

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,

Reaffirming its resolutions 32/197 of 20 December 1977 and 33/202 of 29 January 1979 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system, in particular section VIII of the annex to resolution 32/197 and section IV of resolution 33/202 regarding the United Nations Secretariat,

Recalling also its resolution 34/215 of 19 December 1979,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system: implementation of section VIII of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 and section IV of Assembly resolution 33/202";²⁴⁷

2. *Welcomes* the consultative arrangements at the secretariat level envisaged by the Secretary-General on policy issues pertaining to economic and social activities²⁴⁸ and on planning, programming, budgeting and evaluation;²⁴⁹

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to arrange for all concerned United Nations entities at the secretariat level to extend the necessary co-operation and assistance to the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation in the effective functioning of these consultative arrangements;

4. *Reaffirms* the need for further measures, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 34/215, for the effective implementation of the provisions of section IV of Assembly resolution 33/202;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to effect the adjustments required in the existing reporting arrangements, as indicated in paragraph 25 of his report, in order to reflect fully the authority and responsibilities envisaged for the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation with respect to all services and organs of the United Nations and set forth in General Assembly resolutions 32/197 and 33/202, particularly section IV, paragraph 5 (c), of the latter, and to submit to the Assembly at its thirty-sixth session a report including a revised chart incorporating these adjustments;

6. *Takes note with interest* of the efforts made by the Secretary-General, as outlined in section II B of his report on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system, to ensure that the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation exercises effective leadership and over-all co-ordination within the United Nations system, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure, in accordance with the recommendations outlined in his report, that the provisions of paragraph 64 (a) of the annex to resolution 32/197 are fully complied with;

7. *Reaffirms* the responsibilities of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation under the direction of the Secretary-General for establishing policy-related guidelines for all activities undertaken by United Nations services and organs in the economic and social fields, in order to ensure their coherence, co-ordination and efficient

management, and for exercising in that context a general oversight of proposals and actions at the secretariat level in the economic and social fields, particularly from the point of view of their policy and institutional implications for the Organization as a whole;

8. *Decides* to consider at its thirty-sixth session, in the light of the information provided in the report of the Secretary-General, the issues involved in the effective exercise by the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation of his functions, as defined in paragraph 64 (a) of the annex to resolution 32/197, on the basis of the principles pertaining to interagency co-ordination contained in resolutions 32/197 and 33/202;

9. *Takes note* of the considerations, outlined in paragraphs 34 to 39 of the report of the Secretary-General, regarding the resources required for the effective discharge by the Director-General for Development and International Co-operation of his responsibilities;

10. *Invites* the Secretary-General to include in his report to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session, requested in paragraph 5 above, information on measures envisaged by him in respect of the issues dealt with in section III of his report to the Assembly at its thirty-fifth session.

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35/204. United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy

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, 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 also its resolutions 33/148 of 20 December 1978 and 34/190 of 18 December 1979 and Economic and Social Council resolutions 2119 (LXIII) of 4 August 1977, 1978/61 of 3 August 1978 and 1979/66 of 3 August 1979 regarding the convening of and preparation for the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy,

Noting Economic and Social Council decision 1980/187 of 25 July 1980,

Mindful of the importance of developing new and renewable sources of energy in order to contribute to meeting requirements for continued economic and social development, particularly in the developing countries, through, *inter alia*, the transition to the increased use of new and renewable sources of energy,

Stressing the importance of intensive international co-operation in the field of new and renewable sources of energy,

Taking note of the report of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy on its first and second sessions;²⁵⁰

²⁵⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 43 (A/35/43).*

²⁴⁷ A/35/527 and Corr.1.

²⁴⁸ *Ibid.*, paras. 9-15.

²⁴⁹ *Ibid.*, paras. 16-20.

Taking note also of the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations²⁵¹ and the report of the Secretary-General of the Conference²⁵² on the progress made in the preparations for the Conference,

Bearing in mind paragraph 1 of its resolution 34/190, in which it decided that the Conference should be held at Nairobi in August 1981, as well as decision 1 (II) of 1 August 1980 of the Preparatory Committee²⁵³ concerning the dates of the Conference,

Concerned at the slow pace in the preparations for the Conference in light of the time constraints,

1. **Strongly urges** the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy to take all the necessary measures to intensify and to accelerate the preparations for the Conference;

2. **Urges** all Member States to promote heightened awareness of the importance of the Conference and to intensify its preparation at the national, subregional and regional levels in order to ensure its success;

3. **Endorses** the conclusions and recommendations adopted by the Preparatory Committee for the Conference at its second session;

4. **Requests** the Secretary-General to ensure that such additional personnel and technical expertise be drawn from the United Nations Secretariat as may be required and that it be made available to the Secretary-General of the Conference to facilitate the completion on time of the preparations for the Conference;

5. **Urges** all concerned organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, including the regional commissions, to strengthen their participation and to continue to extend their fullest contribution to the preparatory process for the Conference as well as co-operation and support to the Secretary-General of the Conference in this process;

6. **Welcomes** the co-operation provided by Member States and others to facilitate the preparations for the Conference and calls upon them to contribute further to the strengthening of the preparations for the Conference;

7. **Requests** the Secretary-General to take all steps necessary, consistent with the rules and regulations of the United Nations, to ensure the utilization of co-operation offered, taking fully into account the interests of all groups of countries;

8. **Decides** that the Conference shall be held at Nairobi from 10 to 21 August 1981 and be preceded by interregional meetings and pre-conference consultations at Nairobi, beginning on 1 August 1981;

9. **Decides** that the third session of the Preparatory Committee, scheduled to be held from 30 March to 10 April, shall be extended by one week and that the fourth session of the Committee shall be held from 8 to 26 June 1981;

10. **Requests** the Secretary-General to ensure that the necessary arrangements, including the requisite financial provisions, are made for the continuation of regional preparations for the Conference;

11. **Reiterates** its request to the Secretary-General to provide, in co-operation with the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, technical assistance to developing countries, using, *inter alia*, existing

resources to the greatest extent possible, at the request of those countries and in accordance with established procedures in the preparations for the Conference, including the preparation of national papers;

12. **Calls upon** all States wishing to do so to submit national papers and brief summaries thereof by 31 December 1980, in conformity with decision 4 (II) of 1 August 1980 of the Preparatory Committee,²⁵³ and requests that the summaries of the national papers should be distributed in all the working languages of the Conference;

13. **Requests** the Preparatory Committee, at its third session, to consider and finalize the draft agenda for the Conference and to submit it to the Conference;

14. **Requests** the Preparatory Committee to consider and finalize the draft rules of procedure of the Conference during its third session and to submit them to the Conference;

15. **Requests** the Secretary-General of the Conference to prepare, for consideration by the Preparatory Committee at its third session, a preliminary draft outline of a programme of action reflecting the consolidated conclusions and recommendations submitted by the technical panels, *ad hoc* expert groups, the synthesis group and organizations of the United Nations system;

16. **Invites** the Preparatory Committee at its third session to provide guidance on the elaboration of the preliminary draft programme of action;

17. **Requests** the Secretary-General of the Conference to provide, by 15 May 1981, the following documents for consideration by the Preparatory Committee at its fourth session:

(a) A synoptic table classifying conclusions and recommendations into those of common concern to all regions, those of concern to some regions and those specific to one region, with an indication of their origin;

(b) A report containing, in a format similar to that suggested as reference for the preparation of national papers, additional information that may be relevant for the preparation of the draft programme of action, including proposals and recommendations arising in national papers and regional reports;

18. **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 to participate in the Conference in that capacity, in accordance with Assembly resolutions 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974 and 31/152 of 20 December 1976;

(c) Representatives of the national liberation movements recognized in its region by the Organization of African Unity to participate in the Conference 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 in the Conference, in accordance with paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 32/9 E of 4 November 1977;

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

²⁵¹ A/35/321 and Add.1.

²⁵² A/35/531.

²⁵³ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 43 (A/35/43)*, part two, annex I, sect. B.

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

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

(h) Other interested non-governmental organizations that may have a specific contribution to make to the work of the Conference to be represented by observers at the Conference;

19. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the necessary arrangements are made for the effective participation in the Conference of representatives of the organizations referred to in paragraph 18 (b) and (c) above, including the requisite financial provisions for their travel expenses and daily subsistence allowances;

20. *Invites* the co-ordinating committee, to which reference is made in decision 8 (II) of 1 August 1980 of the Preparatory Committee,²⁵³ to play an active role in ensuring the effective implementation of the preparatory work programme of the Conference;

21. *Requests* the Secretary-General to mobilize further the assistance of the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat and other relevant services of the United Nations system in the implementation of the programme of information for the Conference to ensure world-wide awareness of the Conference and its objectives, particularly in the developing countries;

22. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ascertain immediately the views of Member States concerning plans which have been drawn up for the organization of exhibitions-cum-demonstrations in the area of new and renewable sources of energy at Nairobi during the Conference and to keep in close touch with the Government of Kenya to ensure the best possible conditions for the exhibitions-cum-demonstrations;

23. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the entire documentation for the Conference and its Preparatory Committee in all the working languages of the Conference is made available well in advance for consideration by Member States;

24. *Decides* that the languages of the Conference shall be those of the General Assembly and its Main Committees;

25. *Decides* to consider the results of the Conference at its thirty-sixth session.

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35/205. United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

The General Assembly,

Deeply concerned at the gravity of the deteriorating economic and social situation of the least developed countries and their dismal development during the past two decades, as well as at their bleak development prospects for the 1980s,

Also deeply concerned at the continued critical lack of basic infrastructure in the least developed countries,

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, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 Sep-

tember 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Recalling also resolution 122 (V) of 3 June 1979 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,²⁵⁴ by which it endorsed, as one of its major priorities, a Comprehensive New Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries in two phases: an Immediate Action Programme (1979-1981) and a Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s,

Recognizing that the primary responsibility for their development rests with the least developed countries themselves,

Recalling its resolution 34/210 of 19 December 1979, by which it endorsed the Comprehensive New Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries,

Recalling also its resolution 34/203 of 19 December 1979, by which it decided to convene the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries in 1981,

Recalling further its resolution S-11/4 of 15 September 1980 on measures to meet the critical situation in the least developed countries,

Having considered the report of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries on its first and second sessions,²⁵⁵

Reaffirming that there is an immediate need for a greatly expanded increase in the transfer of resources to meet the critical needs of the least developed countries and to help promote their rapid and self-sustained socio-economic development,

Emphasizing the particular importance of the contribution that economic co-operation among developing countries can make, *inter alia*, to the development of the least developed among them,

Noting with appreciation that some developed countries have taken positive steps towards the implementation of resolution 122 (V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,

Deeply concerned that, even more than one year after the adoption of the Immediate Action Programme (1979-1981), contained in resolution 122 (V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, very limited progress has been made towards its implementation,

Recognizing the need for extensive public awareness throughout the world of the desperate plight of the least developed countries and the importance and objectives of the forthcoming United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries,

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1. *Urges* all developed countries, developing countries in a position to do so, multilateral development institutions and other sources to take urgent steps to implement without any further delay, and in any case before the end of 1981, the commitments undertaken in the Immediate Action Programme (1979-1981), contained in resolution 122 (V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

2. *Urges* donor countries which have not yet done so to provide substantive information on the steps they

²⁵⁴ See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Fifth Session*, vol. 1, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.79.II.D.14), part one, sect. A.

²⁵⁵ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 45 (A/35/45)*.