

has made a constructive contribution to the examination by the Trade and Development Board, at its thirty-first session, of the world economic situation and its future prospects,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Trade and Development Board on the work of its thirtieth, fourteenth special and thirty-first sessions;⁵³

2. *Requests* the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to continue and intensify its important contribution and the role it has been playing in the revitalization and strengthening of international trade and related areas of international economic co-operation for development;

3. *Calls upon* all Governments and the relevant international organizations to commence intensive and thorough preparations for the seventh session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

*119th plenary meeting
17 December 1985*

40/190. Particular problems facing Zaire with regard to transport, transit and access to foreign markets

The General Assembly,

Referring to its resolution 32/160 of 19 December 1977, in which it recalled Economic and Social Council resolution 2097 (LXIII) of 29 July 1977 and proclaimed the period 1978-1988 the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,

Referring also to its resolutions 34/193 of 19 December 1979, 35/59 of 5 December 1980, 36/139 of 16 December 1981, 37/205 of 20 December 1982 and 38/143 of 19 December 1983 on particular problems facing Zaire with regard to transport, transit and access to foreign markets, and approving the organization in 1985 of a second round-table meeting with donor countries and financing institutions for Zaire's projects in these three fields,

Recalling resolution 110 (V) of 3 June 1979, of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,³⁷

Recalling also Economic and Social Council decision 249 (LXIII) of 25 July 1977 and resolution 1981/68 of 24 July 1981, as well as resolution 293 (XIII) of 26 February 1977 adopted by the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa,⁵⁴

Bearing in mind the report of the Secretary-General on the outcome of the first round-table meeting on the financing of the transport projects of Zaire, held at Kinshasa on 28 and 29 June 1983,⁵⁵

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps to ensure that the programme submitted to the first round-table meeting on the financing of the transport projects of Zaire, held in 1983, as updated, is again submitted to donors and financial institutions before the forty-first session of the General Assembly, through a second round-table meeting or any other appropriate mechanism;

2. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-first session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

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40/191. Reverse transfer of technology

The General Assembly

Recalling its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975, 35/56 of 5 December 1980 and the resolutions on the reverse transfer of technology,

Continuing to believe that since the outflow of skilled personnel from developing countries seriously hampers their development, there is an urgent need to formulate national and international policies to avoid the "brain drain" and to obviate its adverse effects,

Convinced that the search for durable solutions to the problem of the reverse transfer of technology requires the full participation of all parties concerned,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Inter-Agency Group on Reverse Transfer of Technology, covering meetings held at Geneva on 24 and 25 June 1985;⁵⁶

2. *Takes note also* of the outcome of the Third Meeting of Governmental Experts on the Reverse Transfer of Technology, held at Geneva from 26 August to 4 September 1985;⁵⁷

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to convene a meeting of governmental experts to review the current situation with respect to all aspects of the international migration of skilled personnel from developing countries; the governmental experts should focus, in their study, on the nature, scale and effect of such flows, taking into account the concerns of all parties, with a view to proposing to the Conference and, as appropriate, other international organizations, further work that they may carry out to mitigate adverse consequences of this phenomenon, especially as it affects the developing countries, also taking into account, as appropriate, the work done thus far by governmental expert groups, and any other relevant material;

4. *Also requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to prepare studies providing:

(a) A review of the existing situation with respect to the international migration of skilled personnel from developing countries based on the most recently available and generally acceptable statistics;

(b) A comprehensive bibliography of current literature in this field;

5. *Recommends* that the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development should invite all interested organs and bodies of the United Nations system and other appropriate international organizations to participate in the preparation of the studies and in the work of the meeting of governmental experts;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to report on the outcome of the meeting of governmental experts to the General Assembly at its forty-second session, through the Trade and Development Board;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to convene further meetings of the Inter-Agency Group on Reverse Transfer

⁵³ Official Records of the General Assembly, Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/40/15), vols. I and II.

⁵⁴ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 7, vol. I (E/5941), part three.

⁵⁵ A/38/264/Add.1-E/1983/90/Add.1.

⁵⁶ A/40/798, annex.

⁵⁷ Official Records of the General Assembly, Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/40/15), vol. II, annex III.