

36/141. Reverse transfer of technology

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 resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980, the annex to which contains the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

Recalling further its resolutions 32/192 of 19 December 1977 and 33/151 of 20 December 1978, entitled "Reverse transfer of technology", as well as its resolutions 34/200 of 19 December 1979 and 35/62 of 5 December 1980 on development aspects of the reverse transfer of technology,

Recalling the Economic Declaration adopted by the Sixth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Havana from 3 to 9 September 1979,³⁷

Bearing in mind the report of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on its fifth session,³⁸ particularly resolution 102 (V) of 30 May 1979,³⁹ the Vienna Programme of Action on Science and Technology for Development⁴⁰ and the resolutions and decisions of the Trade and Development Board on the reverse transfer of technology, in particular decision 193 (XIX) of 20 October 1979⁴¹ and resolutions 219 (XXI) of 27 September 1980⁴² and 227 (XXII) of 20 March 1981,⁴³

Bearing in mind also the proposals contained in the Arusha Programme for Collective Self-Reliance and Framework for Negotiations,⁴⁴ adopted by the Fourth Ministerial Meeting of the Group of Seventy-seven,

Expressing its concern regarding the adverse effects of the reverse transfer of technology on the capacity and potential of scientific and technological development in the developing countries and, thus, on their economic and social development,

Considering that the flow of skilled manpower from developing countries constitutes a reverse transfer of technology,

Aware that the search for solutions to the reverse transfer of technology, which has serious economic, political and social implications for developing countries, is an important concern of the international community in its efforts towards the establishment of the new international economic order,

Convinced that the United Nations system could play a role in the alleviation of the adverse effects of the reverse transfer of technology,

³⁷ See A/34/542, annex, sect. IV.

³⁸ *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Fifth Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.79.II.D.14).

³⁹ *Ibid.*, part one, sect. A.

⁴⁰ *Report of the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development, Vienna, 20-31 August 1979* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.79.I.21 and corrigenda), chap. VII.

⁴¹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 15* (A/34/15 and Corr.1), vol. II, part one, annex I.

⁴² *Ibid.*, *Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 15* (A/35/15), vol. II, annex I.

⁴³ *Ibid.*, *Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 15* (A/36/15 and Corr.1), part one, annex I.

⁴⁴ *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Fifth Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.79.II.D.14), annex VI.

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the establishment of an international labour compensatory facility,⁴⁵ prepared in accordance with paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 34/200;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep under continued review the co-ordination of work on the question of reverse transfer of technology in the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the International Labour Organisation and other relevant United Nations organizations;

3. *Notes with satisfaction* Trade and Development Board resolution 227 (XXII), by which the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development is authorized to convene, no earlier than three months after a comprehensive study of the feasibility of measuring human resource flows has been submitted to member States for comments, an intergovernmental group of experts to examine the feasibility of measuring human resource flows;

4. *Urges* all Governments and appropriate intergovernmental organizations, particularly those of developing countries, to participate actively in the meeting of the group of experts referred to in paragraph 3 above;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the Director-General of the International Labour Organisation to continue to keep under review, as necessary, the problem of the reverse transfer of technology;

6. *Invites* the Trade and Development Board to include in the report on its twenty-fifth session a progress report on the work of the intergovernmental group of experts.

*100th plenary meeting
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36/142. Sixth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964, as amended,⁴⁶ 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975,

Recalling also its resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980, the annex to which contains the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

Recalling further its resolution 34/196 of 19 December 1979, in which it requested the Trade and Development Board, at its twenty-first session, to recommend the place, date and duration of the sixth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,

Bearing in mind its resolution 31/140 of 17 December 1976 on the pattern of conferences and also bearing in mind the communication dated 22 October 1981 received by the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development from the Government of Gabon,⁴⁷

Taking note of Trade and Development Board decision 237 (XXIII) of 8 October 1981,⁴⁸ by which the Board endorsed the decision taken by the Latin American countries to hold the seventh session of the Conference in one of those countries on the understanding that the final decision on the

⁴⁵ A/36/483.

⁴⁶ See resolutions 2904 (XXVII), 31/2 A and B and 34/3.

⁴⁷ See TD/B/880.

⁴⁸ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 15* (A/36/15 and Corr.1), part three, annex I.