

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.

urged States that had not yet done so to sign and ratify the Agreement without delay.

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the signature and ratification of the Agreement,¹¹²

Noting with concern that so far eighty-nine States have signed the Agreement and only thirty-nine States have ratified, accepted or approved it,

Reiterating its concern at the slow pace of progress in the signature and ratification of the Agreement,

Noting with interest the conclusion of the International Agreement on Jute and Jute Products, 1982,¹¹³

Reaffirming the need for further progress at an early date in the negotiations on international commodity agreements,

Mindful that the importance of the early entry into force of the Agreement Establishing the Common Fund for Commodities has been emphasized by the General Assembly in its resolutions 35/60 of 5 December 1980 and 36/143 of 16 December 1981, as well as by a number of intergovernmental meetings and conferences held at the highest political levels in 1981 and 1982,

Welcoming the pledges announced for voluntary contributions to the second account of the Common Fund,

Welcoming further the generous offer made by the States members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to pay the full capital subscriptions of the least developed countries and a number of other developing countries concerned,

Bearing in mind the objectives of the Common Fund for Commodities, as reaffirmed by the General Assembly in its resolution 36/143,

1. *Notes with regret* that the Agreement Establishing the Common Fund for Commodities did not enter into force on the date envisaged, namely 31 March 1982, and that, consequently, a new time-frame had to be set for the purpose, in accordance with article 57 of the Agreement, extending the date until 30 September 1983;

2. *Reaffirms* its strong support for the Agreement and for its early entry into force;

3. *Strongly urges* all States that have not yet done so to sign and ratify the Agreement without any further delay;

4. *Expresses the hope* that States that have signed but not yet ratified the Agreement will expedite the necessary action to that effect;

5. *Reiterates* that further concerted and constructive efforts are required to bring about the conclusion of negotiations on new international commodity agreements;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to submit a report on the progress made towards the entry into force of the Agreement to the Conference at its sixth session, to be held at Belgrade in June 1983;

7. *Decides* to consider the question at its thirty-eighth session, in the context of its consideration of the work of the sixth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and other related developments.

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37/212. Industrial development co-operation

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration and the Programme

¹¹² A/37/373.

¹¹³ TD/JUTE/11.

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 the Lima Declaration and Plan of Action on Industrial Development and Co-operation,¹¹⁴ adopted at the Second General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, in which were laid down the main measures and principles for industrial development and co-operation within the framework of the establishment of the new international economic order,

Recalling further the New Delhi Declaration and Plan of Action on Industrialization of Developing Countries and International Co-operation for their Industrial Development,¹¹⁵ adopted at the Third General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, in which a strategy was spelt out for the further industrialization of developing countries for the 1980s and beyond, as well as a plan of action for the restructuring of world industry,

Endorsing the consensus reached at the fourteenth session of the Industrial Development Board on the follow-up to the Third General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization,¹¹⁶

Bearing in mind that, within the framework of the new international economic order, far-reaching changes in the structure of the world economy involve the restructuring of world industry, taking fully into account the capacities and potential of the developing countries,

Conscious of the role of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization as the central co-ordinating organ having primary responsibility within the United Nations system for the promotion of industrial development co-operation and for facilitating the transfer of industrial technology,

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, in which, *inter alia*, the importance of industrialization in the development of developing countries was stressed,

Expressing its concern at the negative impact of the worsening world economic situation on the industrialization of the developing countries and reiterating the need for a substantially increased transfer of financial and technical resources to developing countries for their accelerated industrialization,

Recalling its resolutions 35/66 of 5 December 1980 and 36/182 of 17 December 1981 on industrial development co-operation,

Bearing in mind the central role of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization for increased technical assistance delivery,

Noting decision 82/38 of 18 June 1982 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme,¹¹⁷

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REPORT OF THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD ON ITS SIXTEENTH SESSION

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Industrial Development Board on its sixteenth session;¹¹⁸

¹¹⁴ See A/10112, chap. IV.

¹¹⁵ ID/CONF.4/22 and Corr.1, chap. VI.

¹¹⁶ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/35/16)*, vol. II, chap. V.

¹¹⁷ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1982, Supplement No. 6 (E/1982/16/Rev.1)*, annex I.

¹¹⁸ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/37/16)*.