Noting with concern that the measures taken so far in favours of land-locked developing countries and the assistance given fall far short of their needs,

1. Reaffirms the right of land-locked developing countries to free access to and from the sea and their right to freedom of transit;

2. Appeals to all States, international organizations and financial institutions to implement, as a matter of urgency and priority, the specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries envisaged in resolutions 63 (III), 98 (IV) and 123 (V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and in other relevant resolutions of the United Nations;

3. Urges all donor countries, as well as those in a position to do so and the international organizations concerned, to provide land-locked developing countries with appropriate financial and technical assistance in the form of grants or concessional loans for the construction and improvement of their transport and transit infrastructures and facilities;

4. Urges also the international community and multilateral and bilateral financial institutions to intensify efforts in raising the net flow of resources to land-locked developing countries to help offset the adverse effects of their disadvantaged geographical situation on their economic development efforts, in keeping with the overall economic situation of each land-locked country;

5. Invites the transit countries to co-operate effectively with the land-locked developing countries in harmonizing transport planning and promoting other joint ventures in the field of transport at the regional, sub-regional and bilateral levels;

6. Commends the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and other United Nations agencies for their work and the assistance they have provided to the land-locked developing countries and invites them to continue to take appropriate and effective measures to respond to the specific needs of those countries;

7. Further invites the international community to give financial support to interested transit and land-locked developing countries in the construction of alternative routes to the sea;

8. Recommends continued and intensified activities relating to the conducting of necessary studies and the implementation of special actions and action programmes for the land-locked developing countries, including those in the area of economic co-operation among developing countries, as well as those that have been envisaged in the programme of work of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the regional commissions and other programmes and activities at the regional and subregional levels.

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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,

1. Takes note of the reports of the Trade and Development Board on its eleventh special session and twentieth session and on its twenty-first session;

2. Notes with satisfaction the adoption, on 27 June 1980, of the Agreement Establishing the Common Fund for Commodities and the pledges already announced for voluntary contributions to its second account, and urges all Governments to complete expeditiously the procedures required for its signature, ratification, acceptance or approval, so that it may enter into force as early as possible;

3. Also notes with satisfaction the adoption, on 24 May 1980, of the United Nations Convention on International Multimodal Transport of Goods and urges all Governments to consider signing the Convention and taking the necessary steps to become contracting parties to it as expeditiously as possible;

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