

37/208. Sixth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolutions 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964 on the establishment of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development as an organ of the General Assembly, as amended,¹⁰² 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, 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation and 35/56 of 5 December 1980, the annex to which contains the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

Recalling also its resolutions 34/196 of 19 December 1979 on the report of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on its fifth session and 36/142 of 16 December 1981 on the sixth session of the Conference,

Recalling further Trade and Development Board decision 237 (XXIII) of 8 October 1981,¹⁰³ 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 venue in Latin America would be taken at the right time and in the right place, and having noted with interest the desire of Cuba to act as host to the seventh session of the Conference,

Noting Trade and Development Board resolution 253 (XXIV) of 18 May 1982¹⁰⁴ and decision 255 (XXIV) of 30 June 1982,¹⁰⁵ in which the Board recommended that the sixth session of the Conference should be held at Belgrade from 6 to 30 June 1983 and should be preceded by a meeting of senior officials at Belgrade on 2 and 3 June 1983,

Bearing in mind its resolution 31/140 of 17 December 1976 on the pattern of conferences,

Taking note of the report of the Trade and Development Board on its twenty-fourth session and on the first and second parts of its twenty-fifth session,¹⁰⁶

Expressing its appreciation to the Government of Gabon for its efforts to act as host to the sixth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and recognizing the reasons for which it was not in a position to do so,

1. *Welcomes with appreciation* the offer of the Government of Yugoslavia to act as host to the sixth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at Belgrade;

2. *Decides* to convene the sixth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at Belgrade from 6 to 30 June 1983, to be preceded by a two-day meeting of senior officials at Belgrade on 2 and 3 June 1983;

3. *Takes note* of the adoption by the Trade and Development Board at its twenty-fourth session of the provisional agenda for the sixth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;¹⁰⁷

4. *Endorses* Trade and Development Board resolution 253 (XXIV) that the sixth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development should be so organized as to ensure the attendance of ministers and other high-level policy-makers and to permit all delegations to contribute effectively to its decision-making process;

5. *Endorses* Trade and Development Board decision 258 (XXV) of 17 September 1982¹⁰⁸ on the organization of the sixth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to make all necessary arrangements for the Conference, to submit to the Conference all relevant documentation as far in advance of the six weeks' rule as possible and to arrange for the necessary staff facilities and services that it will require, including the provision of summary records for plenary meetings of the Conference in accordance with General Assembly resolution 37/14 C of 16 November 1982;

7. *Expresses its deepest concern* at the serious crisis facing the world economy and, in particular, its grave negative impact on the development process of the developing countries;

8. *Emphasizes* the particular importance of the sixth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development as a major opportunity to review, in a comprehensive and interrelated manner, world development and its impact on the trade and development of developing countries, at a time when the developing countries in particular continue to face grave economic problems;

9. *Urges* all countries, bearing in mind the particular contribution developed countries can make, to work towards ensuring a positive, constructive, meaningful and action-oriented outcome, at the sixth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, on the important issues concerning trade, development and related problems, taking fully into account their interrelationship, and thus contribute effectively to the overcoming of the grave difficulties facing the world economy, to the economic development of developing countries and to the attainment of a new international economic order.

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20 December 1982*

37/209. United Nations Conference on Conditions for Registration of Ships*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 its resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980, the annex to which contains the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, which called, *inter alia*, in paragraph 128, for an increase in the participation by developing countries in world transport of international trade and, to this end, for appropriate structural changes to be carried out where necessary, and for the international community to continue to take the necessary steps to enable developing countries to compete more effectively and to expand their national and multinational merchant fleets so as to increase their share substantially

¹⁰² See resolutions 2904 (XXVII), 31/2 A and B and 34/3.

¹⁰³ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/36/15 and Corr.1)*, part three, annex I.

¹⁰⁴ *Ibid.*, *Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/37/15)*, vol. I, part two, annex I.

¹⁰⁵ *Ibid.*, part three, annex.

¹⁰⁶ *Ibid.*, *Supplement No. 15 (A/37/15)*.

¹⁰⁷ *Ibid.*, vol. I, part three, annex, decision 256 (XXIV).

¹⁰⁸ *Ibid.*, vol. II, part one, annex I.

with a view to reaching as close as possible to 20 per cent of the dead-weight tonnage of the world merchant fleet by 1990,

Recognizing the need to promote the orderly expansion of world shipping as a whole,

Taking note of the report of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Group on Conditions for Registration of Ships at its first session, held at Geneva from 13 to 30 April 1982,¹⁰⁹

Noting that the Trade and Development Board, at the first part of its twenty-fifth session, endorsed the resolution adopted by the Intergovernmental Preparatory Group on Conditions for Registration of Ships at its first session and recommended that the General Assembly should convene a plenipotentiary conference on the conditions of registration of vessels,¹¹⁰

1. *Decides* to convene, taking into account the recommendations of the Trade and Development Board at the first part of its twenty-fifth session and the conclusions of necessary preparatory work, a plenipotentiary conference early in 1984, for a period of three weeks, in order to consider the adoption of an international agreement concerning the conditions under which vessels should be accepted on national shipping registers;

2. *Requests* the Trade and Development Board to establish a Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Conditions for Registration of Ships, open to the participation of all States;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development:

(a) To circulate to Governments for comments, at least nine months before the holding of the meeting of the Preparatory Committee, the set of principles drafted by the Intergovernmental Preparatory Group at its second session concerning the conditions under which vessels should be accepted on national shipping registers;

(b) To circulate the comments received to all Governments at least three months in advance of the meeting of the Preparatory Committee;

(c) To place before the Preparatory Committee all comments received from Governments;

(d) To transmit all relevant documentation to the Preparatory Committee and the United Nations Conference on Conditions for Registration of Ships;

4. *Decides* that the Preparatory Committee, on the basis of the above documents, should prepare and recommend a draft international agreement on conditions of registration of ships, taking fully into account the views of all interested parties;

5. *Requests* the Trade and Development Board, taking into account the work of the Preparatory Committee, to decide on appropriate dates for the convening of the Conference;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to make all the necessary arrangements for holding the United Nations Conference on Conditions for Registration of Ships, including the meetings of the Preparatory Committee, and to arrange for the necessary staff facilities and services that will be required;

7. *Decides* that the languages of the Conference shall be those used in the General Assembly, its committees and its subcommittees as official and working languages.

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¹⁰⁹ TD/B/904.

¹¹⁰ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/37/15)*, vol. II, part one, annex I, "Other action taken by the Board", para. 3 (g).

37/210. United Nations Conference on an International Code of Conduct on the Transfer of Technology

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 36/140 of 16 December 1981 on the United Nations Conference on an International Code of Conduct on the Transfer of Technology,

Taking note of the work accomplished by the Interim Committee of the United Nations Conference on an International Code of Conduct on the Transfer of Technology towards the solution of the issues outstanding in the draft international code of conduct on the transfer of technology,

1. *Recognizes* that the expeditious conclusion of the negotiations on the code of conduct and its adoption is in the interest of all countries;

2. *Calls* for intensified efforts aimed at the successful completion of the negotiations during the fifth session of the United Nations Conference on an International Code of Conduct on the Transfer of Technology, with the objective of enabling the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session to adopt the international code of conduct on the transfer of technology;

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the President of the United Nations Conference on an International Code of Conduct on the Transfer of Technology, in consultation with regional groups and Governments, as appropriate, and, if necessary, with the assistance of a meeting of governmental representatives to be agreed to in consultation with regional groups, to undertake all the necessary work, including the identification of negotiating parameters, and the preparation of appropriate recommendations on all the issues outstanding in the draft code for submission to all members of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at least six weeks before the fifth session of the United Nations Conference on an International Code of Conduct on the Transfer of Technology;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to take the necessary measures for convening the fifth session of the United Nations Conference on an International Code of Conduct on the Transfer of Technology in the second half of 1983, in time to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session.

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37/211. Signature and ratification of the Agreement Establishing the Common Fund for Commodities

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 resolution 36/143 of 16 December 1981, in which it expressed concern at the slow pace of progress in the signature and ratification of the Agreement Establishing the Common Fund for Commodities¹¹¹ and

¹¹¹ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.81.II.D.8 and Corr.1.