the economic and social development of the developing countries and to ensure their equitable, full and effective participation in the formulation and application of all decisions in the field of development and international economic co-operation;

3. *Further decides* that the new international development strategy should therefore address itself, *inter alia*, to the following objectives:

(a) Bringing about, in the spirit of mutual benefit, far-reaching changes in the structure of world production, with a view to expanding and diversifying the production of, and providing for additional employment in, the developing countries;

(b) Increasing substantially food and agricultural production in the developing countries and facilitating effectively the access of their agricultural exports to international markets on a stable and more predictable basis and at fair remunerative prices;

(c) Developing institutional and physical infrastructure in the various development sectors in the developing countries;

(d) Promoting industrialization in the developing countries and, to that end, ensuring, *inter alia*, speedy and tangible progress towards the fulfilment of the

target of increasing to the maximum possible extent and as far as possible the share of developing countries in total world industrial production to at least 25 per cent by the year 2000;

(e) Improving the terms of trade of developing countries, ensuring a substantial increase of their share in world exports, especially through the expansion and diversification of their production and trade, and extending to them special and preferential treatment, where feasible and appropriate, in the context of the general effort to liberalize world trade particularly in their favour, as steps towards promoting equity in trade relations between the developing and the developed countries;

(f) Increasing substantially the flow of resources in real terms to the developing countries on a predictable, continuous and increasingly assured basis;

(g) Enhancing the responsiveness of the international monetary system to the needs and interests of the developing countries in the context of further reform of the system for the benefit of the international community;

(h) Promoting the transfer of technology to developing countries by securing the removal to the fullest extent possible of obstacles to, and taking positive measures for, such transfer, as well as the development of indigenous capacity in the field of science and technology in these countries and formulation of national and international policies to avoid the reverse transfer of technology and the outflow of skilled personnel;

4. *Emphasizes* in this connexion that the new international development strategy should reflect, in an appropriate manner, the need for:

(a) Adequate policies for the promotion of social development, to be defined by each country within the framework of its development plans and priorities and in accordance with its socio-economic structure and stage of development, taking into account that the final aim of development must be the constant increase of the well-being of the entire population on the basis of its full participation in the process of development and a fair distribution of the benefits therefrom;

(b) Full mobilization of national resources, both human and material, of developing countries;

(c) The mobilization and integration of women and youth in development;

(d) The protection of the environment and taking environmental considerations into account, in accordance with the development plans and priorities of developing countries;

5. *Emphasizes* that the new international development strategy should contribute to the promotion of the objective of national and collective self-reliance of the developing countries, especially through the promotion and support of economic and technical co-operation among themselves;

6. *Also emphasizes* that the new international development strategy should give particular attention to the most pressing problems and deteriorating situations of the least developed countries and should contain special and effective measures towards the elimination of the basic constraints facing these countries and to ensure their accelerated development;

7. *Further emphasizes* that the new international development strategy should also contain specific measures and actions to meet the special and pressing problems of the land-locked, island and most seriously affected developing countries;

8. *Emphasizes* that, in order to launch the new international development strategy on a sound footing, it is of fundamental importance that the current and projected negotiations and conferences under the aegis of the United Nations system on the major international development issues relating to the establishment of the new international economic order be completed speedily and successfully;

9. *Decides* that the results of the conferences and meetings relating to the establishment of the new international economic order should be given full consideration in the preparation of the new international development strategy;

10. *Also decides* that, for the purpose of achieving the objectives set out in paragraphs 1 to 9 above, the new international development strategy should, within the framework of viable, consistent, specific, quantitative and qualitative goals and objectives—both over-all and sectoral—define the role of, and where appropriate contain, agreed commitments of all countries, expressed in quantified terms or in a time framework, or in both, for the adoption and implementation of policy measures to achieve the above goals and objectives;

11. *Stresses* that the new international development strategy should take fully into account that colonialism, imperialism, neo-colonialism, interference in internal affairs, *apartheid*, racial discrimination and all forms of foreign aggression and occupation constitute major obstacles to the economic emancipation and development of the developing countries and peoples and therefore must be eliminated without delay;

12. *Decides* that the new international development strategy should envisage appropriate arrangements for reviewing the progress in its implementation and its possible adaptation in the light of new needs or developments, while fully adhering to the ultimate achievement of the international development strategy within the decade;

II

1. *Decides* to establish a Preparatory Committee for the New International Development Strategy, which should be provided with the necessary conference facilities and should hold an organizational session early in 1979 at United Nations Headquarters;

2. *Also decides* that the Preparatory Committee shall be open to the participation of all States as full members and shall be responsible to the General Assembly and report to it through the Economic and Social Council;

3. *Requests* the Preparatory Committee to establish its programme of work and calendar of meetings in such a manner as to be able to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session, through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1979, a preliminary draft of the new international development strategy, with a view to finalizing it in time for its adoption in 1980;

4. *Invites* all States to participate actively in the work of the Preparatory Committee and to make an

effective contribution to the formulation of the new international development strategy;

5. *Stresses* that, in order to establish a solid basis for the preparations, research and planning for development within the framework of the United Nations system should be geared towards the above-mentioned objectives;

6. *Invites* the Committee for Development Planning to take fully into account in its future work the new international development strategy in accordance with the objectives set forth above;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation with the responsibility for providing over-all guidance, orientation and co-ordination for the contributions of the relevant secretariats of the United Nations system to the formulation of the new international development strategy and submit relevant documentation in this regard to the Preparatory Committee;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the executive heads of the other organs, bodies and organizations of the United Nations system to co-operate fully with the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation in fulfilling his task in connexion with the formulation of the new international development strategy;

9. *Requests* the executive secretaries of the regional commissions, as appropriate, to bring their respective regional experiences to bear on the preparation of their inputs to the formulation of the new international development strategy, taking fully into account the different levels of development and differing development situations of their respective regions;

10. *Requests* the United Nations Secretariat, in the light particularly of its responsibilities regarding interdisciplinary research and analysis as well as technical co-operation, the regional commissions, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Fund for Population Activities and the specialized agencies, including the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, as well as the International Atomic Energy Agency and other organizations in the United Nations system, to contribute effectively to the preparatory work for the new international development strategy by providing inputs, including relevant documentation, in accordance with the objectives set forth above.

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33/194. Multilateral development assistance for the exploration of natural resources

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