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ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

1. *Calls upon* all developing countries to implement the recommendations on economic co-operation among developing countries, as contained in United Nations Conference on Trade and Development resolution 142 (VI);
2. *Requests* all donor countries and multilateral organizations to support and strengthen economic co-operation among developing countries, in particular concerning the projects of special interest to the least developed countries, in order to ensure that the countries concerned will fully benefit from the results of such co-operation;

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ROLE OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

Recognizing that non-governmental organizations can contribute positively to the development of the least developed countries as well as provide valuable disaster relief,

1. *Calls upon* the Governments of the least developed countries and donors to encourage active participation of the local population, both women and men, through non-governmental entities;
2. *Calls upon* non-governmental organizations to comply with the national policies and legislation of the host countries and, while preserving their character, to contribute to the development priorities of the least developed countries, co-operating with appropriate authorities and organizations in order to implement effective development programmes;
3. *Invites* the non-governmental organizations of the donor countries to reinforce their role in consciousness-raising in their countries of origin and in mobilizing increased private and public resources for the benefit of the least developed countries;

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CO-ORDINATION AND MONITORING

1. *Reaffirms* the importance of co-ordination, follow-up and monitoring at the national, regional and global levels as crucial to the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action;
2. *Reaffirms also* the monitoring role of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at the global level and requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to continue and intensify his work, as specified in paragraph 121 of the Substantial New Programme of Action;
3. *Welcomes* the growing attention to co-ordination at the national level;
4. *Recognizes* that effective co-ordination, monitoring and follow-up at the national level must be a continuous process;
5. *Endorses* the results concerning the co-ordination of assistance programmes of the Meeting of Governmental Experts of Donor Countries and Multilateral and Bilateral Financial and Technical Assistance Institutions with Representatives of the Least Developed Countries as part of Preparation for the Mid-term Global Review of the Substantial New Programme of Action, held at Geneva in May 1985;¹¹⁷
6. *Welcomes* the steps taken by the World Bank and the United Nations Development Programme to improve the consultative groups and round-table meetings by, *inter alia*, enhancing co-operation among multilateral institutions and agencies, as well as efforts made with the help of the Special Measures Fund of the United Nations Development Programme and voluntary contributions and specific contributions of donor countries for the least developed countries;
7. *Emphasizes* the primary role of each least developed country in the co-ordination of aid activities;
8. *Further emphasizes* the importance of co-ordination in each least developed country at the sectoral level in order to ensure the greatest possible effectiveness of development activities;
9. *Requests* the Governments of the least developed countries to continue to strengthen their planning machinery and administrative capacity so as to improve the planning, negotiation and utilization of external assistance;
10. *Requests* the least developed countries, with the assistance of the lead agencies, to attend to the quality and early availability of preparatory

¹¹⁷ See TD/B/1055 and Corr.1, part two.

¹¹⁸ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/38/3)*, chap. II, paras. 61-64.

¹¹⁹ A/40/591.

documents for round-table conferences and meetings of consultative groups, which are essential for their success;

11. *Requests* the multilateral agencies to improve further the quality, coherence and timeliness of the background documentation they present at round-table conferences and meetings of consultative groups;
12. *Requests* donor countries and multilateral institutions to pay more attention to appropriate local representation and sectoral co-ordination;
13. *Urges* donors in a position to do so to support development plans or programmes of the least developed countries with multi-year, predictable and monitorable commitments and timely disbursements;
14. *Calls upon* the organizations of the United Nations system to co-operate closely in each least developed country under the aegis of the resident co-ordinator, as provided for in paragraph 124 of the Substantial New Programme of Action;
15. *Reiterates* paragraph 123 of the Substantial New Programme of Action, in which the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation is called upon, in close collaboration with the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the executive secretaries of the regional commissions and the lead agencies for the aid groups, to ensure at the secretariat level the full mobilization and co-ordination of all organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system for the purpose of implementation and follow-up of the Programme;
16. *Urges* the resident co-ordinators of the United Nations system to respond constructively to requests by the Governments of the host countries to play a broader co-ordinating role in appropriate cases;
17. *Requests* the international community and the multilateral agencies:
 - (a) To ensure that review meetings result in facilitating an increased flow of external assistance through, *inter alia*, a better understanding and a candid dialogue between the least developed countries and their development partners;
 - (b) To harmonize terms and procedures of donors to the extent possible in order to achieve a co-ordinated approach conducive to the implementation of the development programmes of the least developed countries.

40/206. New international human order: moral aspects of development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 37/225 of 20 December 1982 and 38/170 of 19 December 1983 entitled "New international human order: moral aspects of development", as well as the report of the Economic and Social Council on its consideration of this question¹¹⁸ and Council decision 1983/171 of 25 July 1983,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General¹¹⁹ containing the responses of Governments concerning the question,

Taking into account the views expressed on the question in the Second Committee,¹²⁰

1. *Requests* Member States to submit to the Secretary-General additional comments and suggestions on the question;
2. *Decides* to consider the question at its forty-second session on the basis of a report of the Secretary-General taking into account suggestions of Member States.

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40/207. Long-term trends in economic development

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

¹²⁰ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fortieth Session, Second Committee, 24th and 30th meetings; and ibid., Second Committee, Sessional Fascicle, corrigendum.*

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 3508 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, by which it initiated the analytical work relating to the examination within the United Nations system of long-term trends in world economic and social development, and 37/249 of 21 December 1982, by which it decided, *inter alia*, that the overall socio-economic perspective of the world economy to the year 2000 should be revised and updated,

Recalling further its resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system, by which it decided, *inter alia*, to undertake in-depth intersectoral analyses and syntheses of development issues and to identify and bring to the attention of Governments emerging economic and social issues of international concern,

Affirming the need for an effective and timely response to unforeseen international economic problems,

Taking into account that 1985 marks the fortieth anniversary of the founding of the United Nations and that the implementation of Article 55 of the Charter will contribute to the creation of the conditions of sustained growth, stability and well-being which are necessary for peaceful and friendly relations among nations,

Mindful that the maintenance of peace and security, the promotion of disarmament, mutual trust and the strengthening of international co-operation would contribute to the improvement of the overall socio-economic perspective of all countries,

Concerned that low growth rates would have serious repercussions for the world economy, in particular for the developing countries,

Noting with grave concern that Africa is the only continent in which standards of living have declined over the past decade and that, as underscored by all forecasts, the real economic growth per capita will remain near zero or will be negative, on average, until the year 2000 unless drastic action is taken,

Reaffirming the relevance of long-term perspectives for providing impetus to policies and decision-making processes in relation to development strategies and economic co-operation on a national, regional and global scale,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the overall socio-economic perspective of the world economy to the year 2000;¹²¹

2. *Decides*, subject to review of the next report at the forty-second session of the General Assembly, to continue the submission of reports on the overall socio-economic perspective of the world economy to the year 2000, which should be prepared so that they contribute to the identification of potential problem areas and critical issues in the world economy;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, when preparing the report, to give special attention to the impact on economic and social development of trends and prospective changes in, *inter alia*, international trade, financial flows and debt problems, including the net outflow of resources from developing to developed countries, technological change and the transfer of technology to developing countries, capital formation and investment patterns, development of human resources, the allocation of public resources between developmental and non-developmental purposes,

environmental issues, economic co-operation and integration among developing countries, the implications of different economic and development policies, special problems faced by the least developed countries and the critical economic situation in Africa;

4. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in preparing the report, to take into account socio-economic analyses that give special attention to mechanisms and forms of international economic co-operation aimed at facilitating structural adjustment within the world economy towards the new international economic order;

5. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to convene, if necessary, a meeting of a group of experts, acting in their personal capacity, to elaborate on the elements of the report specified above, and invites the Committee for Development Planning to review progress in the preparation of the report;

6. *Calls upon* the relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, including the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination Task Force on Long-term Development Objectives, to contribute, in their respective areas of competence, to the preparation of the report;

7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-second session an item entitled "Long-term trends in social and economic development", and requests the Secretary-General to submit to it at that session, through the Economic and Social Council, the report on the overall socio-economic perspective of the world economy to the year 2000, together with the views and recommendations of the Committee for Development Planning.

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40/208. Development of the energy resources of developing countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order contained in its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, contained in its resolution 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, its resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation, and the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade contained in the annex to its resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980,

Recalling also its resolutions 37/251 of 21 December 1982, 38/151 of 19 December 1983 and 39/176 of 17 December 1984 on the development of the energy resources of developing countries,

Reaffirming the importance of the development of the energy resources of developing countries and the need for measures by the international community to assist and support the efforts of the developing countries, in particular the energy-deficient among them, for developing their energy resources, in order to meet their needs through co-operation, assistance and investment in the field of conventional and of new and renewable sources of energy, consistent with their national plans and priorities,

1. *Reaffirms* its resolutions 38/151 and 39/176 and calls for the effective implementation of all their provisions:

¹²¹ A/40/519.