

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session on the measures taken by the international community to respond to the specific needs of island developing countries, as called for in the relevant United Nations resolutions, and to recommend further appropriate actions to permit the Assembly to undertake a comprehensive review of the problems and needs of the island developing countries at that session.

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### 37/207. Development aspects of the 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,

*Reaffirming* its resolutions 32/192 of 19 December 1977, 33/151 of 20 December 1978, 34/200 of 19 December 1979, 35/62 of 5 December 1980 and 36/141 of 16 December 1981, concerning the reverse transfer of technology,

*Reaffirming also* resolution 102 (V) of 30 May 1979<sup>90</sup> adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the Vienna Programme of Action on Science and Technology for Development<sup>94</sup> 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 1979<sup>95</sup> and resolutions 219 (XXI) of 27 September 1980<sup>96</sup> and 227 (XXII) of 20 March 1981,<sup>97</sup>

*Noting* 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,<sup>98</sup>

*Noting also* the proposals contained in the Arusha Programme for Collective Self-Reliance and Framework for Negotiations,<sup>99</sup> adopted by the Fourth Ministerial Meeting of the Group of Seventy-seven,

*Convinced* that the availability in the developing countries of their properly trained, skilled and professional personnel and of opportunities for their employment in their respective fields of competence is an essential factor in the economic and social development of developing countries,

*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,

<sup>94</sup> *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.

<sup>95</sup> 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.

<sup>96</sup> *Ibid.*, *Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/35/15)*, vol. II, annex I.

<sup>97</sup> *Ibid.*, *Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/36/15 and Corr.1)*, part one, annex I.

<sup>98</sup> See A/34/542, annex, sect. IV.

<sup>99</sup> *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.

*Reiterating* the urgent need to reduce, as part of the efforts of the international community towards the establishment of the new international economic order, the reverse transfer of technology and to obviate its adverse effects on the developing countries,

*Convinced* that the United Nations system should play an active role in the alleviation of the adverse effects of the reverse transfer of technology,

*Taking note* of the report on the meeting of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on the Feasibility of Measuring Human Resource Flows,<sup>100</sup> convened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at Geneva from 30 August to 6 September 1982, referred to in the report of the Trade and Development Board on its twenty-fifth session,<sup>101</sup>

1. *Recommends* that the Member States concerned and the competent international organizations should, as a matter of urgency, give due consideration to the formulation of policies with a view to mitigating the adverse consequences of the reverse transfer of technology;

2. *Recommends* to the developed countries that they should assist and support the efforts of the developing countries towards the full utilization of their own trained personnel in promoting their economic and social development;

3. *Expresses its regret* that the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on the Feasibility of Measuring Human Resource Flows did not reach agreed conclusions and recommendations to mitigate the adverse effects of the reverse transfer of technology;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to establish an inter-agency group comprising representatives of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, the Statistical Office of the Secretariat and other appropriate organs and bodies of the United Nations system to co-ordinate measures on the question of the reverse transfer of technology and, in particular, to examine and enhance the effectiveness of the United Nations system in responding to the complex needs of the countries concerned, as well as any additional measures to that effect;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to convene the requisite meetings of governmental experts with the following terms of reference:

(a) To formulate recommendations on policies and concrete measures, with a view to mitigating the adverse consequences for the developing countries of the reverse transfer of technology, including the proposal for the establishment of an international labour compensatory facility;

(b) To submit their report to the Trade and Development Board at its twenty-seventh session for its thorough consideration;

6. *Urges* all Governments and appropriate organizations to participate actively in the meetings mentioned in paragraph 5 above;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session on the implementation of the present resolution, including recommendations on concrete measures for the development of broad international co-operation for the solution of the problems arising in this field.

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<sup>100</sup> TD/B/C.6/89.

<sup>101</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/37/15)*, vol. II, part I, paras. 565-567.